



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2017

Head teachers update

Thank you for attending the 'meet the teacher' session this week. It was great to see so many of you. The teachers want me to add their thanks to those who came. As part of our intention to keep you informed and able to support your child/ children's learning we are sending out information about the week ahead on Mondays, so look out for the note in the communication book for class 1 and the email for classes 2 and 3.

Your child may have told you but in case they haven't, we have renamed the classes:

Class 1 - Robins; Class 2 - Swallows;

Class 3 - Magpies.

Please remember that if you have any issues, do speak to the teacher, but please be aware that at the start of the day they are busy focusing on being ready for teaching and making sure the children all come in safely and start the day productively, so would prefer it if you could speak to them at the end of the day. I am also around most mornings.

Each week the staff and I will have a School Improvement Focus that we work on during our staff meeting. This week it was the progress shown in the children's books and I was pleased to see the amount of work that is going into the books as well as the start that has been made to ensure the work is beginning to show high expectations in relation to the children's presentation and learning.

Jeremy Fisher

'Cool' After School Club

This week in Spanish the children were learning the names of foods and saying what they liked to eat. The children have also been doing embroidery and sewing clothes for various dolls and soft toys. Next week, we are going to start designing insect logos for putting onto t-shirts using fabric pens. There has also been a lot of building with stacking cups and seeing how high

they can build towers.

Helen and all the club staff

Governor's Update

After what seems a very short summer break the Local Governing Body has had its first meeting of the year. It is our intention to give a brief summary of the outcome of each of these meetings to help you all have some knowledge of our activities. Last year we focussed on the reorganisation and staff structure of the school, and are delighted in that we now have a fantastic and permanent teaching and support team in place. Now we can build on those foundations and help all the children be the best that they can be, in a safe and fun environment.

The meeting this week focussed on Mr Fisher's report on his first impressions, and the School Development Plan. This is a plan that that we can use to coordinate our work and resources including time, in order to make sure our school is constantly improving for all of the children (and to measure the Head Teacher's performance!) He reported that he had enjoyed his first weeks as Head Teacher of the school enormously and that he was excited and confident about the future.

We reviewed the Safeguarding action plan (always a focus for us) and also discussed the marketing of the school and out of school arrangements, as we see that as key to our ongoing sustainability. Our immediate focus is to complete the great work done on the new website.

We have been busy applying for Grants which will enable us to provide some new playground equipment, which we desperately need. This is not a quick process, but we are hoping we will be successful in our applications. However, the school has secured the funding to enable the erection of a more secure perimeter fence. In addition, we are planning to change the access arrangements to the front of the

school, following some feedback from our parents meeting in the summer. We will endeavour to get this done as soon as possible.

Finally we were really pleased that so many Parents were able to attend the 'Getting to know the Teachers' meeting' which was held on Tuesday afternoon. We will be holding more of these, and thank you to those who were volunteering to help and your suggestions for improvement - the feedback is really helpful. Thank you all for supporting the school, and we look forward to working together for a successful future. Mark Robinson

European Day of Languages

- 26th September -



We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages (EDL). It is a time to celebrate the 6,000+ languages which are spoken around the world, to promote language learning and for us to have some multilingual fun at the same time!

Our event will take place during the afternoon on Tuesday 26th September, and we have organised four different activities. The children will be in their house groups and will be learning about different countries and languages through dance, painting and research. The main idea is that they will get to understand how important it is to learn other languages and know more about the world.

We would like to set up a challenge for the children ahead of this day.

- How many countries are there in the world where your first language (e.g. English) is spoken?
- How many people around the world speak your language?

You could also research the use of other languages too and the countries/numbers of people for those languages.

It would be great if any research or homework could be carried out during the weekend, and brought in for [next Tuesday](#).

Mrs Berrio

Reminders



Footwear should be black 'school' shoes for all children. If children prefer to wear their boots or trainers to walk to school or playtime, they should change during school hours.

WE ARE 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. The position is temporary with a view to being permanent.

Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

We also have a **School Catering** vacancy within this school. Please look at the attached flyer.

Wimpole at War

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sep. 10.30am-5pm there will be an event at Wimpole Hall. There will be skirmishes, food, singing, dancing which seems like a good opportunity to join in. For more info enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Lunchtime Activity Club



Our PE Teacher, Chloe Jackson, will be organising a lunchtime Netball Club every Thursday. This will be for Class 3 only, and free of charge, to enable the children to develop their netball skills.

100 Club (PTFA)

Congratulations to the recent winners, and thank you for your continued support.

July:

DThompson (65), A Targett (88), A Bishop(11)

August:

S Laskey (74), N Laskey (10), J Davis-Roach (17)

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Daniel Taran Amy Doherty	Ophelia Hall Ella-Louise Groom
Class 2	Kayden Brear Matteo Pocock	Andrew Hostler Abbie Pinnock
Class 3	Max Davis-Roach Ephram Hall	Alex Baxter Corrina Kendall

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

Diary Updates and Reminders

26 th September	European Day of Languages
28 th September	Pre-School Open Day, 930-12
3 rd October, Tues	Ely Cathedral Day - Class 3
11 th October, 9.30	Church, Harvest Festival
23-27 October	Half-Term holiday
19 December	End of Term

Thought for the week:

*"We read that we ought to forgive our enemies;
but we do not read that we ought to forgive our
friends."□*

Sir. Francis Bacon

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Collective Worship Theme for the week

Forgiveness