



Dear Parents,

Half term is getting ever closer and the nights seem to be drawing in. This time of year can sometimes make me feel a bit down in the dumps, but for the first time in a long while I am filled with optimism, pride and excitement about what our community of teachers, children, parents and grandparents is trying to achieve here at Milford School. We have now had our Grandparents morning and I have conducted my first two prospective parent tours. During and after both events I have received some lovely feedback about our school with many visitors commenting on the **independence** of our children (our new value of the month) and the vibrant and exciting atmosphere in the school. Walking around all of the classes has been an immense pleasure and filled me with great pride at seeing how far the children have come already this year. I truly believe Milford School is a very special place to be at the moment. Our Milford Friends have been meeting regularly and have started to put together a range of different fundraising ideas and events for the year, including our Christmas Fair (watch this space for requests for volunteers and donations – we need you!) Anyone is welcome to get involved – do get in touch if you are able to offer some assistance ([milfordschoolfriends@gmail.com](mailto:milfordschoolfriends@gmail.com))

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Andrew Stear

## DIARY DATES

Mon 17.10.16	'Phil the Bag' 8.45 am and 3.00pm	Fri 02.12.16	Christmas Fair
Tues 18.10.16	'Phil the Bag' 8.45am	Tues 06.12.16	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Wed 19.10.16	Parents Evening 1 4.30-7.00pm	Mon 12.12.16	Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Toddlers
Thurs 20.10.16	Parents Evening 2 3.30 - 6.00pm	Tues 13.12.16	Christmas Performance (1) 9.15am (Surnames A-L)
Fri 21.10.16	Year R Pyjama Day	Wed 14.12.16	Christmas Performance (2) 9.15am (Surnames M-Z)
Fri 21.10.16	Cake sale 3.15pm	Thurs 15.12.16	Parent Helpers Coffee 9.00am
Mon 24.10.16 - Friday 28.10.16	<b>Half-term</b>	Fri 16.12.16	Carols around the Tree 9.00-9.30am
Mon 31.10.16	<b>Inset Day</b>		Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'
Wed 02.11.16	Sleepy Story Time 4.45-5.45 pm		Christmas Lunch
Thurs 03.11.16	Friends Meeting - (all welcome) 7.30 pm	Wed 21.12.16	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Fri 18.11.16	Year 1 and Year 2 Flu nasal immunisation	Tues 03.01.17	School resumes at 8.55am
Fri 18.11.16	Mufti Day for Xmas Fair	Thurs 19.01.17	Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Burglar Bill'
Fri 18.11.16	Friends Quiz 7.30pm		
Tues 22.11.16	Toddler Time in Hall 2.15-3.00pm		

## Harvest Assembly

Below is a picture of the Harvest donations that Year 2 have taken to Dower House/Clockhouse today and The Number Five Project in Guildford which is a charity for homeless people. Thank you to all of you who brought in donations, it will make a real difference to the people who receive it. Thanks also to our merry band of parent helpers who made such a brilliant display and who took such a lovely photograph. We hope everyone who attended our Harvest assembly this morning enjoyed it and left with a big smile on their face.



## SCL - Survey

Mr Stear met with SCL last week to discuss the possibility of running an 'After-school Club' at Milford School. Please could you complete the



Feasibility

Questionnaire which you should have already received via email and your child's book-bag and return by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Provided that the response is positive

we hope to be able to offer this club in the Spring term (subject to interest and SCL's staffing availability).

### Primary School Admission for the academic year 2017-2018

If you have a child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Monday 31 October 2016 and the application deadline is **Sunday 15 January 2017 (Surrey Admissions—not via school)**.

### Year 2 Junior School Transfer



Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and the application deadline is **Sunday 15 January 2017**.

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.

### 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 do not have a lot of spare PE kit in school and it takes time out of a child's PE lesson if we need to look for plimsolls and clothes at the last minute. 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.

### Office Opening Hours

Please note the office opening hours are from 8.45—3.15pm on Mondays and Thursdays, 8.30-3.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 8.30-3.15pm on Friday.

