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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

As this is our final newsletter I feel now is a good time to reflect on the past 3 years. It feels like only yesterday that I started as Headteacher of Milford School and so much has happened in between then and now. Most significant is that our current Year 2 Leavers were the first year group that started in Reception when I too started here. It has been wonderful to be on this journey with them and see them develop and flourish into the wonderful young people we have today. I know they will go on to great success at their new schools and feel immensely proud and privileged to have been able to get to know each and every one of them. Good luck Year 2!

As this is such a time of change we also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Morris our School Business Manager who has taken a post at Busbridge Junior School. I would like to thank Mrs Morris for all of her hard work, commitment and expertise over her time at Milford and wish her the very best for the future. We are extremely lucky because Mrs Morris will continue working as part of our Godalming Learning Partnership Bursar's group and is undertaking a project for our group of schools over the next academic year. We also say goodbye to Mrs Louise Gaff who has successfully gained employment at Hambledon Village Nursery from September. We are sorry to see her go and thank her for the care, kindness and understanding she has shown to our children over the last 2 years. Finally, we say good luck and see you soon to Mrs Harriet Harfleet. Mrs Harfleet has only been with us a relatively short amount of time but has done a great job in the classes she has worked in. She is going off to do some studying and we hope she may one day return to the classroom with us (in the meantime I'm sure we will see her at the gate!)

Thank you to everyone associated with Milford School for making it the special place it is. Have a great break and get some well deserved rest.

Mr Stear and the Milford Team

DIARY DATES

Mon	22.07.19	Y2 Leavers Party 3.15-4.45pm	Thurs	10.10.19	M & M Productions - Snow White
Tues	23.07.19	Last day of term - school closes 1pm	Fri	18.10.19	Grandparents Morning 9.15am School Disco
Wed	24.07.19	Inset Day	Thurs	24.10.19	Cake Sale
Wed	04.09.19	Inset Day	Mon	28.10.19 - Fri 1.11.19	Half-term
Thurs	05.09.19	School resumes at 8.55am for Y1 and Y2	Mon	04.11.19	Inset Day
Mon	09.09.19	Year 2 Pirate Day	Tues	05.11.19	Parents Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm)
Tues	17.09.19	Meet the Teacher - Year R 12.30pm	Thurs	07.11.19	Parents Evening 2 (3.45 - 6.15pm)
Wed	18.09.19	Meet the Teacher - Y1 and Y2 2.30pm	Mon	11.11.19	Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.15am
Fri	20.09.19	The Friends Welcome Meeting 9am	Fri	15.11.19	Mufti Day for Comic Relief Parents' Quiz (time tbc) School Hall
Mon	23.09.19 - Friday 27.09.19	Maths Week	Thurs	21.11.19	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Thurs	03.10.19	Harvest Gifts to school			
Fri	04.10.19	Harvest Assembly 9.15 am (Parents welcome)			

Breakfast and After School Clubs for Autumn term

Breakfast Club: Thurs 5th Sept - Fri 20th DecTennis (Monday): September 9thFootball (Tuesday): September 10th - December 10thGymnastics (Wednesday) Sept 11th - December 11thRugby (Thursday): September 12th - December 12thAll Star Choir (Friday): September 13thKarate (Friday): September 13th

All after school clubs are open to Year 1 and 2 children only and Reception pupils will be invited to join later in the academic year once settled into school routines.

Milford Friends

A huge thank you to Kelly Davidson for all her hard work over the last number of years and to all of our Year 2 parents for all their efforts. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Erika Keat is taking over as Chair of the Friends and she has written some words to introduce herself which you will find in this newsletter. As is often the way, Erika will be looking at ways of improving communication, articulating purpose and mobilising our whole community to continue to support Milford School - this may of course mean some changes, so keep an eye out and please give anything being proposed a fair chance!

Star Scientists of the Week w/e 28th June

Elm:

Fred: For your enthusiasm during our play rehearsals and for learning your lines!

Bethany: For your confidence and enthusiasm during play and for singing beautifully!

Lime:

Jackson: For using his next steps to improve his writing.

Isabelle: For working independently and challenging herself in Maths

Beech:

Darcey: For excellent story ideas and punctuation in her work.

Rowan: Great mathematical thinking using a numberline to add and subtract teen numbers. Well done!

Cherry:

Chaniece: For her amazing javelin throwing in P.E.

Eli: For some super writing in English

Willow:

Sophie: For her fantastic writing re-telling the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'

Sophia: For being a superb ambassador for Milford School on our trip to Tuesley Farm

Oak:

Rafferty: For being a kind and caring friend who always shows our Milford School values

Jack B: For being an all round SUPERSTAR and following our class rules. Also, for learning his keywords.

Stars of the Week w/e 5th July

Beech:

Bobbie: For an excellent non-fiction book about whales

Jonah: Amazing mathematics work on place value

Cherry:

Willow:

Louis: For his enthusiasm and superb chopping skills when preparing our vegetable soup.

Jude: For thinking of others and painting a beautiful butterfly picture for one of his friends.

Isla J: For being a wonderful member of the Willow Class team - wishing you all the best in your new school

Cherry:

Megan: For making great connections in her learning.

Emilia: For effort and determination in Guided Reading.

Oak:

Alfie: For always following our class rules and our Milford School values

Ava: For lovely manners and making super progress with her reading.

Comments/Suggestions

Please put any comments or suggestions you may have in an envelope and put in the school post box or e-mail the office on parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Stars of Feeling Good Week w/e 12th July

Elm:

To all of **Elm Class** for their never-ending positivity, their smiles and the encouragement they give to each other to enable themselves and others to feel good.

Lime:

Ruby: For her positive attitude to her learning and a constant smile which makes everyone around her feel good!

Daisy: For her positive attitude to her learning and a constant smile which makes everyone around her feel good!

Beech:

Arlo: For thinking carefully about what makes him feel good and creating a super 'magic box' poem.

Bobbie: For a wonderful attitude to learning and super contributions at circle time

Cherry:

Zak: For making great contributions to our learning during carpet time in Cherry Class.

Stanley: For effort and determination in writing.

Willow:

Jessica: For always smiling, doing terrific tidying and a fantastic friend during Feel Good Week

Cruz: For having an infectious smile, being a happy helper and a considerate classmate during Feel Good Week.

Oak:

Emily: For spending lots of time and care writing her own sentences to match her beautiful pictures.

Tilly: For being a good role model and considerate class mate during Feeling Good Week.

Breakfast Club

Bookings will be open on our website for Breakfast club in September from 1st August. 2019.

From September the cost will be £5.00 per morning from 7:45 - 8:45am. Breakfast will be served daily between 7:45 - 8:20am in the Learning Hub followed by games, activities and a weekly sport programme provided in the hall from 8:20 - 8:45am

French Lessons

Sadly, we will not be providing French lessons next academic year as La Jolie Ronde are unable to provide a teacher.

Innovate - School Meals Autumn Term

School meal ordering for the Autumn term will be available from mid August via the Innovate website. Please ensure that you have ordered your child's meals by mid-night on Saturday 31st August so that your child will receive a meal.

WILLOW CLASS NEWS

Before (September 2018)



After (June 2019)



Wow... How time flies when we're having fun! Mrs Heslop couldn't be prouder of this fabulous bunch. It only feels like a few moments ago that they arrived at Milford - bright-eyed and ready to explore. That is exactly what they have done and just look at them now...



Willow enjoyed an amazing visit to Tuesley Farm recently where we wore groovy hairnets and went in a gigantic fridge; were transported around by tractor; picked the largest, juiciest strawberries and raspberries we'd ever seen; had lunch in the fairy woods and played merrily in the playground including zooming along a zip wire!



Swimming - Elm and Lime Autumn Term 2019

Swimming lessons for Elm/Lime classes will take place in the Autumn term. Please take the opportunity to take your children to a swimming pool over the summer holidays to prepare them for the lessons. Further information and payment details are in the letter which you should have received on Wednesday.

Thank you!

Beech Class would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Paulina and Niki from Tuesley Farm, and John and Salam the respective managers of Milford Tesco Express and Milford Coop, for their kind and generous donations towards their 'Strawberries & Cream and Fizz' stall at the Summer Fair.

Golden Boot Challenge 2019

Congratulations to Oak Class for winning the Golden Boot challenge. Well done to all classes that showed an increase in the numbers of children travelling to school in an environmentally friendly way during the challenge. With parking becoming an increasing challenge at times, 'park and stride' can make the trip to school a little more enjoyable and healthy for all of us and is definitely something to consider if you can.

End of Term—Beginning of next term

This term ends at **1.00p.m.** on Tuesday 23rd July. We re-open for Year 1 and Year 2 children on Thursday 5th September. New Entrants to Year R will be starting on Tuesday 10th September, and their parents have received a letter informing them of the arrangements.

Feel Good Week - Wake up Wednesdays!

A big thank you to Miss Nicola Jones for planning and leading the 'Feel Good Week' and to all the staff who participated in taking the Wake and Shake sessions which were a huge success. Due to the positive response, on 11th, 18th and 25th September (weather dependent) we will hold a 'Wake Up Wednesday' in the playground. We will then look at putting some regular 'Wake ups' in the calendar for Summer term 2020 if they remain popular! Thank you for the feedback - we are glad everyone found them as much fun as we did.



Feel Good Week



A message from the new Chair of Friends, Erika Keat...

I am sure many of you have heard that at the end of this term Kelly Davidson will be stepping down as Chair of the Friends. May I take this chance to publicly say a BIG thank you to Kelly for all her hard work and for raising an incredible amount for the school over the past 4 years, enabling our children to have some wonderful experiences, lots of new equipment and exciting school trips. She obviously leaves some very big shoes to fill, but I will be taking over from Kelly as Chair in September and am excited to grow the community of the Friends and to continue raising funds for the school.

I also wanted to say a massive "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the Summer Fair, whether that was getting donations, organising helpers, helping on the day or simply spending your pennies. We raised a whopping £2,307.82. THANK YOU! I hope you enjoyed the fair as much as we all did.

Your contributions really do help your children. Thank you so much for digging deep this year and participating in all the school events. The Friends have raised an amazing £ £12,605 and counting so far this year, which has helped pay for:

- New netbooks
- New tables and a Mud Kitchen for Year R
- New equipment for Year 2 including chalkboards and planters
- Outdoor storage
- The climb-on train in the playground
- Support for the Gardening Club
- Subsidising class trips to Birdworld, Haslemere Museum, Brighton Aquarium, Witley Common, Marwell Zoo
- The visiting theatre productions
- Story cushions
- Yoga

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and I look forward to meeting all of you next term and to welcoming you into the Friends community. Our first Friends meeting will be the morning of Friday 20th September after drop-off, get it in your diary now and please do come along to see how you can get involved (siblings are welcome of course too). There will be biscuits and friendly faces waiting for you and I promise you can be involved as much or little as you want.

But first Summer Holidays here we come, ENJOY!

Do you want to engage more parents in the education and achievement of their children/your pupils?

Family Learning can support with this to:

- Increase the educational attainment of children
- Improve children's readiness for school
- Support vulnerable parents to be more confident and involved in the support of their children's development

We can offer:

- Fully funded courses **FREE** to your parents as learners
- Collaborative support to identify the best courses to meet the needs of your families
- Partnership working to increase the skills of the parent, increasing their ability to support their child's learning

The benefits:

- Narrowing the gap for disadvantaged children and families
- Increased parental engagement
- Strengthened family relationships and wellbeing
- Improved child and family health



Family Learning



The Fine Print (don't worry - it's all good!)

Family Learning courses are fully funded, i.e. **FREE** to the learner. The funding comes from the Adult Education Budget (AEB), which is provided to Surrey Adult Learning (SAL) under its funding Agreement with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

SAL identifies Family Learning key objectives as an important part of reaching vulnerable families and leaving no one behind. We reach 1200 families annually. The courses are all linked to national and local strategic outcomes for

- health
- wellbeing
- family resilience
- parenting
- employability

All courses are held in partnership with children's centres and schools and have the objectives to:

- increase the skills of the parent
- increase the ability of the parent to support the child
- increase the skills of the child

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Take a look at our web page for further information and to watch the video of Family Learning in action

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