



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

Head teachers update

School Improvement

This week the teachers have started to apply some of their learning from the Talk for Writing project and they are already trialling some of the techniques with their classes. They have also started to put together an "Every day Writer's toolkit" that is used to help the children to get into good habits with their writing in terms of handwriting, spelling and punctuation.

Tesco Bags of Help Award

I received this email earlier on this week:

"Congratulations! We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Bags of Help vote in your local Tesco stores, your project came first and has been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant award of £4,000.00! Voting was held at Tesco stores between Wednesday 1st November to Monday 1st January and proved to be very successful with millions of votes being cast by Tesco Customers across England, Scotland and Wales."

So, thank you so much to all of the parents, carers and staff that shopped in Tesco and helped us to win this award. We still have some more money to raise, but are now much closer to our target amount of £8,000. The Governors and I will now be re-looking at the plans and I am still hopeful that we can get new play equipment for the children before the end of this school year.

Year 6 SATs meeting

Thank you to the Class 3 teachers for providing an opportunity to discuss their plans regarding the lead up to the SATs and thanks to the year 6 parents for attending the meeting. We will be sending information and resources out next week.

'Open the Book' and Father John

We have been fortunate to have two different sets of visitors in our collective worship this week. "Open the Book" shared the story of Jacob and Esau and Father John talked to the children about Christian Unity and how different Christian Churches can help and support each other.

J Fisher

Cool School Club



This week the children have been learning the different parts of the face in Spanish, listening to songs and making wool pompoms or tassels to be used as book marks, whilst following the instructions in Spanish.

In Club, the children have enjoyed jacket potatoes as a snack and have been practising lots of skipping!

Cool Club Staff

P.T.F.A.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have big plans to 'make-over' the pond area and have a safety grate being fitted over the pond after half term in the hope that the area will become an exciting and useable space by Springtime. I think you'll all agree that having access to pond dipping, growing/nurturing plants etc. will be a great asset to the school but most importantly will be super fun for the children (and educational).

WE NEED YOUR HELP... on Sunday 28th January from 10.30am we will be clearing the area.

If you are available for a couple of hours or more then please do join us. Please bring gloves, shovels, pruning tools, strimmer, gardening bags etc. If you are able to help also with the removal of garden waste please let us know - Thank you!

PTFA

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



UNIFORM ORDER: Please see the attached list of uniform items currently available, please make your order requests to nicolaachapman@gmail.com by Friday 2nd February.

VOLUNTEER MEETING: on 9 February at 2pm

PARENTPAY: We would appreciate if you could settle your outstanding payments by 9th February.

Cake Sale



There will be a 'Muffin Mayhem' cake sale on **Monday 29 January** in aid of 'Cancer Research' charity.



This event (being organised by Isobel, Sophie, Imogen and Ines in Magpie Class) will take place at morning break on this

Monday. Please give your children some small change to purchase a cake (20p biscuits, 30p cakes).

Should any parent wish to bake and donate any cakes this would be much appreciated.



Dress-Down Day:

We would like to assist a local charity, Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire, who offer support to families with at least one child under the age of 11.

Home Start have organized a local fund-raising campaign, for schools in Royston and the surrounding area, to unite for one Dress Down day on **Friday 9th February 2017**.

For a suggested donation of £1 each child may come to school in "mufti". All children will receive a sticker. We ask that children please wear sensible clothing and shoes.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Eleanor Sellers	Ellie Brown
Class 1	Ophelia Hall Noah Speed	Freddie Barnes Finley Pinnock
Class 2	Amelie Seymour Bonne Saban	Bobby Green Leighton Green
Class 3	Alex Baxter Ephram Hall	Layla Millie Robinson

Thought for the week:

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Jesus's First Miracle

Diary Updates and Reminders

28 January -Sunday	10.30am Clearing the Pond area
29 January (Mon)	Cake Sale for Cancer Research
9 February, 2pm	Volunteer Meeting
9 February	'Dress-Down' Day
12-16 February	Half-Term Holiday
1 March	KS2 Cross Country event
22 March	P.E. 'Sports Relief' - 1 mile run
23 March	'Sports Relief' Activity
29 March (Thursday)	Easter Holidays

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