



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Head teachers update

**Parents Forum:** I was pleased by the number of parents who came to the forum meetings on Monday. We did have a larger turnout for the afternoon than for the evening. We discussed a number of issues including assessment, communication and our School Improvement priorities. Thank you for being involved and for being part of some very informative and useful discussions.

### School Improvement Focus

This week we have been thinking about the way we assess the children's abilities in PE and starting to think ahead with regards to the end of year reports that we will be producing and sending to you.

**Church Service:** This week, we had a lovely, but poignant Easter Service at St Mary's Church. The children sang the Easter songs beautifully and shared parts of the Easter story. The re-enactment of the crucifixion was quite moving. Canon Williams, gave a very interesting recount of Onkey the Donkey's visit to the church as well as emphasising the Christina message about Holy Week and Easter. I am again grateful to the parents who joined us, the staff and children who worked hard preparing and the church community for welcoming and supporting us.

**Easter breakfast:** We prepared our traditional 'Easter breakfast' for the children this morning- hot cross buns and juice, together with their favourite rendition of the 'chicken song'. Whilst this song was new to me, it was obviously enjoyed by all the children participating in all the actions too!



## Easter Egg Hunt:

I am sure that the children are now eager to take part in the Easter Egg hunt this afternoon and hope the rain stays away until it is over.

### Writing inspired by the Grafham Water visit:

The children in class 3 are making a book of their experiences. Although not completely edited yet, they have shown their ability to really engage the reader and create powerful writing. These are two examples:

### POWER BOATING

As I put on my buoyancy aid I felt the roaring wave of bravery inside of me. I walked the bridge to the power boat I felt like I was walking on water it was amazing. It just felt like being a life guard myself, I leapt in then I heard a rumble it was the boat engine then it started to move then it sped up then up then up until it was full speed then wwwwweeeeeee!!!! I went so fast my heart was racing like a fast car, it was so crazy then suddenly "whats your name?" asked the man driving the boat "do you wanna drive the boat?" so I said ok then I drove the boat and it felt so fun and I went a bit crazy with it

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### High ropes.

I looked up and I saw the ropes high above my head. My heart started pounding. Just imagine being up there, I could hardly breathe it was so high. I felt the cold breeze flowing into my body. I could feel my hands slowly freezing. The only thing I could think about was being up there it looked so high! I grip onto the ladder and with a strong squeeze so that I wouldn't fall off! Meanwhile the people on the ground were holding my harness tight to make sure that I was safe. My guts were tingling in anxiety. I felt my head pounding as I touched the rope. Eventually I came down onto the ground and I let out a sigh of relief.



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I hope you all have a restful Easter holiday, and look forward to seeing all of the children back at school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Jeremy Fisher

### Cool School Club



This week the children have been enjoying some Easter activities, including making a card Easter Egg Basket. In Spanish today the children are having a party; we will be trying different foods including Spanish potato and onion tortilla, serrano ham, chorizo, salchichon and manchego cheese. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children again for club on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Helen and the team



### 1 mile run

The children did a great job in running 1-mile for Sports Relief; some managed to run a lot more, as well as helping Chloe organise some fun lunchtime activities.

Following some outstanding donations and sponsorship money, the school has raised a total amount of £412.50. I am sure that you will agree that everyone did a fabulous job, especially Hannah who raised £85.00 alone.



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### GARDENING CLUB

We are planning to start gardening club the second week back after half term. If you are interested to volunteer by helping or running the club please do get in touch. A team with a range of gardening expertise will ensure a fun activity.

It will cost £2 per child per session to be paid half termly. Ideally we would like to run this on a Monday afternoon (only other available day is Thursday afternoon but realise this is the same day as Spanish club) 3.15 til 4.30pm. Children would need to bring their own wellies, trowels, gloves, protective clothing etc.



**Scholastic Book Fair:** We will be selling books from Friday 20 April until Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, after school. Please do spare some time to come and purchase some new children's books, which also raises funding towards our school library book area.

### Mad Science Club:

Our new activity 'Mad Science' club will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks, at a cost of £46.50 per child. We hope that this date will be suited to you, and we look forward to you reserving your space with the office.

**RESUS Training:** 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm & 7pm  
Please do confirm your attendance with the office.

### ParentPay:

We would appreciate you checking your Parentpay accounts and settling any outstanding payments for this term. Thank you.

### Pond Clean Up: - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

We welcome all volunteers. Please do let the office know.

## AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Conduct &amp; Values</b>
Pre-school	-	Scarlett Dyer
Class 1	Theo Keeble Ophelia Hall	Noah Speed Ella-Louise Groom
Class 2	Scott Davis Roach Abbie Pinnock	Matteo Pocock Bonnie Saban
Class 3	Ben Chapman Isobel Moore	Layla Gray Chloe Green

## Thought for the week:

This prayer (by Ben Chapman) was one of the many that the children wrote as part of their homework and preparation for the Easter Service.

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Please teach us why Jesus was so humble.  
He washed his disciple's feet, even Judas' feet, who betrayed him.  
He prayed in the Garden, even when his disciples fell asleep.  
He loved Simon Peter the same, even after he denied him.  
He was punished on a cross even when he had done nothing wrong.  
He prayed for his enemies that they might be forgiven.  
Father, forgive us, for we need so much to be humble.  
Amen

## Collective Worship Theme for the week

Holy Week and Easter

## Diary Updates and Reminders

29 March (Thurs)	Easter Holidays to 13/4
16 April (Monday)	Back to School
22 April (Sunday)	Pond Tidy-Up - volunteers
24 April (Tues)	Swimming RESUS training at 3.30pm and 7pm
7 May (Mon)	Spring Bank Holiday
28 May-5 June (Tues)	Half-Term Holiday, includes a teacher training INSET day.

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