



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

Head teachers update

This has been a very different week to the one I expected. As many of you are aware I have had to have a few days off this week. It has been very reassuring to observe how well the staff have worked and supported each other in my absence. I am delighted that we now have such a strong and capable team in the school.

Today in the celebration part of our collective worship, it was evident how much progress the children are making and how pleased and proud they are of themselves and each other, for their efforts and achievements. I look forward to seeing many of you during the parent consultations and I am sure you will see the progress your child is making. If you have not made an appointment, please contact Fran in the office as soon as possible.

I am also pleased at how helpful the class 3 pupils are being at lunchtime. Chloe, our sports teacher, has planned activities that are run by the children every lunchtime, so that over the week all of the children have a range of activities to try. Today a group from different classes were enjoying 'Fun Build Friday'.



Recently the kitchen had a food hygiene inspection and (drum roll please) they have been graded 5 (the highest grade) for cleanliness, so well done to Yasmine, the cook.

Please support our school by shopping at Tesco's in Royston by collecting tokens at the checkout and voting for Guilden Morden School. If we receive the majority number of tokens our school playground fund-raising project could get a significant boost from the Tesco Bags of Help Grant.

Jeremy Fisher

Governors Chat

The members of the Local Governing Board met again this week. One of the items on the agenda was our new Website, of which we are very proud, but we know that there is more information that can be included. The Head teacher and Staff are working hard to prepare and upload the items they really want to see on there, in addition to meeting compliance and best practice. One of our members is an expert in websites and marketing, and will be reviewing it with the Head teacher. If anyone has any further feedback on this then please let us know!

As part of our Marketing Campaign, we have organised for the Royston Crow to deliver our School Leaflet to certain areas in their Newspaper on 6th November. The leaflet will be reaching 8,000 households and we are hopeful to gain some interest for our school. Please do pass on to everyone, that the Head teacher will be delighted to show any future pupils and parents round the School, but please ring 01763 852318 for an appointment, so that he can allow a slot in his busy schedule to enjoy their visit!

A BIG 'Thank you' to Kirk Saban and the team at the Edward VII pub, who raised the money with some of our very own school children, on a very wet Summer's day, playing cricket which secured the funds to pay for the leaflet campaign!

We have been busy getting together some new Policies and we have been discussing the new School Development Plan. We have also reviewed the half-term data on progress when the Head teacher advised us of his plans for the pupil's future achievements. **We held this meeting on Monday afternoon and it was lovely to be in the school while the pupils were attending.** There is a definite air of excitement and ambition in the school and for this we must say a big 'thank you' to all the Pupils, School Staff and the Head teacher for their ongoing hard work and commitment.

'Cool' After School Club

Spanish classes commence on Thursday 9th - 7th December. (5 sessions)

Harvest Food Donations

Your generous donations of dried food items for the Harvest Festival were delivered to the Letchworth Food Bank during the half term holiday. They were very appreciative and wanted to pass on their sincere thanks to you all, saying that your contributions will really make a difference to local families in need. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal



In preparation for Remembrance Day on Saturday 11th November and our church service on Friday 10th, we shall be selling a small collection of items and poppies for a small donation towards the Poppy Appeal Fund. These items will be sold by the children of the student council on Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please do give some change for your child to donate.



Sweet Treat Fridays (PTFA)

Don't forget the PTFA will be setting up a hot chocolate and cookie stall every Friday at 3.15pm, commencing today, in the bike shed. Please bring some money and stock up on treats for the weekend or scoff them all on your way home!!

50p for hot chocolate
50p per cookie

If you're able to donate cookies (made or paid) that would be brilliant.

Recruiting

Please pass the word.....Guilden Morden are looking for :-
'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.
The position is temporary with a view to being permanent.
Please contact office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

And **'School Cook'** (as attached flyer)

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



Christmas Wreath Making (PTFA)

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

Friday 1st December or

Saturday 2nd 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.

Bags 2 School (PTFA)

Is a company that collects good quality second-hand clothing for re-use. According to the weight of items that they receive they will pay the school an amount as free-fundraising for the school.

Bags have been sent to you and we would appreciate if you could start collecting adult and children clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. More bags available from the office.

Collection will be on Tuesday 21 November.



Reminders:

Thursday 8am-8.40am (this term)

Running Club with Chloe Jackson, PE teacher.

Friday 3.20-4.20pm (6 weeks)

Multi-Sports Activity Club with Marc Abbott, CUFC

-Please Sign up at the office-

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Olivia Sellers Sophia Bates	Ellie Brown
Class 1	Ellie Green Theo Keeble	Toby Leaman-Eggleton Amy Doherty
Class 2	Amélie Seymour Jake Lans	JJ Datu Leighton Green
Class 3	Corrina Kendall Alex Baxter	Hannah Thompson Sophie Moore

Thought for the week:

"Wise are those who keep asking questions when everyone around them think they know the answers."
J. Bartell,

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Questions and Answers

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

Diary Updates and Reminders

23-27 October	Half-Term holiday
10 November	Class 3: Orienteering
7 th November 3.30pm-5.30pm	Parent Consultations
8 th November 5pm-7pm	Parent Consultations
21 st November	'Bags2School'
1 st December	Christmas Fayre, after school
1 st /2 nd December	Christmas Wreath making, 7.30pm
14 th December	Flu Immunisation: Reception-Year4
18 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 December	End of Term

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