



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2018

Head teachers update

Happy New Year!

Thank you to so many for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts.

I am really looking forward to this New Year and to all that we can achieve the school.

The teachers and I started the New term off with a training session where we focused on updating our understanding of some new approaches to maths teaching and learning (some of which have proven very successful in China and Singapore), developing our long term curriculum plans and updating our knowledge in relation to safeguarding.

Safeguarding: Each term we have fire evacuation practices or drills so that we are able to get out of the school quickly and safely in the event of a fire or similar emergency.

We now have 'lockdown' practices as well. This procedure is necessary for the children's safety and welfare to ensure children are brought inside quickly and calmly in the event of any emergency outside of the school. All of the pupils and staff took part in a 'lockdown drill' on 15th December. I am happy to report that the children reacted magnificently.

Uniform

Thank you to so many parents for making sure that their child is now in the correct uniform. If any families are experiencing any problems with this then please speak to Fran in the office or directly to myself.

Just to remind everyone of the uniform:-

Black/Grey Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore
White Shirt or Polo Shirt (with collar)
Red Cardigan / Sweater
White Socks or

Black/Grey/Red Tights (plain, not leggings)
Black Shoes (sensible and safe, not trainers).
Boots may be worn to school and then changed on arrival.

P.E. Clothes:

Plain blue shorts (close fitting without buckles)

Red/white t-shirt

Plimsolls

A pair of football boots/trainers for football and other field sports

Please remember that they also need a **water bottle**.

School logo items are preferred, but correctly coloured ones are acceptable. All items to be marked with your child's name. All uniform, including second-hand items, can be purchased through Nicola Chapman.

nicolaachapman@gmail.com or 01763 853075

Please do check our lost & found box at school for any missing items.

Cool School Club / Spanish Classes



Spanish Classes will commence on Thursday 11th January for 5 sessions: (11, 18, 25 January & 1 & 8 February). Please contact the office to book a place (limited places available).

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

Parents Support Group

Rising Stars - South Cambridgeshire - is a group where parents/carers can discuss anything they wish in regards to their children's needs and their families. They meet on a Saturday morning each month

The group is supporting families with children aged 0 - 11 years, and for those children with special educational needs or a disability (diagnosed or undiagnosed)? Run by a family worker, it is intended to improve and enhance parental wellbeing by answering any queries you may have.

Link to the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RisingStarsSouthCambs>



CUFC Multi-Sports Club will continue on Fridays, 3.20 - 4.20pm. Please book your place with the office. (£17.50 for 5 weeks).

Spanish: will continue on Thursdays (£37.50 for 5 weeks including after-school club until 5pm)

ParentPay: We would appreciate you settling any balances for outstanding School Lunches and forthcoming Roman Workshop event, if you have not done already done so.

Dance: on Tuesdays / **P.E.:** on Thursdays

Netball: on Thursday mornings with Chloe (free) 8am

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

	Conduct & Values
Pre-School	Elsa Seymour
Class 1	Theo Keeble Noah Speed
Class 2	Jake Lans JJ Datu
Class 3	Ben Chapman Martha Formstone

Thought for the week:

We celebrate another year ending and a new one beginning. Let us look back and appreciate the experiences we had and learn from the mistakes we made. And better still let us look forward to this new year with the anticipation and excitement of a child. Embrace the New Year with a positive outlook and a determined spirit to make all your dreams come true. Catherine Pulsifer

Collective Worship Theme for the week

New Year and New Beginnings

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

Diary Updates and Reminders

4 January 2018	Spring Term begins
9 January 2018	Piano lessons recommence
11 January 2018	Spanish classes 4-5pm
10 January 2018	Class 2: Romans Workshop (in school)
12 January 2018	CUFC Multisports 3.20 - 4.20pm
12-16 February	Half-Term Holiday
29 March (Thursday)	Easter Holidays

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