



Dear Parents,

It seems incredible to think that we only have one more week until half term, the time has literally flown by. I have been very impressed with the learning that has been going on across the school and hope you will enjoy looking at your child's exercise books during Parents Evening. The staff have spent some time in our 'Staff Development Meetings' (a weekly session where we train, share good practice and try to develop), looking at the books and how the children are presenting their learning, the support they are receiving to do well and how they are responding to the feedback we give them. It has been a heartening exercise and one that I am excited about repeating after half term! This week of course has seen our Milford Maths Week and it has been brilliant to see so much active learning going on across the school, making great use of our extensive grounds and resources. We have had dressing up from staff (dominos and Mrs Odd and Mrs Even) and even had a visit on Thursday from 'Number 5' from the Numberblocks! All classes were really excited and it added to the energy and positivity around mathematics.

Finally, I have received a few more Resilience promises (things we promise to never give up trying at) and 'Achievements Outside of Milford School' and the boards are starting to fill up a bit more. Please do send anything in that we could put up - an email with some information about an important 'first' would do. Remember you can follow us on Twitter where extra bits of information can be found - @Milford_School #growlearnbelieveachieve we now have over 100 followers!

Have a lovely weekend - let's hope the bright weather continues!

Mr Stear and the Milford Team

DIARY DATES

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 Cake Sale 3.15pm
Fri	19.10.18	Harvest Assembly 9.15am Elm/Lime to Dower House and Clockhouse
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

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2019-2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Monday 29th October 2018 and the application deadline is Tuesday 15th January 2019.



Year 2 Junior School Transfer

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Monday 29th October and the application deadline is **Tuesday 15th January 2019.**



Failure to make your application by this date will result in you being treated as a late applicant. Our Senco is available to help any parents with applications and queries if required. Please contact the office if you require a form which explains how to make your application.

Stars of the Week 28th September

Elm

Johannes: Your excellent effort, enthusiasm and concentration in Maths

Tyler: Being a great role model and for your super effort in your learning

Lime

Matilda: For sharing her ideas at carpet time

Cooper: Fantastic enthusiasm in his Maths learning

Beech

Jack P: Working very hard on his 'Little Red Hen' story map

Bobbie: Excellent Maths work comparing numbers

Cherry

Ethan: Good listening at carpet time and trying his best

Megan: Great progress with her key words

Willow

Cruz: For settling in well, always trying his best and great work practicing and reading his key words!

Ella: Practicing her phonics, including writing the letters, every day and putting them together to write words

Oak

Jack C: For being a fantastic role model for the rest of Oak Class, settling in to Milford School and always trying his best

Millie: For being a fantastic role model for the rest of Oak Class, settling in to Milford School and always trying her best

Individual Photos

You should, today, have received your child's photo. Orders can be placed on-line or you can send your order in the envelope provided **directly** to the company.

Food Allergies and Intolerances

If you have any allergies, before ordering on-line please come and speak to a member of Innovate who can advise you on what options are suitable for your needs.

School Meals for the next half-term

Please remember to order your child's school meals for the next half-term. This will need to be done by midnight on Saturday 27th October.

Swimming Payment - Year 2

If you have not paid for your child's swimming lessons please do so a.s.a.p. as we need to settle our accounts.

Stars of the Week 5th October

Elm

Dylan: For a fabulous 'pirate sound' collector poem

Ella: For a fabulous 'pirate sound' collector poem

Lime

Isla: Super resilience in her Maths learning

Isabelle: Super resilience in her Maths learning

Beech

Harris: Fantastic explaining of new vocabulary

Poppy: Fantastic resilience with her broken arm

Cherry:

Jack W: Super effort with his home learning

Lily: Fantastic adaptation of the Little Red Hen story

Willow:

Samuel: For his independent writing using our phonics and for having a smile on his face all day

Stanley: For being a good role model to others following the rules and showing our Milford values

Oak:

Isla: For fantastic learning of our letter sounds and using them to read words

JackB: For always following our class rules and routines.



Coats and P.E. Kit

We expect children to have a coat and a PE kit in school at all times. If, for any reason, PE kit is taken home please return them the following day. We would appreciate your help with this matter.

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.

Let's go low-tech!

We all spend a huge amount of time looking at screens: our mobile phones, computers, televisions, iPads... and now, it is even possible to wear screens on our wrists in the form of iWatches and Fitbits. Don't forget to make sure your children 'switch off' each day (particularly the last hour before bedtime) as too much screen-time can have a negative impact on health, causing headaches, strained eyes, poor sleep quality and even mental health problems.



OAK CLASS NEWS!



We have had a fantastic start to our learning at Milford School. We have been happily making new friends, exploring our new school and becoming more independent as we become familiar with our new routines.



This week has been Milford Maths Week and we have been busy with our maths learning in the outside area – counting, ordering and playing maths games. We even had a visit from one of the Numberblocks!

Numberblocks number 5 showed us all the different ways we could make 5.

Using Percy the Park Keeper's friends, we were able to make up our own number stories about the number 5.



"1 animal is having a picnic and 4 are on the swings. There's 5!"

We have also been learning about seasonal changes and the signs of Autumn. On our Autumn hunt we found lots of leaves of different colours!



Oak Class are looking forward to Pyjama Day and Harvest Assembly next Friday before we have a well deserved rest at Half Term.