



# Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

## Head teachers update

### School Plan Focus

The teachers and I have benefitted from another training session on the use of Accelerated Reader. We are keen to make the best use of this software and to promote reading throughout the school and our new staff have had quite a steep learning curve, catching up with what the programme does and how to use it effectively. The quizzes that the children take after completing a book provide a very useful opportunity for them to show their understanding and to develop their comprehension skills. The software also provides information for the teacher on how well the child's comprehension is progressing. The more books that the child reads and the more quizzes that they take, the more information the teacher has. This is very useful in helping the teacher to focus and prioritise their teaching. The Accelerated Reader company are not keen for schools to allow children to take quizzes at home as there is a possibility that the child is not completing them independently, therefore if your child does them at home, please make sure that they are completed without assistance so that the outcomes reflect their individual skills, knowledge and understanding.

We have also been planning some of our curriculum enrichment activities, so please look out for further information about our Harvest and Remembrance Services, Magpies class's Ely Cathedral visit, a KS2 Romans Experience Day and a whole school 'Limitless Games' morning with the staff and volunteers from the Charity Steel Bones, when they will learn about and take part in inclusive sports.

**Reception Children** - Thank you Reception parents for your flexibility and support with the staggered start for the children. The children have all settled in extremely well and made the start we hoped they would, thus setting them up for an enjoyable and successful year and hopefully for their entire schooling. They will now begin their full time school day.

**Class 3** have been continuing their Romans topic with some art and crafts work. To help protect the children's clothing during Act activities, could you please give your child an old adult sized shirt or t-shirt to keep at school, which will hopefully save on unnecessary extra washes!



### Heidi Allen Visit

We were delighted to welcome Heidi Allen, MP to visit the school today. She was visiting to see the changes being made to the school, as well as our new playground equipment. Heidi Allen joined the children for their assembly who sang several songs beautifully.



Heidi also had a discussion with myself and some of our Governors about how well the school is doing and

offered her support and a few ideas on communicating how well the school is doing to the wider community, with a view to getting the number of children on role back to the ideal numbers. She also invited our school council members to visit parliament and learn more about democracy and government. We will keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a good weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

### Cool School Club



The children have enjoyed various activities this week, including 'four in a row' and chess challenges.

Coding Club has started and the children really enjoyed learning how to create a game, then play it, complete with lots of interesting sound effects!

Thank you

Helen and all the Club staff.

### Guilden Morden 'St Mary's Church'

#### Harvest Food Fayre at

St Marys Church, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-2pm  
A selection of home made products from local artisans are available for purchase, as well as snacks from 'The Belfry Cafe'.



#### Multi-Sports Activity

Our multi-sports activity club will continue on Fridays, for each term. This 6 weeks term will cost £20 per child. Please register with the office in preparation.

#### Drama Academy

Please see the attached flyer regarding Helen O'Grady developmental drama lessons. If your child is interested to attend do let the office know.



#### Teddy Bear's Picnic!

Please purchase your tickets for the Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.15-5pm. Tickets will be £5 and this includes a picnic, treats, prizes and lots of fun games. All welcome - main school, pre-school, siblings and parents!

#### Baby and Children's Second-hand Sale

Thank you for all the donations so far for the Steeple Morden Church stall tomorrow (Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept). We do look forward to your friends and family joining us.

#### Collection for Kathryn Weddepohl

Nicola Chapman would like you to sign the card and donate towards a small 'thank you' gift for Kathryn. Please see her by the end of day on Monday.

### Crime Prevention/Home Security

There will be a crime prevention meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, between 15.30-19.00, at the Steeple Morden Village Hall.

They are welcoming all villagers to attend to discuss any concerns with the Crime Prevention officers.

### East West Railroad Meeting

There is a proposed railroad that will run along the edge of the village. The route and details can be seen on <https://www.eastwestrail.org.uk> as well as Facebook and Twitter pages 'cambedrailroad'.

You are invited to attend the meeting at the Guilden Morden Village Hall on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm.

### Thought for the week:

'Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.' ~Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Think about what words you use

James 3: 1-12

Awards:	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Toby & Ella G	Amy & Ellie B
Class 2	Bobby & Bonnie	Amélie & Leighton
Class 3	Max & Sophie	Alex & Isobel

### Diary Updates and Reminders

24-27 Sept	Class 3 -Bikeability Training
27 September	Teddy Bear's Picnic, 3.15pm-5pm
4 October (Thurs)	Class 3 - Ely Cathedral
19 October (Fri)	Harvest Festival Church Service
22-26 October	Half-Term Holiday
9 November (Fri)	Class 2 & 3 'Romans Day'
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018

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