



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2017

Head teachers update

Last newsletter of the term: As this is the last newsletter of the term I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and commitment, for the children for their efforts and achievements and to the parents for their support and assistance. My first term here has passed exceedingly quickly but as you know from previous newsletters a great deal has taken place. I am very pleased with the progress we have made towards ensuring all of the teaching is good and all of the children are making good progress. I believe that our curriculum is shaping up well and that we have a great deal of enrichment in terms of the input from our specialist PE and dance teachers, our visitors and the special days and the trips out.

Christmas Performances: The Midwife's Crises is one of the most enjoyable Nativity scripts I have seen performed in school. The narrators told the story well and the main characters brought the humour to life with their acting.



The camels danced very well, the star sang exceedingly sweetly....



... the angels looked angelic and the shepherds and sheep rocked.



The play ended with the Midwife meeting the baby Jesus and reflecting on the real meaning of Christmas.



The children's singing was lovely and many children showed a different range of talents to those we usually see in class. Well done to the pianists for their Christmas Carols and to all the staff for their hard work in preparing and rehearsing for these lovely performances.

Nativity: Class 1 will be leading the service in the Church on Tuesday at 9:30 with their Nativity Story and parents and carers are invited to join us at the Church or to walk with us from the school.

Attendance: Well done to the children who have had 100% attendance this term. Our whole school attendance figure of 94% for this term is low and I appreciate that it has been affected by recent viruses and sickness. Please do support your child to have the highest attendance they can, as data shows a very clear correlation between attendance and achievement, right up to and including those that do well at GCSEs and A-levels.

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year
Jeremy Fisher

School Uniform

We feel that a formal school uniform provides an equally, shared identity representing the school within the community. Please ensure your children are correctly attired for next term:-

Black or Grey Trousers / Skirt

White Shirt or Polo Shirt (with collar)

Red Cardigan / Sweater

White Socks

Black Shoes (not trainers). Boots may be worn to school and then changed on arrival.

Please remember that they also need a **water bottle**.

School logo items are preferred, but correctly coloured ones are acceptable. All items to be marked with your child's name. All uniform, including second-hand items, can be purchased through Nicola Chapman.

nicolaachapman@gmail.com or 01763 853075

Please do check our lost & found box at school for any missing items.

Cool School Club



The staff at Club would like to thank all the parents and children who have supported club this term. The children enjoyed a film and popcorn as a treat yesterday, which proved very popular.

Spanish will continue next half term. I feel sure all the parents will enjoy the beautiful Spanish carols to be sung at the end of term Church service on Tuesday.

With thanks from Helen and all the staff

Spanish Classes

Spanish Classes will resume next term for 5 sessions: 11, 18, 25 January & 1 & 8 February. Please contact the office to enrol (limited places available). ¡ Feliz Navidad! And ¡ Feliz Año 2018!

Guilden Morden Church

You are invited to attend the Guilden Morden Church:-
Sunday 17th December, 4.30pm: Christmas Carol Service, with readings from some of our pupils.

Recruiting

Guilden Morden are looking to fill these permanent positions:-

'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.

'School Cook' &

'School Cleaner' Pre-School are seeking a part-time cleaner (3 x 1 hr per week, Tues/Wed/Fri, between 1pm-3pm).

Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk



The **Christmas Post Box** is now at the back door if children would like to send cards to their friends.

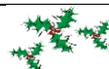
Daily Collections and deliveries will commence on Monday 11th.

Last post collection: **Tuesday 19th December, 10.30am.**



CUFC Multi-Sports Club will continue next term on Friday 12th January, 3.20 - 4.20pm. Please do let the office know if your child wishes to attend.

ParentPay: We would appreciate if you could please settle any remaining balances for School Lunches by the end of term. In addition, Class 2 have their Roman Workshop event on 10 January.



Christmas Reminders



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day. Please encourage your children to wear something festive for the occasion.

Christmas Church Service with Class 1's **Nativity play** on **Tuesday 19th December** at 9.30am.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us, and also walk with us to the church.

Reminder



Don't forget to support our school playground project by shopping in Tesco in Royston and collecting as many tokens at the checkout to vote for Guilden Morden School. Voting is open through November & December.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Amy Doherty Ophelia Hall	Theo Keeble Daniel Taran
Class 2	Kayden Brear Abbie Pinnock	Matteo Pocock Leo Kendall
Class 3	Chloe Green Millie Robinson	Ines Pocock Alex Baxter

Thought for the week:
<p>“I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.”</p> <p>Harlan Miller</p>

Collective Worship Theme for the week
The Nativity

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

Diary Updates and Reminders	
18 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
19 December	9.30am Christmas Church Service & Class 1 Nativity Play 3.15pm End of Term
4 January 2018 (Thursday)	Back to School Spring Term begins
9 January 2018	Piano lessons recommence
10 January 2018	Class 2: Romans Workshop (in school)

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