



Head teachers update

School Plan focus:

This week we have been continuing our training on talk for writing. Mrs Wright and I attended additional project leader training last week and we have been working with the other teachers, discussing how the sequence of learning should be reflected in the children's books and what effective learning using this approach looks like.

We have just started some work with a member of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Service. She is going to work regularly with our Teaching Assistants to help them develop their understanding of the impact of health and well-being on children, learning how we can best support them to develop the attributes that will help them to thrive, not only in school, but in life. She is also helping the staff to develop ways of supporting their own well-being and emotional health, in what is recognised to be a busy and at times challenging profession.

'Sing for your School'

We have been asked to take part in a regional competition along with other local schools. The children have created the lyrics to a song about wildlife. Everyone has been very busy practising this song which will be recorded next Tuesday for the final review and judging. The short list will be created and finalists announced in February when we are hoping to be lucky enough to be chosen for a final concert at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. We will keep you informed as to how we get on.

'The Three Tuns' Competition

We are delighted that The Three Tuns has now been approved as a community owned pub for Guilden Morden village. It is proposed for the pub to open for coffee and cake, lunches as well as evening meals and drinks. It will be available for various functions including a book library.

Children are invited to participate in designing a pub sign. The design is flexible as long as it shows the words 'The Three Tuns'. Perhaps this can be a holiday

project for the children, which we can follow up on again next term.

Nativity

The children in Cclass 1 performed a unique and fantasitic nativity to the rest of the school and also to their parents this week. The script was actually written by the year 2 children, who also narrated it. The children in Year 1 and Reception acted out the parts. Well done to Mrs Berrio, her team and the children for taking this bold decision and producing a most memorable version of the Christmas Story. We have received a couple of lovely emails from parents and guests

One parent wrote, "it was wonderful and the mix of narration and recording and acting was really creative."

Another wrote, ", I am writing to say A Big Thank you for all your hard work with the Christmas Play. Children did so well. It made me laugh and cry together."

Thank you so much to these parents for taking the time to send in these comments. They are certainly appreciated.



End of Term

This will be our last newsletter for this term. Please note that on Wednesday 19th December, the school will close at 1.45pm.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas!



Jeremy Fisher

Cool School Club



This week the children have been making Christmas card and trees, decorated with sequins. There has been den building and lego activities with the children working together as a team.

For the last session on Tuesday 18th, there will be a Christmas movie with popcorn. Please come and join us! The Club staff would like to wish all the children and parents a Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

With thanks from Helen and all the Club staff.



P.T.F.A.

Christmas Hampers - Raffle!

Our lucky winners were:-

Booze Hamper - Sarah Fryer

Food Hamper - Mark Thompson

Christmas Selection - Lesley Harrison

Christmas cake - Fiona Davis

Sweet Treat Friday

Today will be the last Sweet Treat Friday. In the spirit of Christmas, charity and giving we will be donating all profits from today's stall to Ronald McDonald House. They are a wonderful charity who are currently supporting one of our families, more info can be found at their website <https://www.rmhc.org.uk> Please do come and stop by and support us.



Scholastic Book Fair

Our last day for Book Sale on Monday 17th, 3.15-4pm. Please remember that a percentage of our takings is put towards updating our school library. So all purchases count!



Christmas Carols

The children will be practising their carols at school on Tuesday 9.30am for Wednesday's Church Service. Parents of our pianists will be playing their solos before the rehearsal, should any of their parents wish to attend and listen.

Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to inform that following the Royal British Legion poppy appeal collection, Guilden Morden School raised £57.19. An amazing donation, and thank you very much to everyone!

Parent Pay

Would all parents kindly ensure payments are up to date on Parentpay.



Classroom Awards: Stars of the week

	Progress	Conduct & Values
PreSchool	Connor	Eve
Class 1	Mary & Sophia	Toby & Esther
Class 2	Bonnie & Matteo	Amēlie & Leighton
Class 3	Max & Martha	Chloe & Isobel



Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

Class 1	Ellie B
Class 2	Abbie
Class 3	Isobel & Izzie



Lunchtime Awards:

For helping others, tidying up and serving

Isobel	Brooke
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Thought for the week:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

— Charles Dickens

Collective Worship Theme for the week

The Christmas Story

Diary Updates and Reminders	
18 th December (Tues) - 9.30-10.30	Christmas Carol Rehearsal at School & Piano Soloists
18 th December (Tues) 1.30pm - 3pm	School 'Dance Party' & Activities with Vanessa
17 December - 3.15pm	Scholastic Book Fair
19 December (Wed) at 9.30am	Carol Service at the church Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper & Santa visit Class 3 - to BassingbournVC
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018
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3 January (Thursday)	Spring Term commences
7 January (Monday)	STAFF TRAINING DAY -School Closed-
10 January (Thursday)	School Pantomime Visit (PTFA) 'Snow White & Seven Dwarfs'

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