



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Head teachers update

Well done to Magpies Class and their staff for organising such a meaningful and beneficial WW2 Tea Party. It was very rewarding to observe the children spending time with members of the local community and learning from their life experiences. I was delighted with the positive feedback I received including one grandparent expressing his amazement regarding the variety of learning experiences and activities that have already taken place this school year.

Please read this extract from one of the children's writing today and also have a look at the article in this newsletter.

*"Magpie Class invited visitors from the local community to talk to us about their experiences and memories of WW2. I found it really interesting to talk to Mr Targett who was three when WW2 started. His favourite (rationed) meal was shepherd's pie but there wasn't much meat" Layla*

### Anti-Bully Poster Competition:

Well done to all of the children who entered the Anti-bully Week poster competition.

The winners were Max (KS2) and Amy (KS1)



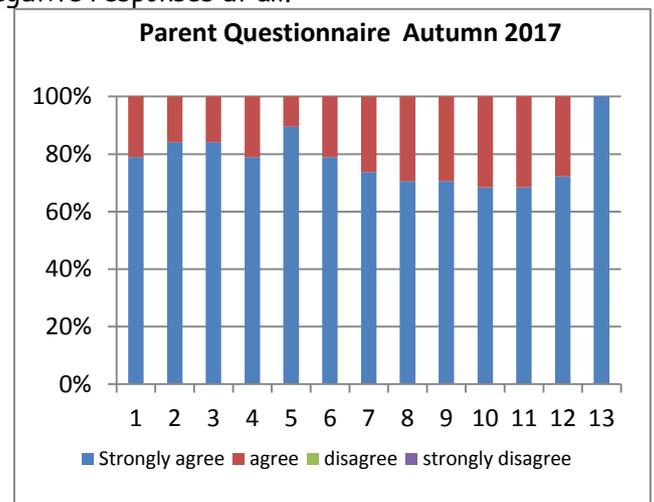
and the runners up were Leo (KS2) and Mateo (KS1)

### Pokemon Cards:

We have recently experienced problems with children swapping Pokemon cards and then feeling unhappy with the swap. The children have been informed that swapping is not acceptable in school. Unfortunately, this has not solved the problem, so I am now making the decision that Pokemon cards should not be brought into school (unless as part of a planned activity, organised by a member of staff)

## Parent Feedback:

Thank you for completing the questionnaires. I am delighted to see that parents agree or agree strongly to all of the questions about the school. There were no negative responses at all.



We will continue to work on the areas that have lower 'strongly agree' percentages. They are:

7. Ensuring a good standard of behaviour
8. Ensuring that poor behaviour does not have a negative impact on learning
9. The way we deal with bullying
10. How much the school helps parents to support their child's learning
11. The way we respond to parental concerns
12. How we keep parents informed.

I will be putting more information, including a list of the questions about this on the school website on a page titled Parent Survey (in the news and events section)

### End of Term - Leaving early:

Thank you for your time in responding to my consultation. It is important that we consult and gather opinions before making key decisions. Almost half of the responses expressed concern over leaving school early this term, but many were in agreement for the future. Therefore, for this term on 19 December we will close at the usual time of 3.15pm. The governors and I will discuss this at our next meeting so that any future changes will be made, allowing time for parents to plan accordingly.

Jeremy Fisher

### Primary School Application:

Should you know of anyone making an application to Reception next years, they may have experienced a problem in registering. This has been due to the Cambridgeshire County Council Admissions team not recognising us as our new DEMAT academy status with DEMAT. This error has now been rectified and please encourage your friends to make the online application again (up until 15 January 2018) via [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)



### Magpies Class

On Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Magpies held a WW2 tea party, and welcomed a number of visitors to our school. They were invited to retell their stories and memories of their experiences during the WW2.



A big thank you to all the parents who provided some delicious cakes for the event.

