



# Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Head teachers update

### School Improvement Focus

This week the teachers have been updating and analysing the data they have for each child about their progress and standards in the different subjects. This is to ensure that everything is done in this final half term of the year to maximise the progress that each child has made over the year.

Thank you to Mrs Morris for leading the training and planning for our Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation project, which moves into the next phase this half term. The children will be trained and supported into using 'Conflict Blockers', which are words and phrases that help children to stop minor incidents as they begin.

We will also be developing a team of twelve mediators selected from classes 2 and 3. The children from these classes will be invited to apply and training will take place over this half term. The mediators will then be able to help manage the minor disagreements that occur at play and lunchtimes.

### Class 1 Religious Education

Thank you to Canon Williams for helping the children in class 1 to develop a clear understanding of infant baptism. They are learning about this as part of their Religious Education. The children went to St Mary's Church and watched as 'Charlie Peter', a baby doll from Class 1, was baptised. This gave them a very true picture of how this important Christian event takes place.



### Run a Mile:

The children are still enthusiastically running their daily mile (6 laps) with Mrs Weddepohl, in support of the national campaign in primary schools to inspire children to do more exercise.

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Please do return these signed declaration/consent forms to us, as well as for your emergency contacts by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

### Swimming:

Following lots of work behind the scenes I am delighted that the pool was ready and that swimming has started this week. I am told that the pool water was warm and the weather was sunny. The children made good progress and had a lot of fun. Class 1 are expecting to swim every day next week if the weather permits it. Please make sure that swimming kit is in school everyday.

Jeremy Fisher

### Cool School Club



The children have been making cities for the small world animals to live in this week, using duplo and lego. We have been able to enjoy the swimming pool as part of Club and will be running a Club only session on a Monday. For health and safety rule, there are a limited number of children permitted.

Thank you.

Helen and all the staff



**Lost Property:** Scott has lost his red fleece, size 28. Please can you check your child's belongings in case it has got mixed up. Thank you.

**Swimming:** P.E. lessons will be 'swimming' on Thursdays but please have your child's swim bag at school each day in readiness for additional class swims. Silicon coloured swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £3 each.

**Cricket Club:** Years 2 upwards each Thursday morning 8am. Bring uniform, snack and drink.

**Mad Science:** on Mondays. Places still available. Register online

**Multisports:** commences Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 20<sup>th</sup> July.



### Ice Lolly Shop!

On each Friday after half-term we will be selling a selection of ice-lollies after school. The lolly shop will be open at 1pm for pre-school and 3.15pm for the main school - nearer the time will be more detailed posters.

### Gardening Club!

Every Thursday, please come and join in.

- Thursdays, 3.20pm-4.20pm
- 14th, 21st, 28th of June &
- 5th, 12th 19th July
- Cost a total cost of £14 per child

We are looking for a volunteer to help on the following days - 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June - to enable these 2 sessions to operate. Please do volunteer your time.

### The PTFA need you!!

In September we will be down to 4 committee members, we really need to increase this number and/or our body of volunteers in order to carry on fund-raising for the school and pre-school.

Returning with the children in the school bags today is a questionnaire. Please can you fill this out for us so that we can gauge who will be interested in helping. There is no commitment to joining as there are plenty of ad-hoc volunteer opportunities - such as helping at an event to designing a poster - all help is very warmly welcomed!!

Some of the things we have purchased for the school this year include.

- £1,000 towards the outdoor play equipment
- £100 for the author visit around World Book Day
- £800 for the pond cover
- £200 for a new KS1 play shed
- £400 for two theatre company visits

Every completed questionnaire will be entered in to a draw to win a bottle of wine - yippee!!

## AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

|            | Progress      | Conduct & Values |
|------------|---------------|------------------|
| Pre-school | Elsa          | Peggy            |
| Class 1    | Noah & Amy    | Toby & Ella      |
| Class 2    | Kayden & Jake | JJ & Leighton    |
| Class 3    | Alex & Ephram | Corrina & Martha |

### Thought for the week:

"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living." —*David Attenborough*

### Collective Worship Theme for the week

God's creatures are 'Amazing'

### Diary Updates and Reminders

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| 11 June (Mon)                             | Mad Science Class starts                              |
| 14 June (Thurs)                           | Class 2 - Trip to Ely                                 |
| 21 June (Thurs)                           | Class 1 - Trip to Botanical Gardens/Apple Store       |
| 28 June (Thurs)                           | Sports Morning - Parents welcome                      |
| 17 July (Tues)                            | 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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