



### Head teachers update

#### School Plan focus

This week's focus has been the children's work in topic, RE and Science. We have been looking at the work the children are producing and making judgements about the progress they are making. We are also checking that the children experience a range of different activities and ways to record their understanding. We are keen to see if the skills children are developing in the English lessons are transferring over to their writing in other subjects. We are conscious that children get less time to write in these subjects, therefore the quantity is often less but we are noticing the grammar and presentation improving.

#### New fence

Work on our new perimeter fence is due to commence on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. They will start on the boundary and footpath, and intend to complete the work during the half term holiday. Please note that an orange netting will be erected to close off the sections of working areas, which will affect the school car park.

#### Volunteer Helpers

We would love to increase the number of volunteers and specifically we are asking for extra help with reading and helping the children learn new activities and games at lunchtimes. If you or your family have any spare time, we would love to talk to you about being regularly involved. Please do contact the office to inform us of your availability and interest.

#### Food Tasting

Our caterers provided a Taster Session on Wednesday which was well received by all parents that attended. A new menu will be introduced as from 26<sup>th</sup> February (and is attached, starting with week 3).

There will be some very significant changes to the way that you order and pay for your child/ children's meals after half term. Please look out for the letter that is attached explaining about the new ParentPay ordering procedures.

### BMX Academy

A former world master BMX half-pipe champion visited the school today. He led the assembly where he talked about how he developed a 'can do' attitude and how he has achieved success. He talked about growth mind-set and encouraged the children to have the same. He gave a demonstration in Assembly and encouraged a couple of the adults to be part of his stunts



The children in class 2 & 3 enjoyed workshops with Mike. Due to the poor weather, these had to be inside so they had to negotiate the bikes carefully around a very limited space. Some were able to stand on the pedals and even take their hands off as they went over a small ramp.



### Attendance

This week's school attendance is **91.11 %**.

We do appreciate you helping your child to have a high attendance so that we can reach our national target goal of 96%

Jeremy Fisher

## Classes

### SATS (KS1)

Parents attended a meeting in Class 1 to understand about the assessments that the children will take part in after Easter. Thank you for attending.

### Mental Health Week

The children were informed about how to look after our bodies and minds which is crucial for our wellbeing. Each class took part in some activities to give them a better understanding. Class 1 did meditation bears to focus on mindfulness and breathing, class 2 had an active keep fit session followed by meditation to relax, whilst class 3 did a yoga and meditation class.

## Sing 4 School

Although our song was shortlisted by the reviewers, unfortunately it was not selected by the Judges for the final concert. Our song did receive some lovely feedback from the panel which will be shared with us in due course

It is no easy thing to write a song and we are extremely proud of our achievement. Our thanks to the children and the staff who contributed to this project. We hope the children will continue to write lyrics, melodies, and music.



## JOB VACANCIES

We are looking for a **'Simplicity Cook'** at Guilden Morden School - Total Hours per Week: 17.5 hrs  
Time: 10:00am - 13:30pm approx. Term Time Only  
Salary: £8.50 p/h

Please call Chartwell's Main Office between 8:00am - 3pm for further details and application form.  
Closing date 28th February  
Chartwell's: Main Office 01908 615705  
or Email: [Creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk)

Guilden Morden School **'Breakfast Club'** are also seeking a Level 3 qualified **Playworker** to work on a Tuesday morning (7.40am - 8.50am). Please contact the school office for more details. This will be a temporary position until the end of this year.



## Cool School Club



This week Club has been celebrating Chinese New Year. It is the Year of the Pig and we have been colouring in pig pictures, making pig collages and dragon paper chains. The children enjoyed eating prawn crackers and noodles, which they ate with chopsticks! Next week we will be doing various activities connected with Valentines Day!



### KAPLA Club

We have been introduced to a creative wooden construction blocks toy called KAPLA. Details on attached flyer. If children are interested in attending a one-off club session for this please inform the office and we could possibly arrange.

With thanks from Helen and all the Club staff.



### Valentine's Day

We will be having a pop up cake stall on Thursday 14th February from 3pm in the bike shed. Please let us know if you're able to donate any cakes (baked or bought) and remember to bring some money on the day to buy a delicious treat for that special person, or yourself!!

### World Book Day!

We will be celebrating on Thursday 7th March by inviting the children to bring their favourite bedtime story and come dressed in their pyjamas/onesies/ comfy clothes for the day (£1 donation). There will also be a pop up book and cake stall in the bike shed from 3pm. DONATIONS NEEDED; if you have any children's books in good condition that you no longer want please hand them into the office - thank you in advance!

### Garden Tidy Weekend

We are holding a 'tidy up' weekend on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March from 10am on both days with the hope of getting the garden ready for the children to start using after the Easter break. Please let the office know if you can attend and please extend the invite to anyone who may be free on the day to enjoy a bit of weeding - children are very welcome!

### Gardening Club

Gardening Club will be starting up again on Monday 29th April and will run every Monday, 3.15-4.30pm until the summer holidays at a cost of £1 per session. In order to run the club we need a rota of volunteer's to assist the person running it. No gardening knowledge or experience is required and your child can attend the session you help at for free. Sadly the club will not be able to run without this support so please sign up via the office - it'll be fun!

**Mother's Day** - More info to follow

**Easter Event** - More info to follow

### PTFA - 100 CLUB

January:

1st: (£14) D&G SEYMOUR (65)

2nd: (£10) J. DAVIS ROACH (17)

3rd: (£8) P. SEYMOUR (68)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thanks so much for your continued support.



### Outdoor Boots

Please remember to keep a pair of wellington boots at school for outdoor play on the muddy playing field, bring PE kit for the week, and a water bottle every day.

### Class 2 Cornet

There will be no Cornet lesson this next week. The next lesson will be after half term on Thursday 28th February.

### Friday 15th February - 'Dress Down' Day

All contributions (£1 if possible) are appreciated towards the HomeStart local family support charity.

### Classroom Awards: Stars of the week



|         | Progress       | Conduct & Values |
|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Class 1 | Ella & Daniel  | Noah & Alfie     |
| Class 2 | Bonnie & Scott | Abbie & Kayden   |
| Class 3 | Izzie & Ines   | Martha & Ephram  |



### Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, awards have been presented to:-

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Class 1 | Alfie  |
| Class 2 | Matteo |
| Class 3 | Hannah |

### Lunchtime Awards:

For helping others, tidying up and serving:-



Bonnie & Abbie

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

Candlemass

Luke 2 : 25-35

### Thought for the week

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

### Diary Updates and Reminders

|                                   |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Mon) 3.15pm | Year 6 SATs information               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February (Thurs) | PTFA Cake Stall at 3pm                |
| 15 February (Friday)              | 'Home Start' charity - Dress Down Day |
| 18 - 26 February                  | Half-Term Break                       |
| 25 February (Monday)              | School Closed - Staff Inset           |
| 5 April (Friday)                  | End of Term - 1.45pm                  |
| 23 April (Tuesday)                | Summer Term Begins                    |
| 27 May - 4 June (Tues)            | Half-Term Break                       |
| 3 June (Monday)                   | School Closed - Staff Inset           |
| 24 July (Wed)                     | End of Term - 1.45pm                  |

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