



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

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

## Head teachers update

The children have returned to school after the half term break and have been undertaking a variety of activities this week. The children enjoyed the 'Get Healthy Day' on Thursday and I am sure that the coding trip in Cambridge today will be a great success.

Looking forward to next week, we will be having another Immersive Day for RE which will involve activities based around Lent. I think it is really important that we undertake these enrichment days as the children get such a great deal from them. It also enhances the curriculum and provides the children with a variety of different learning opportunities.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all during the coming terms. If you do have any concerns or issues please raise them with your child's teacher or do not hesitate to discuss them with myself.

## 'Get Healthy'



It was "Get Healthy Day' on Thursday when the children were involved in fun, interactive nutrition activities. Everyone Health encourage us all to swap the sugary drinks for healthier options, try to eat 5 portions of fruit and veg daily, plus exercise every day. These habits should become a normal part of everyday life for the whole family.

## National Measurement Programme

May we also remind Reception and Year 6 children that they will be measured on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at school, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. A letter was circulated to you in October and your consent given, you may obtain a further copy from the office.

## Pre-School

Pre-School will be issuing their own newsletter this week.

## Cool School Club

There will soon be a landline telephone connected in the mobile classroom and we will notify you of the number once it goes live. This can be used to contact staff and relay any messages during Club hours.

The suggestion box has flagged up a few requests. Does anyone have a game of Cluedo, or any books by the authors Jeff Kiney, Liz Pichon or J K Rowling, that they would like to donate to the Club.

We will be teaching the children to become more independent in making their own snacks, and own toast, spreading butter and jam. Perhaps, the younger ones could practise at home too!

As usual, please do contact any staff member with any queries. Thanks

Helen



### Recorder Sessions - Class 2 & 3

We are very lucky to be able to offer Recorder Lessons to Class 2 & Class 3 children. Sessions will commence this Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February and every Monday at 12.45pm-1.15pm in the School Hall.

There will be no charge for the sessions as it will be kindly organised by Mrs Nicola Chapman. Children may bring their own recorder or borrow temporarily. Recorders can also be purchased from the office. Please encourage your child to join in!

### School Disco

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 3.15pm – 5pm in School Hall**  
**Don't forget to buy your disco tickets**



Tickets are £5 (which includes a hotdog & drink) can be purchased from the office or Kristy at pre-school.

All children are welcome (pre-school and siblings too!). the children can bring their party clothes to change into at the end of the day. Children may wish to bring some pocket money to purchase extra drinks, sweets, glo-sticks, tattoos or even have their face painted. Staff and members of the PTFA will be present to supervise and you can collect your child from the back entrance at 5pm. We look forward to seeing some fine dance moves!!

### Breakfast Club Activity

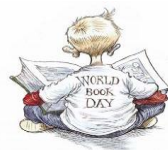
Matt Heneghan from Cambridge United Football Club holds their 'breakfast' activity session every Wednesday morning **7.45am - 8.45am.**

Please see attached flyer for discounted rates. Remember to wear home sports attire with a change into their uniform and a healthy breakfast snack to eat before school. Please do not leave your child unattended before the sports leader arrives at 7.40am.

Further enquiries [www.cuyd.co.uk](http://www.cuyd.co.uk) or through the office.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' at school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with a second hand book stall and cake sale after school.



World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, reading. As a school activity, children will be creating a short review upon their favourite book. You may like to talk this over with your child at home beforehand, discussing why they like the book, does it make them laugh, what is their favourite character and why?

We would also like to invite children to **dress up as a character from a book** (ideas like 'Where's Wally, Mildred Hubble, Harry Potter or Stickman! We kindly request a donation of £1 per child towards PTFA funds for school play equipment. PTFA

### Art Competition (PTFA)

Congratulations to Ophelia Hall who won the Art Competition as she designed a wonderful 'thank you' card for the PTFA.

It was difficult judging the many creative entries and we will be holding a formal thank you, with small gift from the PTFA for all those children, during next Friday's school assembly.



### Recruiting

**Cool Club Playworker** are looking for help on the following days

- Tuesdays after school 3-6pm
- Every morning 7.45 am - 8.45am

**Cleaner** - flexible working hours

Please do pass the word around if you have any friends or family seeking a part-time paid role.

### 100 Club (PTFA)

The lucky winners for January's 100 Club were:-

1st: (£14) O. WALPOLE (56)

2nd: (£9) N. LASKEY (10)

3rd: (£6) S. CORSER (87)

CONGRATULATIONS to you all, and thank you so much for your continued support. PTFA

### AWARDS

No awards have been awarded this week. Watch this space!

### Thought for the week:

"Cherish the small things because the smallest things can be everlasting and held forever."

### Christian value:

**'LOVE'**

Shrove Tuesday:

Please also pop into St Mary's Church between 12.30-2pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a sweet or savoury pancake with a drink for a £2 donation to the church.

Kind regards,

*Alan Wright*

*Head teacher*

### Diary Updates and Reminders

27 <sup>th</sup> February	R.E. Immersive Day (Lent)
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Recorder Lessons start (Monday)
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day - 'Dress Up'
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Child Measurement Programme (Reception & Year 6)
7 & 8 March	Parent/Teacher Meetings - Booking slots to be arranged nearer the time.
27 <sup>th</sup> March	'British Values Day'
Last day of Term	Friday 31 March
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini-Olympics, years 3&4

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