



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year and for those new to our school - welcome to Milford! It has been really lovely to have the chance to speak to so many of you before and after school and I am filled with excitement about all that is going to be happening this term; from ukulele's in music lessons, theatre productions, Harvest Assemblies and Christmas Productions, not to mention the many opportunities we will have to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful children. The classrooms are already filled with a buzz of learning and enthusiasm, both from the children and teachers, who all seem to have settled well after the holidays. Now seems a good time to re-emphasise the importance that you all have as key educators for your children and stress the need for us to continue to work closely together to help all of our children to be as successful as they can be. Remember to keep us informed of anything that may be happening that might affect your child in school or any concerns or worries you have - we want to help. If you'd like to find out a bit more about the direction of the school, please do look on our website and have a read of our Milford School Vision 2017-22 - it cannot become a reality without you. I hope you all have a good weekend and thank you for such a positive start to the term.

Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Mon	18.09.17	Y1 and Y2 - Meet the Teacher 2.40pm	Thurs	09.11.17	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Tues	19.09.17	Reception - Meet the teacher 12.30pm	Fri	24.11.17	Friends Quiz - 7.30pm
Mon	25.09.17	Surrey Advertiser Reception class photo	Fri	01.12.17	Muffi Day for Xmas Fair (2)
Mon	25.09.17	New parent coffee afternoon	Mon	11.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow, Cherry and Elm classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.15-10.30am
Friday	29.09.17	Inset Day	Tues	12.12.17	Christmas Performance (Oak, Beech and Lime classes) for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.15-10.30am
Mon	02.10.17	Sign-up for Parents' Evening 9am	Wed	13.12.17	Christmas Performance (Willow, Cherry and Elm classes) 9.15-10.30am
Tues	03.10.17	Photographer (Individual photos)	Thurs	14.12.17	Christmas Performance (Oak, Beech and Lime classes) 9.15-10.30am
Thurs	05.10.17	Harvest Gifts to School	Fri	15.12.17	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'
Fri	06.10.17	Harvest Assembly 9.00am	Fri	15.12.17	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Fri	06.10.17	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse	Wed	20.12.17	Christmas Fair - 3.15-5.00p.m.
Fri	13.10.17	Grandparents Morning 10.00-11.30am	Thurs	21.12.17	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Fri	13.10.17	Children's Disco - details to follow	Thurs	04.01.18	School resumes at 8.55am
Tues	17.10.17	'Charlotte's Web' - M&M Productions	Wed	10.01.18	Sleepy Story Time 4.45-5.45 pm
Tues	17.10.17	Parents Evening 1 4.15-7.00pm			
Wed	18.10.17	Parents Evening 2 3.45 - 6.15pm			
Thurs	19.10.17	Cake sale 3.15pm			
Mon	23.10.17 - Friday 27.10.17	Half-term			
Mon	30.10.17	Inset Day			
Fri	03.11.17	Muffi Day for Xmas Fair			

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 18th September Year 1's and Year 2's will have an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' in your child's classroom at 2.40pm. The Year R 'Meet the Teacher' will take place on Tuesday 19th September at 12.30pm. The meetings will last approximately 30 minutes. This will enable you to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the routines and expectations of your child's new class group.

Footwear for PE

Please note that from this September all children will be allowed to wear trainers or plimsoles for PE.

Gates Locking/Opening

Please note that all gates will be locked in the mornings at 9a.m. and will be re-opened at 3p.m. Please ensure that you vacate the site promptly after drop-off.

Absences

We are required by Surrey County Council to send in an absence return every half term. As a result we ask that on the first morning of absence parents ring the school office and leave a message by 9.25a.m. explaining the reason for his/her absence. If a child is away and we do not get a message to explain, we will contact you to ensure your child is safe. If we are unable to contact you we will work our way through the contacts on your information form. Please ring the office every morning of your child's absence.

Request for Leave of Absence during term time

We will not normally authorise absence for holidays during term time and any such absences will be marked as unauthorised. Surrey County Council guidance gives Headteachers the power to authorise absence only in exceptional circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances, given by the Department for Education (DfE), are: service leave and family crisis.

Medication and Inhalers

If your child receives medication, including inhalers for asthma, please ensure that the school is informed of this and medication is supplied for use in school. As with any medicine/inhalers that need to be given during the day, a form (obtained from the office) must be completed giving details of the medicines and clear instructions as to how they should be administered. Please refer to our 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' policy. All medication must come via the School Office and not via the classteacher.



Dogs on School Premises

Please ensure that dogs are not brought on to school premises. Please tie them up to the fence at the front of the school building, away from paths and gates.

