



# Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Head teachers update

**School Improvement Focus:** Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This week we have been considering the needs and progress of children in school who have a Special Educational Need and updating their action plans. If you do have a concern that your child is having a difficulty of some sort that may indicate a Special Educational Need, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, or myself.

**DEMAT Review Visit:** This week, the Chair of Governors (Mark) and I met Lynn Lowery (DEMAT) to review the school improvement work that has taken place this year and identify any changes to our plans. One of our focus areas was the younger pupils in the school. I was very pleased that the progress Class 1 are making was highlighted as a strength of the school and there was enthusiastic acknowledgement of all of the many improvements that have taken place so far since last September. Well done to the staff and the children for their continued hard work. We are now coming up to the time in the school calendar when we carry out the statutory assessments to send to the DFE. These include outcomes at the end of the EYFS, phonics for year 1, Teacher Assessments for end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and SATS for Year 6. If you need any further information about any of these, please speak to your class teacher.

**Fencing and Security:**

We are still waiting for confirmation of when we will have some of our site fencing replaced. Hopefully it will be some time this summer. We have also formulated plans for improving the access into the school and are waiting to find out if and when these will receive funding.

**Swimming Pool Paving:** As you will have seen, the contractors have better weather to replace and improve the paving area around the swimming pool. We are working towards starting the swimming programme immediately after half term in June.

**Playground Equipment:**

I am delighted to inform you that our playground equipment has been installed and the children are thoroughly enjoying using it. On behalf of the children and staff I would like to say a very large thank you to everyone who helped with our fundraising. We are going to arrange an official opening for later on this term (but couldn't deny the children access until then.)



Well done and thanks to the class 3 children who have been super sports leaders, helping the younger ones to be safe and enjoy the trim trail.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Jeremy Fisher

## Cool School Club

The children were able to use the new play equipment this week, which they really enjoyed. Spanish Club was also outside enjoying the sunny weather. We were learning about what they like and disliked and were working on conversations in pairs.

The children have also been sewing with a mass cushion production this week!

Please let us know if there are any activities you would like to see at Club or any skills you could offer?

With thanks, Helen and all the staff



### Swimming:

We are currently preparing for the pool to be opened in June, after the half-term break, for class swimming. A letter will be circulated within the next few weeks regarding the health & safety aspect. Please remember that children will be required to wear swimming caps in the pool, and these can be purchased from the school office.

A Swimming Club will be organised by the PTFA after school. They will be in touch to organise a duty rota system which is only open to those parents who have attended the RESUS training.



### —CAKES — CAKES — CAKES — CAKES — CAKES—

The PTFA are providing the refreshments at this year's Garden Market taking place at Guilden Morden Village Hall on Saturday 12th May, 11am-1pm, and we need LOTS of cake donations please. These can be dropped at the market on the day or left with the school office the day before. We need cupcakes, whole cakes, tray bakes, biscuits - made or bought - everything warmly received!

If you're free for an hour or two on the day to help sell cakes and make tea that would be amazing, please let Fran in the Office know. Hopefully see you there!

## AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Progress	Conduct & Values
Pre-school	Jackson Hazeldine	Joy Wilkinson
Class 1	Amy Doherty Ellie Green	Joshua Lans Daniel Taran
Class 2	JJ Datu Bonnie Saban	Andrew Speed Scott Davis Roach
Class 3	Johnnie McCulloch Hannah Thompson	Martha Formstone Sophie Moore

### Thought for the week:

"You are a work in progress. Your spiritual transformation in developing the character of Jesus will take the rest of your life, and even then it won't be completed here on earth. It will only be finished when you get to heaven or when Jesus returns."

Rick Warren

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

All about plants

- John chapter 15 verses -8

### Diary Updates and Reminders

7 May (Mon)	Spring Bank/ Public Holiday
18 May (Friday)	Royal Wedding 'dress up' day
21 - 25 May	'Walk to School' Week
28 May - 5 June (Tues)	Half-Term Holiday, includes a teacher training INSET day.
6 June (Wednesday)	School Class Photos
11 June (Monday)	Mad Science Class starts
14 June (Thursday)	Class 2 - Trip to Ely
17 July (Tuesday)	Community 'Picnic' Day
23 July (Monday), 1.45pm	Last day of Summer Term
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Thursday)	Autumn Term 2018 commences. Term dates on the website

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