



Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week at Milford School with the launch of Pobble. Hopefully many of you will have completed and returned your child's permission slip and had the chance to look at our first published writers. I was incredibly impressed with the determination and raising of standards our launch day brought and look forward to seeing more writing being published over the coming term. We hope this platform will enable parents to get involved in supporting writing more through leaving positive comments on the platform (I think this will be my evening's homework for the foreseeable future - the most enjoyable homework I have had to date!) It has also been really exciting to be in Year 1 this week, where the children have had the privilege of having different grandparents in to school to discuss their old toys. As always, Cherry and Beech classes were a credit to the school, listening intently to stories and asking some really thoughtful questions.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Fri 01.02.19 The Friends - Mr Giant 4.45-5.30pm
 Fri 08.02.19 Cherry Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Fri 08.02.19 Locked in the Case - 8.00-10.00pm
 Thurs 14.02.19 Cake Sale after school
 Fri 15.02.19 On-line booking for Parents Evening available from 9.30am

Half Term Mon 18.02.19 - Friday 22.02.19

Mon 25.02.19 **Inset Day**
 Thurs 28.02.19 Friends Meeting 9.00-10.00am School Hall
 Mon 04.03.19 - 08.03.19 - World Book Week
 Fri 08.03.19 Beech Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Tues 12.03.19 Year 1 to Haslemere Museum
 Wed 13.03.19 Parents Evening (1) 4.30-7.30pm
 Thurs 14.03.19 Parents Evening (2) 3.45-6.15pm
 Fri 15.03.19 Mufti Day - Bring an Easter Egg
 Weds 20.03.19 Godalming Festival Singing Together Y2 Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School
 Fri 22.03.19 Mufti Day - Easter Egg contribution

Fri 22.03.19 Friends Meeting 9.00-10.00am School Hall

Fri 29.03.19 Easter Fair 3.15 - 5pm
 Thurs 04.04.19 Year 1 to Clockhouse and Dower House
 Fri 05.04.19 Spring Assembly 9.15-9.45am
 Fri 05.04.19 Last day of term school closes at 1pm
 Tues 23.04.19 School resumes at 8.55am
 Mon 06.05.19 May Bank holiday

Half Term Mon 27.05.19-Friday 31.05.19

Mon 03.06.19 **Inset Day**
 Wed 05.06.19 Sports Day
 Mon 10.06.19 - 14.06.19 - Science Week
 Fri 14.06.19 Oak Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Fri 21.06.19 Willow Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Fri 12.07.19 Summer Fair - 3.15pm
 Fri 19.07.19 Y2 Leavers Assembly 9.15-9.45am (Parents Welcome)
 Mon 22.07.19 Y2 Leavers Party 3.15-4.45pm
 Tues 23.07.19 Last day of term - school closes 1pm
 Wed 24.07.19 **Inset Day**

Attendance - Holiday Requests and Medical Appointments

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 as a penalty notices will now be issued.

We have also been advised by the Educational Welfare officer that pupils attending routine 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.

Stars of the Week 4th January

Elm:

Keira: For settling in to Milford School with super confidence and a super smile!

Dylan: For starting the new term with a happy, smiley and positive attitude!

Lime:

Jackson: For being a really good friend.

Ted: For a great start to the New Year!

Beech:

Lucas: For excellent maths work counting on to add numbers.

Arlo: For some amazing science work on weather and seasons. Also for settling in so well to Milford.

Cherry:

Megan: Well done for making connections in your learning! It's great to see your confidence growing in Class.

Imogen: Well done Imogen for listening attentively and answering questions clearly at carpet time.

Willow:

Bea: Well done for fantastic reading over the Christmas holidays and for demonstrating our 'superhero' values

Cruz: Well done for fantastic reading over the Christmas holidays and for demonstrating our 'superhero' values

Oak:

Imogen: Well done for fantastic reading over the Christmas holidays and being a 'superhero'!

Lauren: Well done for fantastic reading over the Christmas holidays and being a 'superhero'!

Stars of the Week 11th January

Elm:

Ben: For always being a super smiley member of our class and for always putting 100% effort into your learning.

Brody: For your enthusiasm and for your 'have a go' attitude. Well done and keep it up!

Lime:

Reuben: for being a great friend and showing our "Feeling Friendly Friday" values all week.

Layla: for being a great friend and showing our "Feeling Friendly Friday" values all week.

Beech:

James: Well done for fantastic clear speaking and confidence in your presentation to the class about your toy.

Charlie: Well done for amazing progress in writing independently and having a go at writing tricky words.

Cherry:

Scarlett: For enthusiastic and independent learning in Cherry Class

Zak: For enthusiastic and independent learning in Cherry Class

Willow:

Sophie: For her super story writing and consistently being a great role model and a kind friend to all.

Ella: for trying her best across all areas of learning, great description using her senses and super use of technology in our QR code hunt.

Oak:

Phoebe: Fantastic progress in phonics! Phoebe is putting huge effort into all she does.

Bertie: Well done for fantastic learning in reading, writing and maths. You always challenge yourself to do more than expected.

Elm News

We have had a busy start to the new term! In Computing we have been learning how to create a game in an app using blocks of code. We like using the coding app language as we make our games.

We are busy rehearsing songs which we will be singing in the Godalming Music Festival and we were lucky enough to have had a visit from Caroline the conductor who helped us with rehearsing some of the songs.

We really enjoyed our Pobble experience this week because we created some super writing from the point of view of a window. We wrote about the different views (Buckingham Palace, into an ice-cream van, a navy ship and a tank to name a few!). Some of our work has been published too!

This term we have also been creating diamante poems using opposites, exciting verbs and adjectives. The poems are in a diamond shape, similar to the artist Escher's picture which we have been looking at in Art. In his picture he only uses one pencil to create different shades of that colour which we think is awesome! He has inspired us to create our own pictures and patterns.