### Selective Mutism Month - October

We are supporting Selective Mutism month and we will be talking to the children in their classes. The children will be joining in with a timed silence to raise awareness. For more information please visit <http://www.smira.org.uk/>

### After School Clubs

Tennis: Monday 3.20-4.20pm

Course runs from 7<sup>th</sup> November - 5<sup>th</sup> December

SCL Breakfast Club: Every day 7.45-8.45am

Course runs 1<sup>st</sup> November - Wed 21<sup>st</sup> December

SCL Soccer Club: Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm

Course runs 1<sup>st</sup> November - 13<sup>th</sup> December

\*SCL Dodgeball: Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm

Course runs 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 14<sup>th</sup> December

(\* Club Energy is being replaced by Dodgeball due to the low uptake for Club Energy)

French (Lunchtime): 4<sup>th</sup> November - 8<sup>th</sup> December

### SCL - Inset Day Club 31<sup>st</sup> October

SCL are running an inset day club on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 8am - 4pm at Milford School. Booking is available on-line at [www.wearescl.co.uk](http://www.wearescl.co.uk). The club is available for all Godalming Confederation schools except secondary schools.

### Friends of Milford Christmas Cards

*In school, with help from Milford Friends the children have been designing lovely Christmas cards - you should have received a sample on Wednesday. Please help us raise funds for Milford School by buying some of these lovely cards, gift tags, mugs or tea towels with a lovely snowman, penguin or reindeer designed by your child! Orders made this week will be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas, and every order benefits the school directly. You can pay by cash or cheque, please make cheques payable to "Friends of Milford School". **Orders need to be handed into the office by Tuesday, 18th October.***

### Cake Sale—Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm

*You will shortly receive a plate for the cake sale which will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you can bring your filled plates into the hall on the morning of the sale we would be very grateful. Volunteers needed for sale at 3.15pm and to price cakes from 9.00-9.15am.*

### Sleepy Story-time—Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 4.45-5.45p.m.

*Children — do come along to school in your pyjamas for a lovely story (read by the teachers) before bed. Don't forget your teddy! Milk and biscuits will be provided and the cost will be £1.50 per child. (Milford School pupils only please—sorry we are unable to accommodate siblings).*

## Star of the Week

Please note that there was no Star of the Week on Grandparents Day 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please see below children who got it on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### Beech

Bradley - Always being a fantastic role model to other children in the school

Vivienne - Always giving clear answers in full sentences

### Cherry

Henry - for super independent writing and for being a keen learner

Cariann - for super contributions and learning in maths, especially for your excellent explanations

### Lime

Tom - always trying his best and making great progress with his maths this week, even though it seemed tricky to start with

Lily - Always being polite and kind. Plus, this week Lily has written some fantastic stories.

### Elm

Lily - Always focusing on the task in hand

William G - Always being polite, always listening and trying his best.

### Oak

Amelie - Being a good role model at all times - helping to tidy up, always being kind and fantastic sitting on the carpet

Cooper - Always showing respect to other children and adults at school

### Willow

Tyler - For a positive attitude to school and trying his best

Fife - For being a good role model in Willow class.



## Headteacher's Award

Lime class were very proud to receive a Headteacher's award celebrating all our fantastic home learning. We love to write stories and notes about what we have been doing at home.



## School Council Meeting: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October an important meeting, facilitated by Mrs Wells, took place in The Hub, at which elected School Councillors brought to the table ideas of what equipment, bought with funds raised by The Friends, would best enhance play experience on the playground.

This was no ordinary meeting, that the Councillors, who conducted themselves with such dignity and focus, were aged from just 5 to 7, was beyond impressive! Elected by their peers, they were attending their first School Council meeting. They responded to the invitation to share their classmates' contributions with quiet confidence and competence, listening attentively to each other. A range of ideas were explored, both the wonderfully fanciful and the practical. With what good humour they contemplated, for example, the notion of a chocolate swimming pool, accepting that, whilst it would make a great story, it could not be a practical possibility. What fantastic, creative ideas must have been offered in each class prior to the representatives reporting them!

The meeting achieved its aim, concluding very successfully with "a pirate ship", "something that could be climbed on" and "a designated area for imaginative play" being amongst the exciting proposals selected to be given to The Friends for consideration at this stage.

What a memorable meeting at which the voices of Milford School's children were clearly heard and what a privilege to be present!

**Margaret Young (Amy's Grandmother)**

## Grandparent's Day

Grandparents Day which was held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September was a great success with over 150 grandparents attending. The morning began in the Hall with tea and biscuits which The Friends very kindly helped to serve up. Please see below a selection of photographs which were taken during their time spent in the classroom and on the school field. Some of the feedback received from Grandparents was lovely to hear and included things like " lovely atmosphere", "the children are so independent". Thank you to all Grandparents who attended whether they travelled from two doors down the road or as far afield as Scotland or Northern Ireland, you are always welcome.

