



Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th May 2018

Head teachers update

School Improvement

This week the SATS for the children in Year 6 have dominated our time and attention. Thanks to the Year 6 parents for your assistance in so many ways; preparing and supporting the children so that they are able to demonstrate what they have learned. We have also recently been completing tests and tasks to have a full picture of the attainment of the children in Year 2 and after half term the children in class 1 will be assessed for their phonic knowledge.

Dress-up - Royal Wedding Day



It has been lovely to see so many children dressing up today. They have had a lot of fun playing 'Royal weddings'. I did see some of the boys running away! I hope you will all enjoy your own Royal Wedding celebrations. Thank you for your contributions towards the PTFA funds.

Walk to School: Week 21-25 May:

Please do your best to walk to school next week. It would be a positive step for the school to have a high proportion of the children involved in this active and healthy initiative. Thank you for your support.

Run a Mile:

We shall be starting a running club on Monday that will take place on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week in support of a national campaign in primary schools to inspire children to do more exercise.

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>

The intention is that children run one mile, which is approximately 6 laps of our playground. The Daily Mile website suggests everyone runs, jogs or walks for 15 minutes and it doesn't matter how far they get. We are timetabling this for 3 times a week so that the children also get the benefit of healthy activity using our new Trim Trail. We will be maintaining a record of all those taking part and will present awards for the most miles run by the end of this Summer Term. We would like everyone to take part and would really welcome your support by; reinforcing the benefits of a healthy lifestyle with your children, encouraging them to take part and do their best, and making sure they bring their trainers and water bottles to school.

Discussions with teachers before school

Should you need to talk to your class teacher, may we remind you not to come in to school in the morning, unless with prior agreement. It gets very busy and we are aiming for a calm and safe start to the day. Please make an appointment or leave a message via the office.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Due to the new regulations that are coming into force from the 25th May (GDPR), we have been re-considering how we manage data in the school. A letter, some policies and privacy notices will be emailed to you over the next few days and we will be sending the accompanying declarations home for signing early next week. Please look out for them, read the policies and return the appropriate sheets.

Road Safety

We thank you for taking more care along the road and pathways to ensure your children remain safe. Please continue to be considerate to our school neighbours by not parking in front of their driveways.

British Values Day - Friday 25 May

Next Friday, we will be having a specific focus on British Values in class and for our collective worship. In preparation for this it would be very helpful if the children could talk to you about values that you think are very important and I would really appreciate if the children could bring me a list of their/your 'Top 3 Values' with illustrations and explanations.

Jeremy Fisher

Cool School Club



The children have been continuing to be creative with a Royal Wedding theme; making jewellery with the loom bands and designing wedding dresses for the big day!

In Spanish we learnt about animals and pets that live with us at home. The children have been learning a Spanish poem and song, to be performed in the Summer. Next Week 24th, is the last Spanish lesson until September.

Thank you.

Helen and all the staff



Swimming: P.E. lessons will be 'swimming' on Thursday mornings, commencing after the half-term break. Please return your consent forms to the office.

Silicon coloured swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £3 each.

The PTFA after-school Swimming Club details will be circulated shortly. Any parents who wish their child to swim must be RESUS trained, and able to supervise on a duty rota system. Please do let the office or PTFA if you are interested.

Special Request:

If anyone has any of the following items that they are able to donate for learning through play in Class 1, we would be very grateful.

- Small wooden building blocks
- Clean, plastic guttering / pipework
- Dressing up Clothes
- Old cake, biscuit tins, baking sheets (for outside)
- Empty water bottles with the bottoms cut off

ParentPay:

We would appreciate if you could settle any outstanding monies due for school meals, trips and activities before the end of this half term. Thank you.

Cricket Club:

A Cricket Club will commence every Thursday morning 8am - 8.45 am as from 7th June, with Chloe (PE teacher). The club is suitable for years 2-6, although the aim is for Years 3-5 to practise for a team event in July. There will be no charge for this club. Please arrive in PE clothes, with uniform to change into, and bring a snack and drink.

CUFC Multisports:

Multisports can continue on Fridays after half-term. However, with after-school Swimming also starting, I would appreciate parents letting us know as soon as possible if you do not wish to continue multisports.

Water Bottles:

Now that the weather is improving, it is even more important for the children to bring a water bottle to school each day. Bottles can be purchased at school.



I hope that your children are enjoying **Gardening Club**. After half-term, the club will be held on the following dates:

- Thursdays, 3.20pm-4.20pm
- 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of June &
- 5th, 12th 19th July
- Cost a total cost of £14 per child

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

| | Progress | Conduct & Values |
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| Pre-school | All of Pre-school | Scarlett |
| Class 1 | Ella & Toby | Amy & Ophelia |
| Class 2 | Matteo & Andrew | Bobby & Leo |
| Class 3 | Brooke, Layla, Johnnie, Corrina, Imogen, Millie | Hannah & Alex |

Thought for the week:

"It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends."
J K Rowling

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| Collective Worship Theme for the week | 21 June (Thursday) | Class 1 - Trip to Botanical Gardens/Apple Store |
| I like to be liked John chapter 17 verses 6-19 especially verses 14-17 | 28 June (Thursday) | Sports Morning - Parents welcome |
| | 17 July (Tuesday) | Community 'Picnic' Day |
| | 23 July (Monday), 1.45pm | Last day of Summer Term |
| | 6 th September 2018 (Thursday) | Autumn Term 2018 commences. Term dates on the website |

| Diary Updates and Reminders | |
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| 21 - 25 May | 'Walk to School' Week |
| 28 May - 5 June (Tues) | Half-Term holiday, includes a teacher training INSET day. |
| 6 June (Wednesday) | School Class Photos |
| 7 June (Thursday) 8am | Cricket Club Years 2 upwards |
| 11 June (Monday) | Mad Science Class starts |
| 14 June (Thursday) | Class 2 - Trip to Ely |

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