Pupil Post

We try to use Friday as our regular day for sending parent mail and newsletters. **Please check your e-mails and your child's bag on a Friday to ensure that you keep up to date with school events.** We would also be grateful if you could help your children on a weekly basis, to clear their bags of all unnecessary items (apart from reading books and diaries). Sometimes it is unavoidable to send mail on other days so please bear this in mind. We update the website regularly with important information.



Free School Meals Eligibility and Pupil Premium

Although all infant school children are now eligible for a free school meal, it is still important to us that we are able to identify who would have been eligible if the system hadn't changed as this information is used for the school to be able to claim pupil premium-essential funding. You or your child's information is not given to anyone else but is used purely for the school to be able to claim the premium.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close any potential attainment gaps between them and their peers. The Pupil Premium is rising to £1.875 billion, with schools receiving an additional £900 per eligible child.

Please pick up a form from the School Office as soon as possible, even if you are not sure whether you are eligible, in order for us to make this claim as accurately as possible.

Bicycle and Scooter Shelter

Can you please ensure that as children come into the school grounds they do not ride their scooters or bikes, please push them to avoid any unnecessary accidents, particularly during busy times. For our new parents, the bicycle/scooter shelter is near the side-door of the School Hall.



Updating Records/Information

Your child should have received an envelope today which shows the details we currently hold. Please return the form unchanged and signed if the details are correct, but, if they are not, please alter them clearly on the form. Also enclosed are Free School Meal eligibility forms which we request all parents to complete, flu immunisation letters and 'Charlotte's Web' theatre performance information letters. Reception parents have also been issued with the Tucasi on-line payment registration details and 'Reading Dog' consent forms. We would be grateful if these forms/data collection forms can be returned by **Wednesday 20th September**. **There will be a red post-box outside the main door each morning for Office post.**

Uniform Change of Prices

Unfortunately, we have had to increase the price of our uniform by a minimal amount due to price changes from our suppliers. You can order uniform on-line or at the



School Office with a cheque made payable to 'Milford School Fund'. Uniform orders will be ready for collection on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Foster Care

We need foster carers for children of all ages, from birth to 18, for supported lodgings carers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for children with disabilities. Whether you are married or single, male or female, straight or gay, whatever your cultural heritage, do or don't have your own children, rent or own your home, work or don't work, we would love to hear from you. You do need to have a spare room, or if you want to become a Short Breaks carer, be able to make a room available when the child stays with you. To find out more information about fostering with us, including payments, please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering. Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering Why not give our friendly recruitment team a call on 0800 0969 626 or email fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

Clubs - First Half of Autumn Term

Breakfast Club: Tuesday 5th Sept - Friday 20th Oct
French: w/b 18th September - w/e 15th December
Tennis (Monday): September 18th - October 16th
SCL Football (Tuesday): September 19th - October 17th
Dodgeball (Wednesday): September 20th - October 18th
Rugby Tots (Thursday): September 28th onwards

SCL Breakfast and After-School Clubs

The above clubs are up and running - please remember to book on-line. Numbers have been slowly growing for the 'wrap-around' care club but they currently remain low. SCL will be reviewing the viability of offering this service during October half-term so if it is likely to be useful to you, please make sure you use it or we may be lose it!

Star of the Week w/e 8th September, 2017

Cherry:

Harlow: For being a great role model during our first week back at school

Dexter: Sharing his knowledge of the natural world during our science lesson

Beech:

Leia-Rose: Having a fantastic attitude to learning

Fife: Super Maths learning

Lime:

Oliver: For coming in with a super smile

Melissa: For being really helpful with our morning jobs

Elm:

Yanisia: For settling in so quickly into Elm Class

Harry: For settling in so quickly into Elm Class



Photographer

The School photographer will be coming on Tuesday 3rd October to take individual and family group children's photographs. Older and younger children in your family who do not attend our school may be brought into school at 8.45a.m., if you would like them to be included in your school child's photograph. Priority will be given to older children, so that they can get to their school as soon as possible. Individual and family group photographs of children who attend our school will be taken during the remainder of the



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.

YEAR 1

What a busy week in Year 1. Congratulations to all of the children who have settled so quickly into their new classroom routines. We have been listening to the Story of The Three Little Pigs and using actions to help us retell the story. Can you tell which action the children are performing from the photos? Maybe you could ask your child to show you the following actions for once upon a time, who, then, next and finally. Year 1 have also been learning to recognise and order numbers, count on and back from different numbers and the children are very proud of their new maths books. In art we have been learning about colour mixing with the primary colours. We have made colour wheels to help us remember the new secondary colours we created.

