



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2017

Head teachers update

The end of my first half-term as Headteacher here has arrived, far more quickly than I may have felt it would at the start of September. This has been a very busy start to the school year and I have a strong feeling that this will continue. It has also been very enjoyable.

I am very pleased with how hard staff are working to meet the children's needs and enable them to make good progress in their learning. I am also pleased with the way that the children are responding and the enthusiasm and hard work that they are exhibiting.

Thank you to the visitors that have come in this term to support the school in a variety of ways and I am grateful that they all have had a very positive impact on the children's learning and development.

During this week, Class 3 have been out on a trip and have organised and run their Charity fund-raising day. There is more information about both of these in this newsletter. The other class teachers are planning their trips and organising for visitors to come in to enrich the curriculum. Class 2 are looking forward to their visit from staff (with artefacts) from Royston Museum during the week back after half term.

For our School Development Plan work this week, we have been updating more assessments & setting targets for each class for what we expect to achieve in reading, writing & maths by the end of this school year. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half-term. Jeremy Fisher

'Cool' After School Club

The dates for the next Spanish Club have now been arranged; please contact the school office for details. The children enjoyed jacket potatoes, with cheese and beans for snack this week, taking advantage of having the new oven in the Ark. He children have enjoyed playing with the animals and farmyard.

I hope everyone has a lovely half-term break.



Magpies' fundraising event on Wednesday raised £78.21 for their chosen charity, the RSPCA! The children worked extremely hard and we thank everyone who supported this - parents, carers and all the children who came along with pocket money to spend on cakes and games. We all had a lovely afternoon!



Does your child like to draw?

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have launched an art competition inviting children under 12 to get busy during the half-term. Get your pens and paints out and submit a drawing to fit the theme 'The Police'. Engaging with young people and listening to their experiences is an important part of the Police role and they are encouraging the young people of Cambridgeshire to think about the role they play within the communities.

The competition has 2 age categories (under 5's, 6-12years), and closes on 29 October.

The winners will receive a personalised tour of our headquarters in Huntingdon and entries will be displayed across the force.

All entries should be sent to:

corporate.communications@cambs.pnn.police.uk, by post to Corp Comms, Hinchingsbrooke Park, Huntingdon, PE29 6NP or Facebook (@CambridgeshireConstabulary) or Twitter (@CambsCops).

Class 3: Duxford Air Museum



'Magpie' class visited Duxford Imperial War Museum on Friday 13th and enjoyed a fabulous trip. The children all enjoyed learning more about the Battle of Britain and seeing Spitfires and Lancaster Bombers at close range! They particularly enjoyed the airspace interactive activities. May we say a big thank you to our volunteer helper, Mr McCulloch, whose assistance was greatly valued. Again, the children's good behaviour and enthusiasm made the teachers proud of their class!

Sweet Treat Fridays



After half-term, the PTFA will be setting up a hot chocolate and cookie stall every Friday at 3.15pm, in the bike shed. Please bring some money and stock up on treats for the weekend or scoff them all on your way home!!

50p for hot chocolate
50p per cookie

If you're able to donate cookies (made or paid) that would be brilliant.

Recruiting

Guilden Morden are looking for a **'Mid-day Supervisor'** to work in our dining hall. Working every day 12 - 1.15pm to set up and supervise lunch-time activities amongst helpful, friendly children. The position is temporary with a view to being permanent. Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

And **'School Cook'** (as attached flyer)

'School Cleaner' Pre-School are seeking a part-time cleaner (3 x 1 hr per week, Tues/Wed/Fri, between 1pm-3pm). Apply to the office.



Christmas Wreath Making

Reminder: to book your place on the Christmas Wreath making workshop, with the office and £10 deposit.

Friday 1st December or

Saturday 2nd December,

7- 9.30 pm at the School Hall.

No previous knowledge required as our professional florist will guide you. Tickets £35 includes all materials, a welcome drink, and your wreath. Everyone welcome.

'Cauliflower' Cards

The Christmas card for the children to design themselves has gone home in readiness for some great artwork! Please return your design with the order form and money by Monday 30th October. Thank you.

Bags 2 School (PTFA)

Is a company that collects good quality second-hand clothing for re-use. According to the weight of items that they receive they will pay the school an amount as free-fundraising for the school.

Bags have been sent to you and we would appreciate if you could start collecting adult and children clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. More bags available from the office.

Collection will be on Tuesday 21 November.



CUFC: Friday Activity Club

Please sign up for the Friday after-school activity club, commencing on Friday 3 November, 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Children will have the opportunity to try different sports each week, 6 weeks for £21.00



Mini Magpies FC

Morden Magpies FC are setting up a new team for children in Reception and Year 1' and new players are needed. The primary focus will be on putting in place the essentials and having fun so it doesn't matter if your child has hardly kicked a ball or can already do step-overs; everyone will have the chance to develop.

Attached is a flyer giving details of their first training session [on Saturday 21st October](#).

Thought for the week:

"THE SECRET OF CHANGE IS TO FOCUS ALL OF YOUR ENERGY, NOT ON FIGHTING THE OLD, BUT ON BUILDING THE NEW."

— SOCRATES

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Changing Lives

The weekly newsletter will now be 'paperless' Let us know you would still prefer to receive a paper version!

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Scarlett Dyer	Ellie Brown
Class 1	Daniel Taran Freddie Barnes	Finley Pinnock Toby Leaman-Eggleton
Class 2	Kayden Brear Abbie Pinnock	Matteo Pocock Leo Kendall
Class 3	Imogen Weaver Chloe Green	Ben Chapman Max Davis Scott

Diary Updates and Reminders

23-27 October	Half-Term holiday
3 rd November	CUFC Activity starts, after school
21 st November	'Bags2School'
1 st December	Christmas Fayre, after school
1 st /2 nd December	Christmas Wreath making, 7.30pm
18 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 December	End of Term

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