The whole of class 3 behaved impeccably in welcoming, talking and assisting our elderly visitors. We have already received one commendation:

*" Just to say thank you to you both and your class for inviting me to such an enjoyable afternoon yesterday. Not only was I able to see your school for myself that two of my grandchildren and a daughter in law tell me so much about, but spending time with the class.*

*Over and above the impeccable manners and politeness of the children it was the genuine interest of wanting to know, wanting to listen, and following up with more questions that was my lasting impression. This is a credit to you and the school and will serve the class well in their future lives. Max Pocock".*

### Cool School Club



This week we have been able to take advantage of having an oven in 'The Ark' and enjoying baked potatoes for snack. The children have been filling glass jars and decorating them to support the PTFA's Christmas fayre. Although I am not sure how many sweets have been eaten in the process?! We would still like any donated jars that we can decorate with ribbon and fabric to use as pencil pots. Thank you.

*Helen and all the staff*

### Recruiting

Guilden Morden are looking to fill these permanent positions:-

'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.

'School Cook' &

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

Please contact [office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk)



### Christmas Fayre (PTFA)



The PTFA warmly invite you to join us at the...

**-- CHRISTMAS FAYRE --**  
**Friday 1st December**  
**3.15pm, in School Hall**

There will be lots of fun games, tombola, raffle, gifts and more!

We will still be open at 4.15pm, if your child is at Sports Club then you can still join us afterwards - you won't miss out on the fun!!

Look forward to seeing you there!!

### -- DONATIONS REQUEST --

The PTFA are kindly asking for tombola and lucky dip items to be donated for the Christmas Fayre. We are after a mix of goodies; small pocket money toys, bubbles, soap, colour pencils, fun and funny items! Please drop anything into reception, many thanks!

### -- SWEETIE JARS --

We hope that you can all have fun in decorating and filling your Christmas Sweetie jars, and look forward to the possibility of winning it back at the Fayre! Please hand all decorated jars into reception - many thanks!

### -- ELFRIDGES --

The PTFA are setting up their Christmas shop on THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER!!

This is an exciting opportunity for your children to purchase gifts for their friends and family. There is nothing for you to do except send your child in with some money (gifts priced between £1 - £3), purchases will be made during the school day and wrapped ready to pop under the tree when they get home! There will also be an opportunity for the children to write their letters to Santa and I am informed that he writes back!!

## Christmas Wreath (PTFA)

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December or

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December,

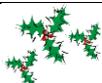
7- 9.30 pm at the School Hall.

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

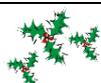


### Remembrance:

Thank you for your support in collecting **£53.68** towards this cause.



### Christmas Reminders



The children of **Class 2 & 3** will be performing their school **Nativity Play** on Tuesday 12 December 1.30pm and Wednesday 13 December at 6pm. As usual, the play will be preceded with some Christmas carols on the piano performed by our musicians.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December will be our **Christmas Lunch Festivities**. So that we can gauge numbers, **please can you let the office know as soon as convenient to book your child's Christmas lunch.**



*Menu: Roast Turkey with sausage, stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and peas, followed by a Christmas chocolate crispie cake.*

We will be wearing **Christmas jumpers** on this day!

**Nativity play for Class 1** will be part of the Christmas Church Service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. All families are welcome to join us for this service, and as usual we are happy for you to walk with us to the church.

### Reminder



Don't forget to support our school playground project by shopping in Tesco in Royston and collecting as many tokens at the checkout to vote for Guilden Morden School. Voting is open through November & December.

## AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Eleanor Sellers	Scarlett Dyer
Class 1	Amy Doherty Noah Speed	Toby Leaman-Eggleton Theo Keeble
Class 2	Amelie Seymour Bonnie Saban	Kayden Brear Jake Lans
Class 3	Ben Chapman Ines Pocock	Whole of Class 3 for their excellent behaviour at the WW2 tea party.

### Thought for the week:

*Use what talents you possess;  
the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there  
except those that sang best.*

- Henry Van Dyke

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

The Parable of the Talents

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

### Diary Updates and Reminders

1 <sup>st</sup> December	3.15pm Christmas Fayre, after school
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Wreath making, 7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> December	'Elfridges' shop
12 December,	1.30pm-School Nativity Play, Class 2&3
13 December	6pm - School Nativity Play, Class 2&3
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisation: Reception-Year4
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
19 December	9.30am Christmas church Service & Class 1 Nativity Play 3.15pm End of Term

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