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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I am really pleased to note in our newsletter this week that our teachers are fulfilling our vision of 'Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve' and are learning to play the ukulele alongside the children! The Ukulele Orchestra of Milford begins here! We are keen as always to keep parents involved in the school and help you to best support your children. With that in mind I am pleased to inform you of Miss Morgan's Maths Open Morning on Friday 2nd February. This will be an opportunity for parents to come to school and find out a little bit more about the way the children are learning mathematics, with a demo in the school hall. Afterwards you will be invited to visit some classrooms to observe the children taking part in their maths lessons. We hope this will be a good opportunity for you to see what we are doing and to gain some ideas around how you can support your child with their learning. The children are very much looking forward to our second theatre company visit of this academic year with the Pied Piper Theatre's version of the Tortoise and the Hare.

The final exciting bit of news is that we have an author coming to visit us on the 8th March - David Lucas. Year 2 have been using his story 'The Robot and the Bluebird' as the basis for their writing, linked with our Value of the Month - Empathy. **Last year** we tweeted David our artwork and writing....**this year** he is coming to visit and see it himself! He will be running workshops for our children which should give real excitement and purpose for their writing this term. I hope you have a restful weekend.

Mr Stear

DIARY DATES

Weds 17.01.18 Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Tortoise & Hare'
2.00-3.00pm

Fri 02.02.18 Maths Open Morning

Mon 12.02.18 - Fri 16.02.18 **Spring Half-term**

Mon 12.02.18 On-line Booking for Parents Evening
available from 12pm

Tues 27.02.18 Parents Evening (1) 4.00 - 7.00pm

Weds 28.02.18 Parents Evening (2) 3.45 - 6.00pm

Thurs 01.03.18 World Book Day - Dress up

Mon 05.03.18 - Fri 09.03.18 Milford School Book Week

Thurs 08.03.18 David Lucas (Author) Workshop

Mon 12.03.18 - Fri 16.03.18 Science Week

Weds 21.03.18 Godalming Festival Singing Together Y2
Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School

Weds 21.03.18 Broadwater Badminton Event (Y2)

Thurs 29.03.18 Spring Assembly 9.15-9.45 am

Weds 28.03.18 Y2 to visit Dower House and Clockhouse

Thurs 29.03.18 Last Day of term - school closes 1pm

Mon 16.04.18 First day of Summer term

Weds 25.04.18 Photographer - Class Photos

Mon 07.05.18 May Bank holiday

Mon 28.05.18 - Fri 01.06.18 **Summer Half-term**

Mon 04.06.18 **Inset Day-school closed for staff training**

Fri 21.07.18 Last day of term school closes 1pm

Mon 24.07.18 **Inset Day**

Primary School Admission and Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2018-2019

Please note the application deadline is **Monday 15th January 2018**.

Breakfast and Lunch-time SCL Club

Our popular SCL breakfast club is led and managed by Mr Kane Knight. Kane also runs a twice weekly lunchtime sports session (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) for any children who would like to participate. This club is funded using our Sports Premium grant, and offers the children the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime sports activity, led by a professional coach. Children do not need to sign up, and participation is optional.

Governor vacancy

Mr Jimmy Heslop completed his term as parent governor in December 2017. We would like to thank Mr Heslop for his commitment and service to the school. Parents will have received communication before Christmas regarding our parent governor vacancy. The deadline for applications is 12th January 2018, and applications must be sent directly to Mrs Jackie Morris, jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk, who is our Chair of Governors.

Donation Matching

Some local schools have received donations through parents' workplaces matching donations if the employee helps with PTA events. If your workplace offers this type of scheme then we would love to hear from you.

Star of the Week w/e 15/12/17

Willow

Jack: His persistence recognising numerals and practicing his key words

Maisie: Her patient and careful use of watercolour when painting her cat

Oak

Patrick: Knowing his letter sounds - reading and writing cvc words

Rory: Knowing his letter sounds - reading and writing cvc words

Cherry

Matilda S: For writing a super letter to Santa

Archie: For writing a super letter to Santa

Beech

Imogen: For being a fantastic friend to everyone in our 'Beech Class Family'

Oceanna: For working really hard on her hand-writing

Lime

Henry: For fantastic performances in our play

Lauren: For fantastic performances in our play

Elm

Ianis: For his enthusiasm during whole class discussions

Amelia: For showing initiative around the classroom



Thank You

Thank you to Ross Slaughter and Showhire for donating a mixer and microphone to the school and for

Pupil Toilets

We are currently obtaining quotes for refurbishment of the boys and girls toilets in the main building. Subject to funding, we hope to proceed with either or both refurbishments in 2018. If any trades people/builders would be interested in quoting for the works or offering their services then please contact Kirsty Morris, our School Business Manager, via the School Office.

Staff changes

Ms Bethany Mather (LSA) left the school at the end of December 2017. She will be replaced by Ms. Alice Andrew, who joins us on Thursday 18th January 2018. An agency learning supply assistant will work with us until Ms Andrew starts.

A trainee teacher, Ms Jiotty Kaushal will be undertaking a teacher training placement in Beech class this term. Ms. Kaushal will observe teaching practice in the class and support children in their learning.

Beanstalks, Castles and Ukuleles!

In Cherry Class we have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and compiling our own word mat to help us remember key vocabulary. We have also started our History topic by naming the key features of a castle and in art we are designing our own coat of arms to paint on a shield. As if that's not enough we played the ukuleles this week, learning that this instrument has a body, head, neck and a fret board. Within 20 minutes we were playing our first song, The Thumb Brush Strum!

