



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017

Head teachers update

Harvest Service

Thank you to so many of you for joining us for the harvest service in St Mary's Church. Despite the sound system problems the children tried their best to make sure they were all heard. The poems and songs were enjoyable and I was delighted when after the service Jennifer, the organist, commented on how lovely and clear the singing had been. I was very pleased and proud of how the whole service went and I really appreciate the support for the school from Cannon Williams and everyone at the church. Well done to the teachers and children for their hard work.

Harvest Donations

Thank you also for all the amazing food donations for the local food bank. We were pleasantly surprised at the amount we have received and really appreciate your support.

Water Bottles

Please bring water bottles to school to keep hydrated, and not squash. If you wish to discuss the reasons that we want only water in the bottles then please catch me after school or pop in to the office to make an appointment.

New School Playground Equipment:

The Governors and I are keen to raise the funds that would enable us to put new agility equipment on the playground. We know how much the children would benefit from it.

I am very pleased to announce that our school has been approved to be in the initial stage of the 'Tesco Bags of Help Scheme'. This means that when shopping in Tesco, shoppers are presented with tokens to vote for their favourite project, between the dates 1st November and 1st January 2018. If Guilden Morden School receives the majority vote within the region we will receive funding towards our new playground equipment. So

please do ask your family and friends to vote for us at Tesco's.

We have also been given a contribution towards the project by GSK, so thank you very much to GSK.

School Development Plan

The teachers continue to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of the Pupil Asset Tracking programme that enables us to record our assessments of the children's learning and look for gaps in knowledge and next steps so that each pupil does as well as he or she can.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

'Cool' After School Club

Spanish classes have finished this half-term, but will resume again on Thursday 9th November. Please contact the office for details. The children played Spanish 'hide and seek' this week and have enjoyed taking books home to study. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Berrio for all her hard work!

In Club, the children have enjoyed taking advantage of the good weather before the evenings close in. We always appreciate any toys or puzzles as donations. Cool Club will operate as normal next week. Helen and all the club staff



Magpie Class

RSPCA fundraising



Please give your child some money, in a named envelope, to spend at our class fundraising event next **Wednesday 18th October**. Class 3 'Magpies' are raising money for the RSPCA. During lunch-time, they will be a cake stall and a selection of fun activities for the children to take part in, including tombola, lucky dip, cake decorating stall, photo booth, and a variety of games where you could win a prize! All cakes and activities cost between 10p and 50p.



**Cambridge United FC -
Friday Activity Club**

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our after-school activity, every Friday after school, commencing on Friday 3 November, 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Children have the opportunity to try different sports each week.

This Monday, 16th October there will be a free 'taster' session at lunchtime for all children to participate in an activity with the representing coach. Please sign up for the next 6 weeks, and make payment at the office - £21. Please note this is not part of Cool Club.

The Diocese of Ely

On Cathedral Day the children took part in an autograph competition, and we are pleased to inform that Alex Baxter was the winner of a prize, a compass and rubber. Well done Alex!

WE ARE RECRUITING!

Guilden Morden are looking for a '**Mid-day Supervisor**' to work in our dining hall. Working every day 12 - 1.15pm to set up and supervise lunch-time activities amongst helpful, friendly children. The position is temporary with a view to being permanent. Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

And '**School Cook**' (as attached flyer)



Christmas Wreath Making

The PTFA are organising a Christmas Wreath making workshop which, due to popular interest, will be held over 2 sessions:

Friday 1st December or Saturday 2nd December, 7-9.30 pm at the School Hall.

No previous knowledge required as our professional florist will guide you. Tickets £35 includes all materials, a welcome drink, and your wreath. Invite family and friends, and secure your place with the office with a £10 deposit.

Reminder: School Uniform

Nicola Chapman will be processing a Uniform Order on Friday 20th, plus has some second-hand items for sale.

Please email: nicolaachapman@googlemail.com

PTFA - 100 Club

It's that time of year again! 100 club renewal! - The school 'lottery' is one of the easiest and fun ways of supporting our school, and is a great way of getting grandparents, aunts and uncles involved too! Please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and hand back to Danielle or the school office.

ParentPay (online payment system):

Should any parent continue to be having problems with ParentPay log-in please can you contact Fran in the office.



School Photos

You are welcome to still make a photo order.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Elsa Seymour	Sophia Bates
Class 1	Theo Keeble Ophelia Hall	Ella-Louise Groom Ellie Green
Class 2	Jake Lans JJ Datu	Scott Davis-Roach Abbie Pinnock
Class 3	Not yet announced on school trip	

Thought for the week:

"A butterfly is a caterpillar who never gave up on his dream to fly."

Matshona Dhlwayo

Collective Worship Theme for the week
Pressing on towards the prize.

Diary Updates and Reminders	
16 th October	Cambridge FCU - Lunchtime Activity Taster
18 th October	Class 3 RSPCA fundraising event
23-27 October	Half-Term holiday
21 st November	'Bags2School'
1 st December	Christmas Fayre, after school
1 st /2 nd December	Christmas Wreath making, 7.30pm
19 December	End of Term

*The weekly newsletter will now be 'paperless'
Let us know you would still prefer to receive a paper version!*

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