



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 20th April 2018

Head teachers update

I hope that you all had a good Easter Holiday break. Thank you to all the parents who helped children complete homework and keep up with their reading and other learning activities. The holiday diaries that class one completed were really enjoyable to read and demonstrated that they (with your support) had worked very hard.

School Improvement Focus:

This week we have had training for the teachers on how best to use the accelerated reader and star reader programme and have been discussing when and how to introduce it to the children in class 2. Class 3 are already using this programme.

Easter Egg Hunt:

The PTFA did a fabulous job of raising over £111 on the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a lot of fun and their easter eggs put them in the right mood for starting off the Easter holidays. A big thank you to Candy and all of the PTFA helpers who put a lot of time and effort in to this event.

Road Safety:

Following recent concerns over traffic around the school, particularly during drop off / pick up times we have had a meeting with the local road safety officer. We are attaching a letter from our local traffic management officer who has advised us. Please do take a few moments to read this, and we would appreciate your support in being thoughtful and responsible in ensuring our pupil's safety during arrival and departure from the school.

Pond Clean Up: - Sunday 22nd April

Thank you so much to the parents and helpers who have been working on the pond area this week, as they are already making good progress. *Please do join us on Sunday to continue with this work.* I am hoping that we will enjoy pleasant but not too hot weather. For reasons of safety, please could any children who come be actively involved and supervised by an adult. One of our Governors, Sarah will be opening the gates at 10:00 am and the school will be open to enable access to toilets. I will be locking up at about 1:00 pm. Please remember sun hats and sun cream as well as wellies.

Play Equipment: Following our successful fund raising, we are now in the process of having the new equipment installed. The children are very excited and we are really looking forward to having the trim trail and being able to go on it at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please be aware that there will be a fenced off area for a week or so and please could parents assist us with the health and safety by making sure their children do not go near the area before or after school.

Jeremy Fisher

Neighbourhood Watch

Police Officer, James Lynch, will be holding a police surgery at The Melbourn Hub, High St, Melbourn on Tuesday 24th April 2018 between the hours of 11:00 - 14:00. This is a chance to come and chat to the local officer about any pressing concerns you may have in the village or feel free to pop along for a coffee and a general chat. The crime reduction officer should also be in attendance for the first 2 hours giving advice about home security and a chance to buy some home security devices.

Please feel free to pass this on to friends and family who may live in Melbourn or surrounding villages.



Scholastic Book Fair: The last day that we will be selling children's books is Monday 23rd April, 3.20pm - 4pm. There is offer of buy 2 books get another 1 free; and remember all monies raised helps us towards funding of our school library books.

Mad Science Club:

Our new activity 'Mad Science' club will commence on Monday 11th June for 6 weeks (to 16 July), at a cost of £46.50 per child. Please note that this commencement date is postponed by one week due to teacher training on 4th June. We look forward to you reserving your space with the office.

RESUS Training: Tuesday 24th April at 3.30pm & 7pm in the Hall, or Wednesday 25th 7pm at Steeple Morden. Please do confirm your attendance with the office.

Spanish:

Classes recommence on Thursday 26th April until 24th May (half-term) only.



Gardening:

Gardening club will commence on Monday 23rd April, at 3.15pm. A consent form is going home today to be completed for each child attending. It will cost £2 per child per session to be paid half termly. It is still possible to register on Monday.

Please note that after the half-term break, this gardening club will be changed to Thursdays to temporarily replace the Spanish class, and to allow for those wishing to attend Mad Science Club.

Pond Clean Up: - Sunday 22nd April 10am - 1pm
We welcome all volunteers.

Thought for the week:

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is”
Anne Frank

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Christianity around the world.

Diary Updates and Reminders

22 April (Sunday) 10 am - 1pm	Pond Tidy-Up - volunteers please
23 April (Monday) 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Gardening Club commences
24 April (Tues) 3.30pm and 7pm	Swimming RESUS training £1 contribution
25 April (Wed) 7pm Steeple Morden School	Swimming RESUS training £1 contribution
7 May (Mon)	Spring Bank Holiday
28 May-5 June (Tues)	Half-Term Holiday, includes a teacher training INSET day.
11 June (Monday)	Mad Science Class starts
23 July (Monday), 1.45pm	Last day of Summer Term
6 th September 2018 (Thursday)	Autumn Term 2018 commences. Term dates on the website

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-school	-	Peggy Appleby
Class 1	Finley Pinnock Ella-Louise Groom	Theo Keeble Noah Speed
Class 2	Bobby Green Jake Lans	JJ Datu Leighton Green
Class 3	Ines Pocock Izzie Carlomagno	Millie Robinson Brooke Richards

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