

Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017

Head teachers update

At the end of the children's first full week, there is a great deal that I am very encouraged by and pleased with. The atmosphere in the school is very purposeful and positive and I have enjoyed seeing the children fully engaged in their learning.

We have added a 'Gold Star' to the top of our daily class behaviour display, encouraging children to sustain their very best learning behaviours throughout the day. I am delighted that I have given out quite a few 'Star' certificates already.

The new children are settling well into the Reception class and we are looking forward to including them into lunchtimes as the next element of their phased start.

We have now allocated all of our new pupils their 'houses', a list of those in each house will be put on the noticeboard. Children receive house points for their work and behaviour, and when we do events the children will have opportunities to work together in their 'houses'. Each week, the house points gained by each team, are totalled and the top house is recognised in our celebration assembly. This weeks top house is Saturn - well done!

This week, I went to Ely to meet the DEMAT team in their new office, near the Cathedral. I met a number of other DEMAT head teachers and learned more about the vision that DEMAT has and the way it works with its schools. I am encouraged by what I have learned about the networks and support systems that they are developing.

Thank you very much to those volunteers that have already started supporting in school. Please get in touch if you wish to assist in some way. Also, I have a specific request. During last term's meetings a number of parents suggested they could assist or perhaps volunteer a family member to carry out a few jobs. We currently have some dripping taps ☺ so if you are able to help, please get in touch with Fran in the Office.

'Cool' After School Club

Hola!

It was lovely to see so many children attending the first Spanish club, with even some joining us from another school. This week the children learnt 'greetings' and sung about 'patos' (ducks).

The children have also been sewing this week and decorating hand prints which are now displayed on our wall. We may be moving the sewing club to a Monday night, and hope that more of the children can join us.



Helen and all the club staff

Wimpole at War

Following on from our WW2 topic in Class 3 this week, please note that on Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sep. 10.30am-5pm there will be an event at Wimpole Hall. There will be skirmishes, food, singing, dancing which seems like a good opportunity to join in. For more info enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Reminders

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly named. Any items that mysteriously find their way to their wrong homes, can be returned or retrieved from our lost property box.

PTFA

There will be the A.G.M. for the P.T.F.A. on Wednesday 20th at 7pm-9pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome, and we are always looking for volunteers in many ways, even if it is to propose your ideas.

Music Lessons

Piano lessons with Mr Tait have commenced, and he has space for additional students. Funding can be provided.

For all piano or musical instrument enquiries, please contact: Andrew Tait at Cambridgeshire Music www.cambridgeshiremusic.org. Tel: 01480 373500 Andrew.Tait@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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. The position is temporary with a view to being permanent. Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

We also have a School Catering vacancy within this school. Please look at the attached flyer.

After-School Activity Club

Thank you for your responses concerning a suitable day for the Cambridge United multi-sports activity club. The plan will be to run this on a Friday after school (3.15 - 4.15pm), but this will not commence until after half term.

School Photographs

Our photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 19th to photograph the children individually and with their siblings. If Pre-School children would like to be included please can they attend at 9.15 am.

AWARDS

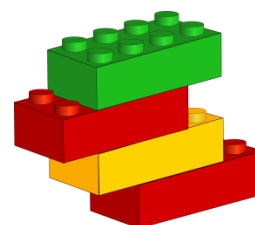
This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Ella-Louise Groom Ellie Green	Daniel Taran Freddie Barnes
Class 2	Bonnie Saban Scott Davis-Roach	Amélie Seymour Jake Lans
Class 3	Hannah Thompson Izzie Carlomangno	Fred Appleby Ines Pocock

Thought for the week:

Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.

Henry Ford



Collective Worship Theme for the week

Building Community

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

Diary Updates and Reminders

19 Sept, Tues	School Photographs Individual & Siblings
19 Sept, 3.25pm	Meet the Parents, in the Hall
19 Sept, 7pm	Governors' Meeting
20 th Sept, Wed	PTFA AGM
23-27 October	Half-Term holiday
19 December	End of Term

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