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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and to the month of December! Our new value of the month this month is Patience. We are looking for children who display this value at home and school. Our class value trees are starting to fill up nicely with values leaves not only completed by teachers, but also by parents! Remember to ask your child's class teacher if you need some more values leaves! It seems an appropriate theme with the beginning of Advent and the level of excitement and anticipation our children often feel at this time. This time of year is also a good opportunity to think of others, so Year 2 are very much looking forward to bringing a bit of festive cheer to the Clockhouse and Dower House in the next couple of weeks and School Council were keen to raise additional money for 'Save the Children' by not only joining in Xmas Jumper Day, but also donating the money raised through Xmas performance programme sales. The children are beginning Christmas rehearsals at the moment, learning songs and scripts - I am very excited to see what they produce this year! The weather is starting to turn so I urge you to please be cautious when coming into the school grounds - we do grit, but due to the temperatures, any moisture is freezing again quickly, so do take care.

Have a brilliant weekend.

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Fri	01.12.17	Phonics/Reading Parents Workshop 2.30	Fri	15.12.17	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Fri	01.12.17	Mufti Day for Xmas Fair (2)	Fri	15.12.17	Christmas Lunch
Fri	08.12.17	Book Fair 3.15pm	Fri	15.12.17	Parent Helpers Coffee Morning 9-10.30am
Fri	08.12.17	Safeguarding update for parents 1.45pm	Fri	15.12.17	Class Parties (afternoon)
Mon	11.12.17	Christmas Performance (Cherry and Elm classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.30am	Mon	18.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 2.15pm.
Tues	12.12.17	Christmas Performance (Beech and Lime classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.30am	Tues	19.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak classes) 2.15pm.
Wed	13.12.17	Christmas Performance (Cherry and Elm classes) 9.30am	Wed	20.12.17	Christmas Fair - 3.15-5.00p.m
Thurs	14.12.17	Christmas Performance (Beech and Lime classes) 9.30am	Thurs	21.12.17	Carols around the Tree 9.15-9.45am
Fri	15.12.17	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'	Thurs	21.12.17	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
			Thurs	04.01.18	School resumes at 8.55am
			Wed	10.01.18	Sleepy Story Time 4.45-5.45 pm
			Thurs	18.01.18	Pied Piper Theatre Co -Hare & Tortoise
			Mon	12.02.18 - Fri 16.02.18	<b>Half Term</b>
			Thurs	01.03.18	World Book Day

### Christmas Tree



Thank you to Squires for donating the Christmas Tree which is decorated in the Hall.

### Postbox



In order to reduce congestion in the foyer please give all monies and forms in labelled envelopes to the class teacher or post in the red postbox which will be outside the main entrance.

This can also be used for children to post Christmas cards to their friends from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope.

### Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will be in aid of Save the Children so if the children could bring a contribution of £1 to their classrooms it would be appreciated.



### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- Class Parties

Class parties will take place on the afternoon of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. As it is also Christmas Jumper Day it will not be necessary to send a change of clothes!  
**School will finish at the normal time of 3.15p.m.**

### Star Of the Week w/e 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### Elm:

Stirling: For recognising what helps him stay focused

Jack: Great independent writing

#### Lime:

Jack: Fantastic effort in your writing about Florence Nightingale

Emily: Super effort in your writing this week

#### Beech:

Sebby: For always trying his best with his learning

Maggie: For excellent ideas in English

#### Cherry:

Harry: Positive attitude to learning and 'having a go'

Freya: Being a good role model at carpet time and listening to others

#### Oak:

Samuel: Brilliant number sense and challenging himself with his mathematical thinking

Niamh: Concentrating well and challenging herself with her independent learning

#### Willow:

Alex: Super learning and contributions in Maths about money

Reuben: Being a great role model for listening and following instructions especially in P.E.

**Apologies for not having a photo of this group.**

### Playground

At drop off and pick up times please ensure that your children do not use any of the playground equipment. The school does not take responsibility for accidents or injuries occurring outside of permitted play times. Whilst our caretaker will grit the site on a daily basis during cold weather please take extra care whilst using the steps and walking in the school premises.

