



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 2nd March 2018

Head teachers update

World Book Day: It was lovely to see all the children dressed up as characters from different books and to hear why they had chosen that character. A love of books and stories is one of the most important things we can pass on to children.



Please have a look at the link below which will enable you and your child/ren to listen to audio excerpts and full-length audiobooks of favourite children's books!

http://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/?dm_i=35S3,NSMU,507RF1,2G3TA,1

Extreme Weather: As you no doubt appreciate, extreme weather can have a serious impact on us all and when it is as unpredictable as it has been this week, it makes it difficult to carry on with our usual routines. Well done and thank you to all parents who have braved the weather and made sure their child has attended throughout this week and well done to the staff, some who travel quite a distance, for getting here and providing continuity for the children.



The snow came down whilst Robins Class were doing their Balanceability lesson.

Please make sure that the children have suitable boots/wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes to change into for playtimes as well as gloves and hats so that they can continue to be active and go outside at playtimes.

Birdwatch: The children took part in a RSPB event on Friday 23 February, identifying birds within our garden area. Food had been placed down several week's before by our bird volunteer helper, Mrs Gwen Worboys, to entice the birds to join us in the garden to give the children a greater awareness. Mrs Worboys talked to the children about the birds, took them out to identify them and provided some activities for the children to complete.



The children identified the birds they could see and also wrote about the session.

What did you see?

How many birds of the same kind did you see at the same time?

 House sparrow I saw	 Blackbird I saw
 Blue tit I saw	 Robin I saw
 Black-headed gull I saw	 Chaffinch I saw
 Starling I saw	 Magpie I saw
 Woodpigeon I saw	 Great tit I saw

Your name: Maxwell

When we were
going we
look for some
birds we find
a Robin and
a Blue tit
and a Great
tit and a
the wood
pigeon it was
so interesting.

Independent writing by Daniel (Y1)

Mid-day Supervisor: We are delighted to welcome Amy Hatton who is joining us as our daily Mid-day Supervisor. She will supervise the children during their lunch and in the playground.

School Improvement Focus: This week, some of our teachers were able to join colleagues from other local schools for writing moderation. This is where teachers examine examples of their children's writing and discuss

what features show that the child is working at the Age Related Expectation or what the child still needs to improve in order to meet those criteria. This helps to ensure that all teachers of the same age group have similar expectations. The teachers also benefit from discussing with each other the approaches and strategies that they are finding to be most successful. Thank you to Melbourn Primary School for hosting this.

Entrance Work: Thank you for your patience this week regarding the work that is taking place to make our steps and pathway safer. We are hoping the work will be completed early next week.

Road Etiquette: An incident has been reported to us from a new arrival to the village, when she experienced some poor road manners. Whilst we are not sure if the incident involved anyone from our school we would kindly ask everyone to be courteous in observing the highway code. Thank you.



We will be celebrating British Science Week on Thursday 15th & Friday 16th March. Children will take part in exciting hands-on activities related to this year's theme of Exploration and Discovery, including a special visitor to the school to talk about 'The Darwin Experience' and his story on HMS Beagle, when we will have the opportunity to handle some exotic animals.

Please return your form to advise us if your child has any allergies or anxiety. We are inviting parents to help out on the day with practical activities or even to talk to the children about your related work or interests.

Cool School Club



We have had an eventful week having to make some adjustments to our session to allow for the snow. The children have enjoyed making rabbits from cardboard tubes, have built magnificent structures with the wooden blocks, and have played subbeteo. The heating has now been repaired in the 'Ark' so hopefully next week things will be back to normal again. Thank you for your understanding.

Helen & all Staff



Parents Evening: Have you booked your appointment time for Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th March

Royston Crow: Please look out for the article in this week's 'Crow' about our success in winning a Tesco award.

Volunteers: Thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent meeting. We always appreciate our volunteer helpers. Please do let us know if you have any spare time.

Sports Relief:

To recognise Sports Relief the children will be doing a 1-mile run in P.E. on Monday 26th 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:

Saturday 17th March, 10am Please hold this date; we need as many helpers as possible for the next tidy-up phase. More details to follow.

'Mother's Day':

The PTFA are holding two workshops to help the children create something lovely to take home for Mother's Day. The cost is £3.50 and is due on **Wednesday 7th March**. It is all taking place during school time and monies can be paid in advance or on the day via the school office. There will be additional items to purchase for other special people in their lives priced between £1-£2 if you wish to send them in with some extra money on Friday 9th March.

The PTFA would welcome any volunteers on Wednesday/Thursday 1-3.15pm next week please to help with Mother's Day painting workshop.

Gardening Club:

We are looking to reestablish the gardening club to start after the Easter break. We need volunteers!! If you are interested please express an interest to the office, it will be wonderful to bring this very popular club back to the school - the children love it!

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-school	Eleanor Sellers	Sophia Bates
Class 1	Toby Leaman- Eggleton Freddie Barnes	Noah Speed Amy Doherty
Class 2	Amélie Seymour Jake Lans	Bobby Green Leighton Green
Class 3	Corrina Kendall Imogen Weaver	Inēs Pocock Izzie Carlomagno

Thought for the week:

“What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.”
— William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*

Collective Worship Theme for the week

The importance of names

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Diary Updates and Reminders

6 March, 3.30-5pm	Parent Teacher Meeting
7 March, 5-7pm	Parent Teacher Meeting
8 March	World Book Day - Author Visit
26 March (Mon)	P.E. 'Sports Relief' - 1 mile run
23 March	'Sports Relief' Activity
26th March Monday, 2.30pm & 6.30pm	Parents' Forum All parents welcome to attend
29 March (Thursday)	Easter Holidays to 16/4

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