



# Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Head teachers update

### School Development Plan Focus

This week the teachers and I have received training on the use of Starz Plus, which is an internal email system that enables the children to develop the skills and understanding of using and receiving emails in a monitored and safe environment. This will help the staff to develop this aspect of e-safety with the children.

I have been very pleased to go into the different classes and see how quickly the children have got back into the routines and expectations and to note how well they have started this term.

**Class 3:** It has been a great start for our new Class Teacher, Miss Whyte, who battled in with the topic of 'the Romans'.



**Class 2:** We welcome Mrs Wright who has now started working with Miss Fryer in Class 2 each week, as well as working with Year 2 children on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Wright will be supporting those children's Maths and English development.



### Class 1

The older children in class 1 have settled back into school and this week were joined by the new Reception children. These children have made a very positive start and each time I have popped in they have been focused on their learning through play and are taking on the expectations and routines of a Reception class.

It was great to be part of the first Wednesday morning workshop for class 1 parents and this week the focus was on handwriting and developing the gross and fine motor skills that underly good handwriting. Thank you to those who attended and please do sign up on the list on class 1's door. Please join us in the classroom, even if you are late.

Year 1 and Reception children will soon be starting "Forest School", learning through various activities such as nature walks, building dens, bird watching etc. Parents are welcome to join any of our 'Forest School' sessions and we are open to ideas for activities. We are wishing for donations of wood, very small logs, stakes and sticks for den building and bows and arrows please!

### Kathryn Weddepohl

We were extremely disappointed to lose one of our valued teaching assistants at the very end of last term. Her decision was only confirmed at the very end of term. We wish her well in her new role. We have appointed a temporary replacement and will be advertising the post later on during this term. On behalf of the parents, Nicola Chapman has offered to arrange a gift collection for Kathryn. Please see Mrs Chapman if you would like to contribute and sign her card, or if you prefer to leave your own gift with the office we shall ensure that Kathryn receives it.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Jeremy Fisher

### Cool School Club

The children have been building dens inside and outside this week!

**Coding Club** will commence on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September for a 5 week course - this will run from 4pm-5pm at a cost of £37.50 for the sessions. The children will join club at 3.15pm, and have a snack first. A registration form will need to be completed. Please inform Club or the office to register.

Thank you Helen and all the Club staff.

### Guilden Morden 'St Mary's Church'

#### Harvest Food Fayre at

St Marys Church, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-2pm  
A selection of home made products from local artisans are available for purchase, as well as snacks from 'The Belfry Cafe'.



#### Multi-Sports Activity

Our multi-sports activity club will continue on Fridays, commencing from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This term is for 6 weeks at a cost of £20 per child. Please register with the office in preparation.

#### Drama Academy

Please see the attached flyer regarding Helen O'Grady developmental drama lessons. If your child is interested to attend do let the office know.



#### Teddy Bear's Picnic!

We will be holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.15-5pm. Tickets will be £5 and this

includes a picnic, treats, prizes and lots of fun games. All welcome - main school, pre-school, siblings and parents! Information coming home in the children's school bags today.

#### Baby and Children's Second-hand Sale

We will be having a stall in Steeple Morden Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September selling second-hand baby and child items. WE NEED DONATIONS!!

If you have any old toys, books, clothes & equipment in good condition that you'd like to donate then please place in the collection box in the office. We also looking for volunteers to help run the stall, so please let us know if you are available for an hour to help out - thanks!

We welcome any new volunteers for helping or organising any PTFA matters. Do let the office know if you are able to help at any time. Thank you.

### Thought for the week:



I can do things you cannot,  
you can do things I cannot;  
together we can do great things.

- Mother Teresa

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Togetherness  
Psalm 133:1

Awards:	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Reception /Toby	Ellie G/Theo
Class 2	Matteo/Andrew	Kayden/Devon
Class 3	Ben / Martha	Fred / Ines

### Diary Updates and Reminders

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> , 4-5pm	Coding Club, 5 week course
24-27 September	Class 3 -Bikeability Training
27 September	Teddy Bear's Picnic, 3.1pm-5pm
22-26 October	Half-Term Holiday
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018

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