



Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you in a place reflective of our theme for today - 'Feeling Friendly Friday'. I won't say any more about it because it is covered later in the newsletter.

The children have settled back into school life really quickly and all classes have enjoyed beginning their new topics, with Year 2 being greeted by some artefacts that they have been exploring and questioning to kick off their 'Pioneers' topic. Reception have been getting busy with their Superhero topic and this week I received my very own Superhero vegetable which has pride of place in my office beside my computer (a first for me!)



I trust you all had a good Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Thurs 17.01.19 Pied Piper Theatre 'The Big Enormous Present'
 Thurs 17.01.19 Meet the Headteacher - Year R - 9a.m.
 Thurs 17.01.19 Meet the Headteacher - Year 1 - 3p.m.
 Fri 18.01.19 Meet the Headteacher - Year 2 - 3p.m.
 Fri 08.02.19 Cherry Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Thurs 14.02.19 Cake Sale after school
Half Term Mon 18.02.19 - Friday 22.02.19
 Mon 25.02.19 **Inset Day**

Mon 04.03.19 - 08.03.19 - World Book Week
 Fri 08.03.19 Beech Class Assembly-Parents 9.15am
 Fri 15.03.19 Mufti Day - Easter Egg contribution
 Fri 29.03.19 Easter Fair
 Fri 05.04.19 Spring Assembly
 Fri 05.04.19 Last day of term school closes at 1pm
 Tues 23.04.19 School resumes at 8.55am
 Mon 03.06.19 Inset Day
 Wed 24.07.19 Inset Day

Feeling Friendly Friday

This Friday we have had a celebration of what it is to be a good friend. The day has aimed to launch our new 'anti-bullying' leaflet for the children but wanting to give it a more positive spin, we have called the day 'Feeling Friendly Friday'.

We started the day with an assembly, sharing a story about the 'Huey's' and looked together at our leaflet. We discussed the difference between someone accidentally hurting us, someone being mean and bullying. The children then spent some more time discussing this in their classes.

We want to be known as a 'telling school' so please do ask your children what this means! We hope they will be able to explain the difference in the types of incidents and feel confident that if they do know that something is wrong either in relation to themselves or one of their peers that they know the right thing to do is tell someone.

We will be sending home a leaflet for parents too, so that you feel informed and confident in the way that the school handles incidents and that you know what to do should you have a concern. The children have also participated in a range of activities today, learning and exploring how to be a good friend. They have celebrated the positive and friendly attributes that they already demonstrate. Look out for photos on the website!

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'!

Friends of Milford School

It's been over a week since the new term started but Happy New Year to you all anyway! As many people know, I will be stepping down as Chair before the end of the school year, when Lucy leaves and after three years in the role. I have really enjoyed my time in the role and will be very sad to leave it and Milford School in general – but I feel that a new Chair with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm will be of real benefit! I would like to have the chance to do a proper handover before I go, rather than leaving behind some scribbled notes, paperwork and files. This term is ideal to start this process as it is the quietest in terms of events. If you are interested in the role (even if, like me when it's just a glimmer of an interest in the back of your mind!), please let me know! And bear in mind that there doesn't just have to be a Chair – there can be Co-Chairs, a Deputy or Vice Chair, or a committee working together to run the Friends. I'm more than happy to chat (over coffee, cake or wine) about what the role entails via milfordschoolfriends@gmail.com, Facebook Messenger, or just grab me in the playground!

(with fingers crossed) Kelly

PS there will also be other vacant roles in September so please let me know if you would like to help.

What is the Most Amazing Toy?

This term in Year One we are investigating different types of toys and comparing old ones with new ones. We watched a video clip that showed us the amazing toys through the 20th century and Godalming Museum have kindly lent us their Toy Resources Box which is full of Victorian toys. In science we have been learning about the materials toys are made from as well as how they work. On Tuesday Cherry Class sketched some of the toys, like an old doll whose face was made of porcelain and a spinning top made from metal. Today we finished writing about the toys and made our own non-fiction books with a contents page, photos and illustrations. We will also be bringing in our favourite toys from home and answering questions about them. In a few weeks our topic will finish with The Great Big Year One Milford Toy Sale. Learning can be so much fun through play!



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 we would love to hear from you. Contact us on 01483 422087 or parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk.

Primary School Admission and Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2019-2020

Please note the application deadline is Tuesday 15th January.