



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Head teachers update

This week has been another busy week at Guilden Morden. The children in Years Five and Six performed really well in this week's Quik Sticks Hockey Competition - Well done all of you. (I am sure that you will all enjoy reading about it in the report at the end of this week's newsletter.

We had our church inspection a few weeks ago and we have now received their report. There are lots of positives which came out of it and we have been graded as a 'satisfactory' Church of England School. The main strengths commented on in the report are:

"The school's caring and nurturing ethos ensures that each child is both known and valued as a precious child of God, made in his image".

"External faith visitors enliven and enthuse pupils' understanding of Christianity as a diverse living faith, which shapes the lives and actions of followers".

" Collective worship offers both pupils and staff a daily opportunity to express a deep sense of peace, stillness and a sense of continuity in a school community which has experienced significant changes".

These comments reflect the hard work which has gone into the development of Collective Worship and RE over the last few months and it is a great well done which is something, as a school, we should feel proud of.

The governors have started the process for advertising for staff for next year. An advert will go out for teaching staff next week and our current staff members, here at the present, are able to apply for these positions - I will let you know the outcome as the process proceeds.

Finally, please could I ask you to remind the children not to pick the flowers as they come into school. Thank you for your co-operation. Only two week's until the Easter break - where does the time go!!

## Red Nose Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and would like to ask children to come to school wearing 'something bright and colourful'. This can include hair !

A donation of £1 towards the 'red nose' charity would be much appreciated. This support is for 'Comic Relief who help people leading tough lives across Africa and the U.K.

Noses can be purchased from participating outlets.

We will have a prize for the funniest person in each classroom. So ask your children to start practising their jokes for us !



## Pre-School

The children finished off making their bugs this week, they were so good that we showed them to the rest of the school in assembly. They have been working on matching the domino dots to the correct number. We have explored musical instruments, identifying the sounds they make, and as the weather has been so mild this week the children have wanted, and enjoyed, spending more time outside. As well as playing on the field, they have been playing in the sand, on the slide and see-saws and trying hard to walk along our balance beams which the children then turned into a trail - they went to London to visit the dinosaurs!

Kristy

## Recorder Sessions - Class 2 & 3

Class 2 & Class 3 children can learn and practice Recorder every Monday with Mrs Nicola Chapman at 12.45pm-1.15pm in the School Hall.

### Cool Club

We were able to enjoy a lovely, hot, sunny afternoon outside at Club on Wednesday and the children made camps and nests in the trees. We have done some modelling with the recycling materials, making robots or a miner with a fire torch. The Subbuteo is proving a very popular activity with some exciting matches taking place. As the summer approaches, we hope to spend more and more time outside, enjoying the wonderful space we have to play in.

Helen Smith

### PTFA

#### Mother's Day Pop-Up Stall

Next Friday, 24th March, the PTFA will have a shop selling a variety of 'mum' and 'nan' gifts to the children for Mother's Day. The gifts will be priced between £1 to £3, so please send your children in with some money so that they can buy you something lovely.



#### Easter Fayre

The Easter Fayre is taking place on Friday 31st March, 3.15pm in the school hall. There will be an egg hunt and a variety of stalls for you to enjoy. More info to follow.

#### Wednesday morning Activity



Please see the attached flyer from Cambridge United Football Club, who run the weekly morning sports session. The children enjoy trying a variety of activities, such as fencing, dodgeball, football etc.

Please sign up for next term's sessions commencing 26th April at 7.45am -8.45. Children should bring a breakfast snack and change of clothes before school starts.

#### Thank you

We would like to say a huge **Thank You** for all of our volunteer helpers who are coming in regularly and give their time to help the children read. This is mainly in Class 1, where their reading every day is so important. Thank you also to all the parent/carer

helpers who are always helping around the school in one way or another. It is much appreciated by us and we thank everyone for their continued support !

### AWARDS

This week's Awards have been given to:-

#### Code of Conduct Awards:

Ellie Green, Alfie Pinnock, Hannah Thompson, & Esmeē Saban

No Head teacher's awards this week.

### Well done!

#### Thought for the week:

"Never let the fear of the fall discourage you from the climb. There's beauty up there and it's worth the risk."

#### Christian value:

### 'LOVE'

John 4:10, Luke 6:32-36

1 Corinthians, 13:4 Proverbs 17:17

Please remember to collect your **Sainsbury's Active shopping vouchers** to donate in our school collection box, located outside the office.

Kind regards,

Alan Wright  
Head teacher

#### Diary Updates and Reminders

23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Village Church Walk - stained glass
24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>'Mothers Day' Sale</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March	'British Values Day'
Friday 31 March	Last day of Term - EASTER Breakfast & Fayre
25 April, 7pm (45 mins)	Resuscitation Training for Parent Helpers
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini-Olympics, years 3&4

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## Quik Sticks Hockey Competition at Comberton



On the morning of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the Guilden Morden hockey team made their way to Comberton Village College for the first of two competitions to decide who would qualify for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sainsbury's School Games summer final. A total of 44 teams took part with the 2 winning schools from the morning and the afternoon knockout sessions going through to the finals to be held in June.

The 7 strong team members from Guilden Morden School were full of energy and excitement for representing their school at such a key event. If only they knew what lay ahead of them! The team played 4 schools in the preliminary round. Guilden Morden sailed through their first 3 games beating Elsworth, Great Abington and local rivals Bassingbourn School. The teams' metal was tested in the remaining game which they narrowly lost to Swavesey. Despite this 1 loss, Guilden Morden won their group and went on to play Linton Heights Junior School in the competition final. The Linton team towered in height over our players, however this did not deter the team as they battled brilliantly for 6 minutes in a very close match. The support crew of Mrs Cooper, Miss Jackson and Miss Richardson were nervous wrecks on the side line until Robert Thompson slotted in an amazing goal to win the game which was celebrated in style as the final whistle blew. We had won the final!

The team have made the whole school incredibly proud and were so deserving of their success. Our particular thanks to the team's coach, Miss Jackson. The children have been rewarded with certificates, medals and new water bottles!, and we are now all looking forward to the final in June.

**Well done and CONGRATULATIONS to everyone !**

