



Dear Parents,

It seems amazing that September is already drawing to a close and we have been back for 4 weeks. The time has flown and the school has been a really enjoyable and vibrant place to be with fantastic enthusiasm and learning in every classroom I have visited. I have had the pleasure of teaching Elm, Lime and Beech Classes so far this academic year and I am very excited to spend some time with the other classes soon. Thank you to those parents who have sent in Resilience promises - they are proudly displayed in the hall. We are a bit thin on the ground in terms of 'Achievements outside of school' for our other hall board. If anyone has an achievement they are proud of that they are happy to share, please do send it in - it could be a 'first' or anything your child is particularly proud of. You can email them in or of course pop something in a book bag. It would be great to get these filled. October is quite a busy month with theatre visits, flu vaccinations, parents evenings, Harvest Assembly and finishing for half term with the ever popular 'Milford Friends' cake sale! Do have a look at the calendar. Thanks again for all of your support - have a great weekend.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Mon	01.10.18	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation	
Tues	02.10.18	Photographer (Individual)	
Mon	08.10.18 - Friday 12.10.18	Maths Week	
Fri	12.10.18	Grandparents' Morning	
Fri	12.10.18	Quiz - 8pm (time tbc) in School Hall	
Mon	15.10.18	Parents' Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm)	
Tues	16.10.18	M&M Productions 'The Wizard of Oz'	
Wed	17.10.18	Parents' Evening 2 (3.45-6.15pm)	
Thurs	18.10.18	Harvest Gifts to School	
Fri	19.10.18	Harvest Assembly 9.15am Elm/Lime to Dower House and Clockhouse Cake Sale 3.15pm	
Mon	22.10.18 - Friday 26.10.18	Half-term	
Mon	29.10.18	Inset Day	
Fri	09.11.18	Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents welcome)	
Fri	07.12.18	Mufti Day for Xmas Fair	
Fri	07.12.18	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Grandparents and Toddlers 1.30-2.15pm	

Mon	10.12.18	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Parents 1.30-2.15pm
Tues	11.12.18	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Grandparents and Toddlers 1.30-2.15pm
Wed	12.12.18	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Grandparents and Toddlers 1.30-2.15pm
Thurs	13.12.18	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 1.30-2.15pm
Fri	14.12.18	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 1.30-2.15pm
Fri	14.12.18	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of a charity to be decided by The School Council
Mon	17.12.18	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Tues	18.12.18	Christmas Fair (3.15 - 5pm)
Wed	19.12.18	Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am
Wed	19.12.18	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Thurs	03.01.19	School resumes at 8.55am
Mon	25.02.19	Inset Day
Mon	03.06.19	Inset Day
Wed	24.07.19	Inset Day

Parent Consultation Evenings - On-line Booking System

Parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher in the hall on either Monday 15th October (4.30-7.30pm) or Wednesday 17th October (3.45-6.15pm). You should today have received a text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page and register. If you have any issues please let us know. We have made one evening later to, hopefully, enable more working parents to attend.

Inset Days

The remaining inset days for this academic year are Monday 29th October 2018, Monday 25th February, Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July 2019.

Grandparent's Day

Parents should now have received booking forms for the Grandparents day. Please return completed forms by Friday 5th October.

Tucasi On-line Payment System

All new parents will have received a letter informing them of their log in details and access code. The registration process is very simple and once you have registered you will be able to pay on-line for school trips.

Children going home with other children

To avoid any mis-communications regarding collecting children at the end of the school day, would you please ensure you write in the 'Going Home Book' at the start of the day. The 'Going Home Book' is located in each classroom. Emergency changes to collection arrangements must be phoned in by 2:45pm at the latest please. Please be prepared to give your CODEWORD which is listed on your child's admission form.



Medical/Dental Appointments

We have 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.



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 request a meeting with the SENCO Mrs J Fulterer to discuss.

Parent Helpers and Safeguarding Children

We welcome parent (and grandparent) helpers in school. Please be aware that if you wish to help with the children (in class or school trips) you will need a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The school will pay for the cost of this check. Parents can start their own applications on-line (full guidance is available from the office). On-line applications generally take less than a week to process. After this you will be very welcome in school.

Harvest Assembly Reminder - Friday 19th October

Just a reminder that our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 19th October at 9.15 am, and parents are welcome to come and join us in the hall. Afterwards Elm and Lime children will be going to sing at Dower House and the Clock House (Milford Day Centre). If you would like to bring in Harvest gifts, please do so on Thursday 18th October so that we have time to arrange everything on the stage before the assembly. We will be donating to Dower House, The Clock House and The Number Five Project in Guildford which is a charity for homeless people. Suggestions are instant coffee and hot chocolate, packets of instant mash, instant noodles and savoury crackers, tinned vegetables (not baked beans), pot noodles and savoury rice, cartons of long life juice and UHT milk, bottles of squash, washing up liquid, laundry washing liquid, toilet rolls, shower gel, toothbrushes (singles not multipacks), shampoo. All gifts will be gratefully received.



Attendance

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.

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.

Year 2

Both Year 2 classes have had a great start to the term, settling in really well. We are enjoying swimming and our teachers are very impressed with our independence and organisation.

We had a fantastic day at Pirate School! We found treasure, made maps, wrote instructions and cooked Ship's Biscuits.

Watch out for our assembly in November!



Learn KARATE at Milford School

FRIDAY After school Club

Fridays 3.15-4.15pm at Milford School Main Hall

Club details & application forms are in our reception area.

Sensei Julie 2nd Dan Black Belt Instructor (Mrs Mayes)



Stars of the Week 14th September

Elm:

Amy: Working with great focus and concentration in Maths to successfully complete her challenge
Leia-Rose: Super positive attitude and fabulous contribution to our class agreement

Lime:

Harlow: For being a good role model
Max: For showing resilience in his learning

Beech:

Alex: Amazing sorting objects in Maths
Ellie: Beautiful writing about our school values

Cherry:

Finley: Great answering on the carpet and trying not to call out during our learning
Arlo: Super map reading skills



Stars of the Week 21st September

Elm:

Fletcher: Your super positive attitude to learning
Bethany: Persevering in Maths and contributing with confidence

Lime:

Hugo: For sharing his enthusiasm for learning with our class visitors

Archie: For fantastic focus in his learning

Beech:

Alice: Having a 'yes I can' attitude to her learning
Darcey: Amazing 'wow' words to describe the wolf

Cherry:

Grace: For being a great role model in Cherry class
Jaxon: Making a super start in Cherry class and Y1

Apologies but due to a technical issue we do not have any photo for the Star of the Week for 21st September.