



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Head teachers update

### Science week:

This week the classes have been focusing on science. I have seen the children involved in lots of different experiments and activities and the teachers have been encouraging the children to use a scientific approach to asking and answering questions by furthering their understanding. We will be putting a display in the library of some of science week work.



### School Development Plan - Marking and feedback:

The teachers and I have been continuing to develop our marking and feedback policy and approach. This is such an important aspect of the teacher's role and one that can have a major impact on pupil progress, but also be very time consuming. We are working hard to establish patterns to ensure that the time spent is effective, and also that whilst we maintain consistency throughout the school, we have fully taken into consideration the different issues and needs of children at different stages within the school.

### Faith Team:

Our new Faith Team are Matteo (Y2), Bonnie (Y3), Ben (Y4), Sophie (Y5) and Imogen (Y6)

They will be helping us to develop our collective worship and church links including helping the teachers to further develop the 'Gathering and Sending' parts of our collective worship.

### School Council Poster competition:

The School Council have been helping us all to think about our behaviour and how we can make sure it is always very good and becomes a consistent strength within the school. They carried out a survey and are now inviting the children to make posters to encourage everyone to follow our 'Learning Behaviours'.

The closing date for entries is the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Lunch on Tuesday

Thank you to everyone who was extremely helpful on Tuesday when our cook was unable to be in. Thank you so much to Steeple Morden and Petersfield for their assistance. Well done to the children for being very patient.

*"Food always tastes nice when you wait for it." Corrina.*

### Graffham Trip

Class 3 are very excited about their residential trip next week. I am sure they will have a fantastic time and we will be sending pictures of their activities by email to their parents as the week progresses.

### Open the Book and GenR8

Thank you to Open the Book and GenR8 for their recent visits into school to lead assemblies. They are always very well planned and entertaining for the children as well as given the children a better understanding of bible stories and major events in the Christian Calendar.

## Easter Bible Comic

We have been given some Scripture Union Easter Bible Comics. If you and your children would like one, please collect one from the foyer.



On Thursday the children enjoyed a very absorbing presentation by Chris from Zoo lab.

They met Colin the cornsnake, Minstrel the desert Gekko, George the tree frog, Honey the giant gecko and Pickles the African Hedgehog.



They also asked lots of questions about animals and heard information about the similarities and differences of some animals.

## Cool School Club



This week some of the children have been knitting, sewing as well as making pictures using stencils.

In Spanish we have been learning the names of all the equipment in a pencil case: un lápiz, un sacapuntas, una regla, una goma. The Spanish class will continue until the last day of term, 29<sup>th</sup> March to make up for the day we lost due to the snow.

I would like to welcome Monika Taran to the staff who will be working on a Thursday in Cool Club. I hope everybody will make her feel welcome.

Helen and the team



- 1 mile run

To recognise Sports Relief the children will be doing a **1-mile run in P.E. on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child may like to raise some additional money for the charity by getting sponsorship from friends and family.

Please see the attached sponsorship form.



**P.T.F.A.**

## POND TIDY UP DAY

Unfortunately due to lack of support we need to cancel the tidy up day this weekend.

We are rescheduling to **Sunday 25th March from 10am** and hope you are able to join us. We can't do it without you and we are truly hopeful that the area will be ready for the children to enjoy after Easter. Please let the office know if you are happy to help out for a couple of hours, children are welcome!

## GARDENING CLUB

We have a number of volunteer's who are keen to help with Gardening Club but we need someone to run it. Our volunteer's have a wealth of gardening expertise so please don't let lack of knowledge put you off. Please do get in touch if you are keen to be involved as it will be such a fun club for the children to be involved in.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

We are holding an Easter egg Hunt on Thursday 29th March, after school on the school field. Tickets are £2.50 per child and must be purchased in advance from a PTFA member. There will be a number of hunts to cater for the different age groups and it looks to be a really fun event.



**Scholastic Book Fair:** We will be selling books from Friday 20 April until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, after school. Please do spare some time to come and purchase some new children's books, which also raises funding towards our school library book area.

## AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Conduct &amp; Values</b>
Pre-school	Eleanor Sellers	Eleanor Sellers
Class 1	Theo Keeble Freddie Barnes	Alfie Pinnock Finley Pinnock
Class 2	Bobby Green Leighton Hall	Matteo Pocock Leo Kendall
Class 3	Millie Robinson Fred Appleby	Max Davis Roach Emma Targett

### Thought for the week:

"The noblest calling in the world is that of mother. True motherhood is the most beautiful of all arts, the greatest of all professions. She who can paint a masterpiece or who can write a book that will influence millions deserves the plaudits and admiration of mankind; but she who rears successfully a family of healthy, beautiful sons and daughters whose immortal souls will be exerting an influence throughout the ages long after painting shall have faded, and books and statues shall have been destroyed, deserves the highest honor that man can give."

**David O. McKay**

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

A Caring Mother

**Exodus chapter 2 verses 1-10**

## Diary Updates and Reminders

26 March (Mon)	P.E. 'Sports Relief' - 1 mile run
26 March (Mon) 2.30pm & 6.30pm	Parents' Forum All parents welcome to attend
27 March, (Tues)	Church Service at 9.30am
29 March (Thurs) - 3.15pm	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
29 March (Thurs)	Easter Holidays to 16/4
24 April (Tues)	Swimming RESUS training
7 May (Mon)	Spring Bank Holiday
28 May-5 June (Tues)	Half-Term

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