### Primary School Admission for 2018-2019

If your child is born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply on-line for a place for him/her at primary school. Please come to the office if you require a leaflet on how to apply for a place for your child. Please note the application deadline is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

### Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2018-2019

All Year 2 parents should have received a leaflet explaining how to apply for a place at Junior School. The application deadline is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**



### Christmas Tree Lighting Events

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm - Milford Village Hall

Sat: 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm - Pirrie Hall, Brook.

### Star Of the Week w/e 24<sup>th</sup> November

#### Elm:

Lola: For always using her initiative around the classroom

Max: Working incredibly hard to improve his writing

#### Lime:

Lily J: For super ideas in Maths

Cariann: For super ideas in Maths

#### Beech:

Summer: Fantastic focus and wonderful sentence writing in English

Brody: Listening carefully to instructions and making a beautiful clay model

#### Cherry:

Olivia: Demonstrating to Cherry class how to project your voice and performing Smelly Fish, Jelly Fish to her peers

Ted: Fabulous contribution to our 'Road Safety' assembly

#### Oak:

Alex: Independently writing CVC words

Ellie: Super learning of key words at school and home

#### Willow:

Emma: Super CVC word writing and coming in each day with a smile.

Grace: Regularly practicing her key words and spotting them throughout her books.



### Christmas Performance



Please ensure you bring your tickets to the performance and do not bring any extra people as we will have to turn them away. We are required, by law, to monitor the number of people we have in the School hall for these performances. Please note there will be a collection afterwards that will be donated to the charity 'Save the Children'. Any donations will be gratefully received. There will also be programmes available at a cost of £1 each.

### COME TO THE BOOK FAIR AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!



We will be having a super Christmas book fair in the hall on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm.** Hundreds of new books available from £2.99. **Buy a book and the school gets one for free!**

## School's Policy on Videoing/Photography of School Events



Governors have agreed that parents and carers can take photos and videos at the school performances. Please note the School's policy below:

- Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event for their **own personal use** only. Such photos and videos **cannot be sold and must not be put on the web/internet** due to Data Protection legislation, which in such circumstance is likely to be contravened.
- Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.
- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, they may need to check out who they are if they are using a camera or video recorder.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse, of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse. Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out above.

### Coats

Please ensure always that your child has a coat with them for outdoor play, particularly during the cold weather.

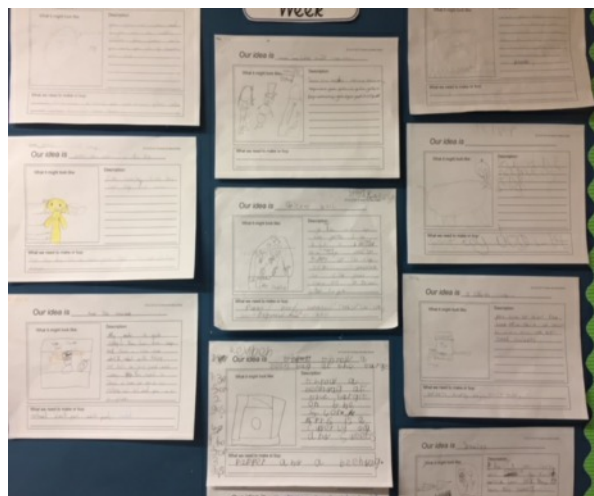
### Christmas Photos

Beautiful photos of your child in their costume, presented in a card frame will be for sale after all the parent Christmas performances at a cost of £5.00. All profits will go towards the school fund.

## Year 2

It has been Enterprise Week in Year 2. The children have been coming up with fund raising ideas for their class stalls at the Christmas Fair. Everyone thought of an idea and we pitched them to our classmates, with the final choices made by democratic vote. Next we produced Project Plans, advertising campaigns and instructions for our games. The maths focus this week has been money, to help us work out the cost and potential profit from our stalls.

Come and visit our stalls at the Christmas Fair on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm



### Calling all children!

Who's missing? Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men ..... ?

Yes- BABY JESUS – the reason we celebrate Christmas. But during the season of Advent (which starts on Sunday 3rd December and finishes on Sunday 24th December) you may be lucky to find a 'Baby Jesus rock' nestled on a bed of hay somewhere in Milford. Look out for him on your way to or from school, when you walk to the Jubilee field or on your way to church. We would like to invite you to bring Baby Jesus to church to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. If you find more than one Baby Jesus per family please leave him for someone else to find. We would like to track how many are found so you could always take a photo and upload it on [www.facebook.com @stjohnsmilford](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsmilford)