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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! I continue to be proud of how well the children have settled back into a school routine. Please if you haven't yet signed in to Google Classroom for your child, can you make this a priority for the weekend.

We are now approaching a 'make or break' time nationally with the Covid 19 pandemic and it is more important now than ever before that we all take additional precautions not just when on the school site, but also in our own everyday lives too. I am determined to be able to offer a full 'on site' education for our children, however we are already finding staffing a challenge with the amount of time it takes to obtain a test and result. What we all do outside of the school day really does matter as it will inevitably have an impact here at Milford School. Please think carefully about activities you are undertaking, hygiene, people you might be seeing and if you have any doubt about the suitability or safety, please consider alternatives. I am asking you all to make small sacrifices so that we can hopefully continue to remain fully open to all pupils for as long as possible, particularly as we now move into full on cough and cold season.

I really appreciate your support with this and thank you all for the patience and understanding you have shown so far. Myself and the whole team here are dedicated to doing the very best we can for all of the children and families in our community, so from all of us, please stay safe, be careful and keep spreading kindness in our local area.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Wed	30.09.20	Harvest Gifts to school	Fri	06.11.20	Inset Day
Mon	12.10.20	Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 5.30pm	Fri	13.11.20	Mufti Day for Children in Need
Thurs	15.10.20	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation	Fri	11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	16.10.20	School closes early :	Fri	18.12.20	Last Day of term school closes early time tbc
		YR : 12.50pm	Mon	04.01.21	School re-opens
		Y1 : 1.00pm	Fri	26.02.21	Inset Day
		Y2 : 1.10pm	Fri	28.05.21	Inset Day
Fri	16.10.20	Parent Consultations - 1.30 - 4pm	Wed	21.07.21	Last day of term
Mon	26.10.20 - Fri 30.10.20	Half-term			

Jewellery



For reasons of safety, it is Surrey County Council policy not to allow children to wear jewellery for any physical activity. This ruling includes all pierced jewellery. There is no exception to these rules for stud earrings, as they are equally dangerous in many cases.

Inset Days

The remaining inset days for this academic year are Friday 6th November 2020, Friday 26th February, and Friday 28th May 2021

Harvest Assembly Donations- Friday 4th October

If you would like to bring in Harvest gifts, please do so on Tuesday 30th September. These will be donated to St Mark's Foodbank who require all donations are in date and unopened. They publish a list once a week of items that are particularly needed on the Godalming Town Council website and on the Godalming & Farncombe Community Coronavirus Assistance but all donations will be gratefully accepted.



Parent Evening Sign Up

Parents Evening will take place by Zoom on Monday 12th October (3.40 - 5.30pm) and Friday 16th October (1.30 - 4pm). School will close early, after lunch, on Friday 16th October - YR will finish at 12.50pm, Year 1 at 1pm and Year 2 at 1.10pm. You will be able to sign up on Friday 2nd October. You will receive an e-mail and/or text message with a link. Please ensure you are on time for your meeting as you will be allocated a 10 minute slot.



Updating Records/Information

Your child should have received an envelope 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. We would be grateful if these data collection forms can be returned by **Friday 2nd October**.

Parking

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the school, by not parking in the lay-by, the zig-zag lines, and leaving enough access for local residents and emergency vehicle access.

Staff Car Park

Please note that the staff car park is for staff use only due to limited capacity. Breakfast and After School Clubs are not permitted to use the car park for drop off or pick up. If you have a physical disability which requires parking access, please contact the School Office to discuss.

Face Coverings

During drop off and pick up it appears to be increasingly difficult to ensure appropriate social distancing. With this in mind, I'd like to request that parents queueing to enter the premises consider wearing a face covering in order to minimise the risk of the spread of coughs, colds and other potential viruses. In the mornings, Year 2 can enter the premises by bypassing the 'merge in turn' queueing system and go around to the playground. Please stick to your year group's timings to help avoid congestion - it's wonderful that so many parents and children arrive early to school and are excited about being here, however it can add to a bottleneck. So please if you can, take a little longer arriving to school and don't join the line until around 5 minutes before your child's year group is due to start school (8.30 and 2.50 for Reception, 8.40 and 3.00 for Year 1, 8.50 and 3.10 for Year 2).

Star of the Week w/e 18th September, 2020

Cherry:

Rory: For helping his team create various 2D body shapes in Maths

Tilly: For helping her friends with their writing this week.

Beech:

Luke: For sharing your thinking in Maths and explaining your ideas clearly

Jack: For super story telling.

Lime:

Blake: For wonderful focus and writing about famous pirates

Chloe: For fantastic contributions and attitude to learning

Elm:

William: for enthusiastic ideas in his pirate story

Ivy: For being a positive, smiley and thoughtful member of Elm Class

Oak:

Benjamin S: For always being an excellent role model for his classmates and being a helpful and kind member of Oak Class

Ruby: Benjamin S: For always being an excellent role model for his classmates and being a helpful and kind member of Oak Class

Willow:

Jack: For always being an excellent role model for his classmates and for a fantastic start to his Milford School journey!

Olive: For her enthusiastic, positive attitude to learning and for being a kind and considerate friend to others.

Free School Meals Eligibility and Armed Forces

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 pupils and close any potential attainment gaps between them and their peers. Please e-mail the School Office on info@milford.surrey.sch.uk for a form 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.



Please also let us know if you are a member of the Armed Forces as this also attracts funding for schools.



Year 2 Pirate Day 2019!

We received a letter from Captain Jack.
The Salty Sea Rats had stolen his treasure!



Completing pirate
training.



We collected letters throughout the day
we rearranged them to find the location
of the stolen treasure. We found it!

