



Guilden Morden Church of England (VC) School Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018

Head teachers update

World Book Day: In celebration of this event, a local author/illustrator joined us at school on Thursday - Mrs Bernadette Shaddock. She interacted with the children in various ways; leading an assembly, telling stories using puppets, showing some of her illustrations, answering questions about being an author and illustrator and helping the children to do their own character illustrations.



For more information about Bernie please have a look at this website.

<http://www.scaggsandco.com/about-the-author-1.html>

Our thanks to Bernie for sharing her knowledge and expertise and giving the children such an enjoyable experience and also to the PTFA who have supported us with this event.

Entrance Path: I am sure you will agree that the pathway has improved, and we are looking forward to being able to do more work on the site, including replacement of the external fence once the funding is released. Our thanks also to Mr Jonathan Green who helped tidy up this area as well as working on getting our pond area ready.

Parents Evening: It was good to see that most parents were able to join us this week for the teacher parent meetings. Its very reassuring to see that you all want to play a full part in your child/ children's learning and I hope that the meetings have given you have a clear understanding of how well they are doing. If there are some who were unable to make this time please do contact the office and we can try to organise a time with your teacher.

Church Workshops: I have been to Huntingdon this week to attend a conference and some training workshops for leaders of Church schools. The Bishop of Ely spoke passionately about education and about maximising positive life chances for all of the children of the diocese. I attended very useful and thought provoking workshops about the specific issues of leading a small school and values led financial management. I also made links with a number of headteachers who lead similarly small schools and we have agreed to do some work together looking at how we can use technology to help our staff learn from each other and benefit from each other's expertise.

Mothers Day: Our thanks to the PTFA volunteers for their hard work and efforts in organising the gifts. I am sure the children will take great pride in presenting these to all Mothers on Sunday. I wish everyone a 'Happy Mothering Sunday'.
Jeremy Fisher



We will be celebrating British Science Week on Thursday 15th & Friday 16th March. Children will take part in exciting hands-on activities related to this year's theme of Exploration and Discovery, including a special visitor to the school to talk about 'The Darwin Experience' and his story on HMS Beagle, when we will have the opportunity to handle some exotic animals.

May we remind you to return the form ONLY if your child has any allergies or anxiety. Should any parents wish to help out on the day with practical activities or even to talk to the children about your related work or interests please let us know.

Cool School Club



Spanish club was back on this week and the children were learning numbers and a song about washing your hands and getting dressed. They enjoyed being able to go outside again in the lighter evenings. We have now started doing some Easter crafts which are being displayed on the noticeboards.

With thanks Helen & all Staff



- 1 mile run

To recognise Sports Relief the children will be doing a 1-mile run in P.E. on Monday 26th March. Your child may like to raise some additional money for the charity by getting sponsorship from friends and family.

Please see the attached sponsorship form, which will be the only donation that will be asked for sports relief.



P.T.F.A.

POND TIDY UP DAY

- SATURDAY 17TH MARCH at 10am

We are on a real push to get the pond garden finished before the summer term so that it can be enjoyed by the children. If you are able to help please let the office know so we can get a guage on numbers. Thank you in advance.

GARDENING CLUB

We are still looking for someone/some people to manage the Gardening Club. Please get in touch if you or anyone you know are interested. Thanks!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was a great success. The children (& staff!) looked great and everyone had a really fun day. We raised £107.70 - thank you everyone!!

PTFA SPENDING

We have done a lot of fundraising this year and we thought you'd like to know what your money has gone towards since September.

- £80 Christmas presents for the school/preschool.
- £1000 New pond cover and garden equipment
- £1000 New play equipment for the playground/field
- £50 Author visit
- £500 2 visits by theatre groups in the Summer Term (for all the children). We are also currently looking at an outdoor shelter for the KS1 play area

Thank you so much for your continued support, it really does help enhance the children's time at our lovely school, we couldn't do it without you!

100 Club (P.T.F.A.)

February Winners:

- 1st: (£15) J. DAVIS-ROACH (17)
- 2nd: (£10) M. GRISTENTHWAITE (49)
- 3rd: (£8) P. LEACH (94)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thanks so much for your continued support.



Scholastic Book Fair: We will be selling books from Friday 20 April until Wednesday 25th April, after school. Please do spare some time to come and purchase some new children's books, which also raises funding towards our school library book area.

Swimming Resus Training:

In preparation for the opening of our swimming pool area again in June we will be holding the Resus Training for all staff and parent volunteers on Tuesday 24 April. There will be 2 sessions available at 4pm and 7pm at school. Should you wish your child to swim after school, a parent volunteer must be in supervision. Please do make a note to join us for this.

AWARDS

This week our awards have been made to :-

| | Progress | Conduct & Values |
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| Pre-school | Ellie Brown | Mary Hostler |
| Class 1 | Freddie Barnes Noah Speed | Ophelia Hall Ella-Louise Groom |
| Class 2 | Scott Davis Roach Bonnie Saban | Kayden Brear Abbie Pinnock |
| Class 3 | Martha Formstone Sophie Moore | Hannah Thompson Alex Baxter |

Thought for the week:

Anybody can become angry - that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way - that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

[Aristotle](#)

Collective Worship Theme for the week

It makes me so angry - Righteous Anger

John chapter 2 verses 13-22

Diary Updates and Reminders

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| 26 March (Mon) | P.E. 'Sports Relief' - 1 mile run |
| 26 March (Mon) 2.30pm & 6.30pm | Parents' Forum All parents welcome to attend |
| 27 March, (Tues) | Church Service at 9.30am |
| 29 March (Thurs) | Easter Holidays to 16/4 |
| 24 April (Tues) | Swimming RESUS training |
| 7 May (Mon) | Spring Bank Holiday |
| 28 May-5 June (Tues) | Half-Term |

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