



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

With a New Year come opportunities for us all. Some examples in school include our focus on our current values of patience and consideration, which the children have really taken on board so far. We are trying to use a common and positive language with the children and this is something you might be able to help us with. We have been saying "At Milford we...." An example being if a child is not making a great choice, we might say to them "at Milford we are patient and considerate and walk quietly". As parents (myself included) 2020 also gives us an opportunity to make more time for conversation and interaction with our children. I am guilty at times of not listening to my children as much as I could and the dreaded TV sometimes goes on instead of playing a game. These sorts of things really do make a difference for our children and I will be trying to do better. Making time for reading to, with or listening to your child read is vitally important and I urge you to try and set aside time every day to do this (again, something I am not always successful at). All we can expect of each other is to try and do better and be better. After all, that is what we ask of our children every day. I hope you can continue to support Milford School and your children to be the best they can be and together we 'Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve'.

Welcome back and have a fantastic weekend.

Andrew Stear

## DIARY DATES

Thurs 23.01.20 Meet the Headteacher - Year R - 9am  
 Thurs 23.01.20 Meet the Headteacher - Year 1 - 2.45pm  
 Fri 24.01.20 Meet the Headteacher - Year 2 - 9am  
 Mon 03.02.20 Movie Evening - Years 1 and 2  
 Fri 07.02.20 Cherry Class Assembly  
 Mon 10.02.20 - Fri 14.02.20 Science Week  
 Fri 14.02.20 Inset Day  
 Mon 17.02.20 - Fri 21.02.20 **Half-term**  
 Fri 28.02.20 Beech Class Assembly  
 Mon 02.03.20 - Fri 06.03.20 Bookweek  
 Thurs 05.03.20 World Book Day  
 Tues 24.03.20 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm  
 Thurs 26.03.20 Parents Evening 3.45-6.15pm  
 Fri 03.04.20 Spring Assembly  
 Fri 03.04.20 Last day of term - school closes at 1pm  
 Mon 06.04.20 - Fri 17.04.20 **Easter Holidays**

Mon 20.04.20 School resumes at 8.55am  
 Thurs 23.04.20 Y2 Parents SATS meeting  
 Fri 01.05.20 Oak Class Assembly  
 Thurs 07.05.20 Willow Class Assembly  
 Fri 08.05.20 **Bank Holiday**  
 Fri 22.05.20 **Inset Day**  
 Mon 25.05.20 - Fri 29.05.20 **Half-term**  
 Wed 10.06.20 New Parents Evening 7-8.15pm  
 Wed 24.06.20 Sports Day 1.00-3.15pm  
 Tues 30.06.20 Reserve Sports Day  
 Tues 07.07.20 Celebration Afternoon 2.45-4.30pm  
 Wed 15.07.20 Leavers Assembly 9.15am  
 Wed 15.07.20 Leavers Party 3.15-4.30pm  
 Fri 17.07.20 Summer Fair 3.15pm  
 Tues 21.07.20 Last day of term - school closes at 1pm  
 Wed 22.07.20 **Inset Day**

### 'Feeling Friendly Friday'

Today was our 'Feeling Friendly Friday' and the children spent time carrying out activities in class about being a good friend and looking after each other and being kind. In assembly we read the brilliant book the Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson, which we felt illustrated friendship and diversity and acceptance beautifully. We will include some photos on our website and twitter soon!

### Friends Event - Movie Evening Years 1/2

Craft afternoon on the 3rd February has been moved to the summer term. In its place will be having a movie evening. More information and consent forms will be in book bags soon. Please note that this term's movie evening will only be open to Year 1 & 2. Reception will have a movie evening in the Easter or Summer term.

### **Star of the Week w/e 10<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Willow:**

Isaac: For challenging himself when writing about his super powers and for always being a great role model of our school values.

Jack: For being a very considerate and patient friend and for super writing and enthusiasm for our new Superheroes topic.

#### **Oak:**

Stanley: For trying really hard and writing a fantastic Superhero sentence

Oliver: For always being a Superstar and demonstrating our Milford School values

#### **Cherry:**

Otylia: For amazing effort when writing your Christmas recount in Cherry Class

Bertie: For trying incredibly hard to learn new sounds when reading in Cherry Class.

#### **Beech:**

Boo: For super effort and demonstrating great gymnastic skills in Beech Class P.E.

Alex: For great focus on our phonics learning leading to super spelling in Beech Class

#### **Lime:**

Rowan: For your excellent effort and concentration when learning a new skill (sewing). Well done!

Archie: For demonstrating wonderful focus on his learning and being proud of his achievements.

#### **Elm:**

Jack: For your excellent effort and confidence in Maths! Well done and keep it up!

Emma: For demonstrating our value of patience and consideration.

### **GLP Schools Direct Programme**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Heslop and myself headed to Godalming Junior to lead a day long Computing training session for the seven trainees across our schools in the Godalming Learning Partnership. Mrs Heslop delivered a fantastic session with feedback from the trainees being overwhelmingly positive. The Milford staff are excited to receive the training soon. Big thanks to Mrs Heslop for planning and preparing such an interesting, practical and well-thought out day. Milford are running a second session in the Summer term. The trainees have a GLP led session one week with a Winchester University session the second week. We are delighted that the training the GLP are offering has been so successful thus far and look forward to receiving more trainees next academic year. This training is only possible because of our formation of the Godalming Learning Partnership (a Co-operative Trust) and our link with Winchester University. Should you know anyone that is interested in our graduate teacher program, please do direct them to [www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org) which is our website. If you would like to find out more about the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) in general, please head to [www.godalminglearning.org.uk](http://www.godalminglearning.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk).

### **Watts Gallery Assembly**



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Year 2 were lucky enough to have a storyteller and a visitor from Watts Gallery come to visit and talk to the children. It was a fantastic session and we hope to repeat again in the future!

### **Yoga**

Year 1 were pleased to have a visit from Kate Leonard who took small groups of children to do some yoga in the hall. Luckily the children didn't come back to class so relaxed that they fell asleep, but it was an enjoyable experience for everyone!

### **Milford Scout Group Open Evening**

An Open Evening at 1<sup>st</sup> Milford Scout Group for Parents, and Children (ages 6 to 12 years) will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7 – 8:30pm at Ratcliffe Memorial Hall, New Road, Milford GU8 5DQ. All are welcome to attend.

### **Reminder**

Please ensure that your child always has a named water bottle, PE kit and a coat with them in school.

### **'Star in the Jar' - Pied Piper**

We had a visit from the Pied Piper who performed 'Star in the Jar' on Thursday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

