



### Head teachers update

#### School Plan Focus:

This week we have been talking about how we help any child who needs additional support and how we keep a record so that we can review what's worked and make the best impact possible. If any parent feels that their child does need any extra help with their work, the social aspects of school or anything else that impacts on their progress and happiness then please speak to the class teacher or myself. I hope you will all make appointments to see the teachers at the parent evenings after half term.

#### Harvest Festival:

I am grateful to those who always make the church available to us. Thank you to the staff and children for preparing their presentations, poems, prayers and readings as well as for the lovely singing. Thank you to Canon Williams leading us through the service. It was lovely to see so many parents and I know the children really enjoyed having you there.



**Donations:** We received an amazing selection of food item donations which we will be giving to our nominated charity 'Cambridge City Food Bank. Thank you to all the parents who have donated.



#### Steel Bones, Limitless Games:

What a fantastic morning. We were joined at the end of our early morning collective worship by Steve, Colin and Marc from Steel Bones, who were here to lead a limitless games morning. This was arranged through South Cambs School Sports Partnership as part of our Sports Premium spending.

The children were very polite but certainly fascinated by both Colin's and Marc's prosthetic legs. Marc's was definitely the more modern looking one and when one child described it as robotic, Marc confirmed that it did have a computer inside it.

Marc told some of the children how he and a group of friends (who all had missing limbs) had walked up and down Mount Snowden (he used one leg and crutches) and how when he got to the top, he felt he had no strength to come back down. He was going to take the train down but when he discovered that the train had a huge waiting list, he just got on with it and came down himself. He explained that sometimes you just have to carry on but that does make you proud of what you then achieve.

We were very lucky with the weather so were able to do activities outside. We gathered on the playground and the children worked in three mixed age groups, rotating through three different sports. Steve explained that each of these could be played by people with disabilities. The games were goalball (visually impaired football), sitting volleyball and Boccia (a bowling game).

After everyone had experienced each activity, we all got together for some parachute games and the children took care, while running rapidly under the lifted parachute, to be safe as well as having lots of fun. Steve then explained that today was about many things including facing our fear when we come across something that is new to us, like seeing someone with prosthetic limbs and that we all should understand that these physical differences are like the colour, or amount of our hair, or our height, and what really matters is that we are all just people.

Thank you to Steve, Colin and Marc.



Look out for more pictures in the news section of our website

#### School Caterer:

As previously advised, our new caterers will be the Chartwells. We are attaching a revised menu for the Autumn Term, which will commence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### Trumpet Lessons:

Class 2 will be commencing trumpet lessons after half term. This will be in groups for half an hour per group in school time. The instruments will be provided for the lesson. We are hoping that the children will develop their understanding of music, enjoy the lessons and perhaps be inspired to take individual tuition later on.

**Class 1 - Workshops:** Thank you to all the parents attending this week's and the workshops. It has been really helpful to us, and we would welcome your feedback by writing in the book at the office. Any suggestions for the next workshops would be most welcome.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a good half-term break.

Jeremy Fisher

## COOL CLUB



Some of the children have continued their work from school and have been making books. The chess and draughts challenges are still popular. In Coding the children created their programmes with individual support. Their characters were bouncing from one side to the other, with a trail of colours and even a talking dog! The children then observed each other's work.

Club is still thinking of running a child's Zumba 'movement and dance' class, possibly on a Tuesday. Please do let the office know if you are interested.

Helen and all the Club staff.



#### Parents Evening:

We shall be holding our Parents Evening to meet with the teachers on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-5.30pm, and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm - 7pm. Please contact the office to reserve your preferred appointment time/ times.

#### Romans Day (Class 2 & 3) - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Would parents kindly ensure payment is made through ParentPay, and consent forms returned to enable the children to participate? Thank you.

#### Multisports:

Our Friday 'multisports' club will continue from Friday 2 November to 14 December. 7 weeks will cost £23.50 per child. Please inform the office if you would like to participate.



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#### MONSTER PARTY



**Saturday 27th October at Guilden Morden Village Hall**

We're so looking forward to this party on Saturday 27th Oct from 4pm in Guilden Morden Village Hall. If you want a ticket during the half term break you can connect with any committee member via our Facebook page or buy in the pub and Steeple Post Office.

#### PTFA AGM

Huge thanks to those who came along to last night's AGM. Committee positions are as follows..

Chair: Lucy Seymour  
 Vice Chair: Jenny Green  
 Treasurer: Sandra Eggleton  
 Secretary: Abi Locke  
 100 Club: Dannii Hall

Staff representatives: Jeremy Fisher & Kristy Carter  
 Trustees: Jon Green, Jane Brown, Nicola Chapman & Roz Smith.

A MASSIVE thank you to our team of volunteers who help us throughout the year.

**Sweet Treat Friday** will start again after half-term. Keep an eye out for posters with more info after the break.

### 100 Club

This year's 100 Club will start at the end of November and we would like to invite you and your family to take part. It is one of the easiest ways of supporting our school and pre-school and is a great way of getting grandparents, aunts and uncles involved too!

### Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who made a donation, we raised £64.00 towards the PTA school funds.

### Easy Fundraising



Please see information attached with this newsletter of how you can help raise funds for the school.

### Recruiting at Guilden Morden

We require a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to work alongside KS2 classes in the morning as well as contribute to creating a friendly and well-structured lunchtime. We are looking for an experienced, able and enthusiastic person who will suit our friendly and welcoming school. 18 hours p/w (mornings). If you think Guilden Morden Primary Academy could be the place for you then please contact Mrs Fran Siddle our School Administrator. [office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk) for further details and an application form.

Closing date for applications: 9 November 2018

Interview date: w/c 12 November 2018

Steeple Morden School are recruiting a Site Officer/Handyperson Vacancy 20 hours per week, split daily shift, 52 weeks per year. Please refer to their website for information.

### Thought for the week:

"Doing good does us good."  
 – Arthur P. Ciaramicoli,

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Not doing bad is not the same as doing good!

Mark 10:17-22

### Awards:

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Peggy	Scarlet
Class 1	Daniel & Amy	Ophelia & William
Class 2	Scott & Abbie	JJ & Leo
Class 3	Emma & Martha	Brooke & Fred

### Diary Updates and Reminders

22-26 October	Half-Term Holiday
9 November (Fri)	Class 2 & 3 'Romans Day'
16 November (Fri)	'Children in Need' Event
19 December (Wed) at 9.30am	Nativity Church Service Christmas Lunch & Santa visit
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018
3 January (Thurs)	Spring Term commences
7 January (Mon)	STAFF TRAINING DAY - School Closed
10 January (Thurs)	School Pantomime Visit (PTFA)

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