



Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting start to term and we are now getting in the full flow here at Milford School. The children have been learning about the British Value of Democracy this week and it was an exciting event as each class elected their School Councillors, who were unveiled during Thursday's assembly. The children have found out a little bit about the democratic process and why it is so important and everyone's responsibility to be involved. Over the course of this year I will be taking the school council (succeeding Mrs Wells who has done such a great job over the last few years). I am hoping I can do the role nearly as well as she did! Some of the things we will be consulting the Council on are our curriculum, plans for refurbishing our toilets, Pond area and also how we might make good use of our Sports Premium funding to give more opportunities for physical development for all children at our school - on top of our daily mile! Lots of interesting discussions are to be had and I will try to keep you updated on our progress over the year.

Have a lovely weekend (despite the forecast rain)

Mr Stear and all of the staff at Milford School

DIARY DATES

Mon	02.10.17	Sign-up for Parents' Evening	Mon	11.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow, Cherry and Elm classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.15-10.30am
Tues	03.10.17	Photographer (Individual photos)	Tues	12.12.17	Christmas Performance (Oak, Beech and Lime classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.15-10.30am
Thurs	05.10.17	Harvest Gifts to School	Wed	13.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow, Cherry and Elm classes) 9.15-10.30am
Fri	06.10.17	Harvest Assembly 9.00am	Thurs	14.12.17	Christmas Performance (Oak, Beech and Lime classes) 9.15-10.30am
Fri	06.10.17	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse	Fri	15.12.17	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'
Fri	13.10.17	Grandparents Morning 10.00-11.30am	Fri	15.12.17	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Fri	13.10.17	Children's Disco YR: 4.00-4.45pm Y1&2: 5.00-6.00pm	Fri	15.12.17	Christmas Lunch
Tues	17.10.17	'Charlotte's Web' - M&M Productions	Wed	20.12.17	Christmas Fair - 3.15-5.00p.m
Tues	17.10.17	Parents Evening 1 4.15-7.00pm	Thurs	21.12.17	Carols around the Tree 9.15-9.45am
Wed	18.10.17	Parents Evening 2 3.45 - 6.15pm	Thurs	21.12.17	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Thurs	19.10.17	Cake sale 3.15pm	Thurs	04.01.18	School resumes at 8.55am
Mon	23.10.17 - Friday 27.10.17	Half-term	Wed	10.01.18	Sleepy Story Time 4.45-5.45 pm
Mon	30.10.17	Inset Day			
Fri	03.11.17	Muffti Day for Xmas Fair			
Thurs	09.11.17	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation			
Fri	17.11.17	Safeguarding Update - 2.15pm			
Fri	24.11.17	Friends Quiz - 7.30pm			
Fri	01.12.17	Muffti Day for Xmas Fair (2)			

Parent Consultation Evenings - New On-line Booking System

Parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher in the hall on either Tuesday 17th October (4.15—7.00pm) or Wednesday 18th October (3.45—6.15pm). On Tuesday you will have received a letter with instructions on how to register on to the new on-line booking system. On Monday 2nd October you will receive a text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page and register.

Inset Days

The remaining inset days for this academic year are Monday 30th October 2017, Monday 4th June and Monday 23rd July 2018.

Grandparent's Day

Parents should now have received booking forms for the Grandparents day. Please return completed forms by Friday 6th October.

Tucasi On-line Payment System

All new parents will have received a letter informing them of their log in details and access code. The registration process is very simple and once you have registered you will be able to pay on-line for uniform and school trips.

Children going home with other children

To avoid any mis-communications regarding collecting children at the end of the school day, would you please ensure you write in the 'Going Home Book' at the start of the day. The 'Going Home Book' is located in each classroom. Emergency changes to collection arrangements must be phoned in by 2:45pm at the latest please. Please be prepared to give your CODEWORD which is listed on your child's admission form.



Jewellery

For reasons of safety, it is Surrey County Council policy not to allow children to wear jewellery for any physical activity. This ruling includes all pierced jewellery. There is no exception to these rules for stud earrings, as they are equally dangerous in many cases.



Parking

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the school, by not parking in the lay-by, the zig-zag lines, and leaving enough access for local residents and emergency vehicle access.

Staff Car Park

Please note that the staff car park is for staff use only due to limited capacity. Breakfast and After School Clubs are not permitted to use the car park for drop off or pick up. If you have a physical disability which requires parking access, please request a meeting with the SENCO Mrs J Fulterer to discuss.

Parent Helpers and Safeguarding Children

We welcome parent (and grandparent) helpers in school. Please be aware that if you wish to help with the children (in class or school trips) you will need a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The school will pay for the cost of this check. Parents can start their own applications on-line (full guidance is available from the office). On-line applications generally take less than a week to process. After this you will be very welcome in school.

Safeguarding Update for Parent Helpers

There will be a safeguarding update in the hub on Friday 17th November at 2.15pm - details to follow.

Harvest Assembly Reminder - Friday 6th October



Just a reminder that our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 6th October at 9.00 am, and parents are welcome to come and join us in the hall. Afterwards Elm and Lime class children will be going to sing at Dower House and the Clock House (Milford Day Centre). If you would like to bring in harvest gifts, please do so on Thursday 5th October so that we have time to arrange everything on the stage before the assembly. We will be donating to Dower House, The Clock House and The Number Five Project in Guildford which is a charity for homeless people. Suggestions are instant coffee and hot chocolate, packets of instant mash, instant noodles and savoury crackers, tinned vegetables (not baked beans), pot noodles and savoury rice, cartons of long life juice and UHT milk, bottles of squash, washing up liquid, laundry washing liquid, toilet rolls, shower gel, toothbrushes (singles not multipacks), shampoo.

Attendance

The below statement is advice from the Local Authority and is contained within our Attendance Policy:

"Just to remind parents that if there is an unauthorised leave of absence for 5 or more school days, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child and the amount payable is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court."

It is entirely the Head Teacher's decision whether or not a penalty notice is issued and not the Local Authority.

Whilst Milford School hasn't issued any penalty charges in the past, it is important to remember that there are direct links between attendance and children's academic achievement and it is important that all children attend school as much as possible.

With this in mind, please ensure that all holidays are booked outside of school time.

Medical/Dental Appointments

We have been advised by the Educational Welfare Officer that pupils attending



medical/dental appointments during the school day, even if it is first thing in the morning, still impacts on their learning. Please try to arrange appointments after school or in school holidays, if at all possible.

Year R

We are so proud of how well Oak and Willow Classes have settled into life at Milford school. Already most of the children can say goodbye to their parents at the gate. They have begun to stay all day this week and are enjoying lunch in the hall as well as playing in the field and the big playground with the rest of the school. The pirate ship and slide have been very popular.

We have joined in and listened carefully in whole school assemblies and had great fun getting changed and following instructions in our first ever P.E. session!

We have been making new friends, learning to name and describe 2D shapes and we've already learnt 8 letters sounds! Oh and don't forget to ask us everything we know about our number of the week.



Stars of the Week 15th September

Certificates were awarded to:

Elm:

Amy: Making a big effort to be involved in class

Theo: Making a big effort to be involved in class (Theo also received a certificate last week!)

Lime:

Ellie-May: A superstar writer with a fantastic attitude to learning

Hugh: Being a good role model and having a great attitude to your learning

Beech:

Joey: Fantastic attitude to learning

Maggie: For explaining to the class a Maths problem

Cherry:

Reuben: Persevering with his reading (in guided reading)

Chloe: Showing respect to her friends and school belongings



Stars of the Week 22nd September

Elm:

Hugo: Great listening and being able to add his own ideas

Ellie: Listening well during maths and working independently

Lime:

Isabel: For being a marvellous mathematician

Henry: For writing amazing adjectives

Beech:

Ben: For showing fantastic enthusiasm and perseverance with his writing

Eloise: Wonderful retell of the Three Little Pigs

