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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks with lots of exciting learning happening across the school. A particular highlight for me was the performance of Burglar Bill by the Pied Piper Theatre Company. I liked it so much, I think "I'll 'ave that!" again next year. In other news we now have a Twitter presence. The thinking behind this is that it's a quick and easy way to get messages out to you, the parents, but also makes us an outward facing school, able to be seen by the wider community. With that in mind, I am asking if any parents work for companies that might have grants or funding schemes available to support local schools. If the company you work for does, please get in touch, we can offer publicity through our website, newsletter and also our twitter account.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mr Stear

DIARY DATES

Thurs 09.02.17 Cake Sale - after school
 Fri 10.02.17 **Inset Day-school closed for staff training**
 Mon 13.02.17 - Fri 17.02.17 **Spring Half-term**
 Thurs 23.02.17 Children's Bingo (3.25 - 4.15pm)
 Thurs 02.03.17 World Book Day - Dress up
 Fri 03.03.17 On-line Booking for Parents Evening available from 3.15pm
 Thurs 09.03.17 E-Safety Workshop - 2.30pm
 Fri 10.03.17 Children's Disco (details to follow)
 Mon 13.03.17 Toddler Time 2.15-3.00pm
 Weds 15.03.17 Parents Evening (1) 4.30 - 6.15pm
 Thurs 16.03.17 Parents Evening (2) 3.30 - 6.00pm

Thurs 22.03.17 Godalming Festival Singing Together
 Y2 Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School
 Fri 24.03.17 Mufti Day - bring an easter egg
 Fri 24.03.17 Race Night for parents (details to follow)
 Wed 29.03.17 Spring Assembly 2.30 - 3.00pm
 Thurs 30.03.17 Y2 to visit Dower House and Clockhouse
 Thurs 30.03.17 Easter Fair - 3.15pm
 Fri 31.03.17 Last Day of term
 Tues 18.04.17 First day of Summer term
 Mon 01.05.17 May Bank holiday
 Mon 29.05.17 - Fri 02.06.17 **Summer Half-term**
 Mon 05.06.17 **Inset Day-school closed for staff training**
 Fri 21.07.17 Last day of term school closes 1pm

Sainsbury's Active Kids

We have registered to take part in Sainsbury's Active Kids for 2017. Vouchers are now available from Sainsbury's and will be available to collect until 2nd May. We would be grateful for any vouchers that we could then redeem for a wide range of equipment. We had a marvellous number to spend last year and would be delighted to receive any vouchers you and your family and friends can collect this year.



SCL Holiday and Inset Day Clubs

The Easter holiday club will run from Monday 3rd April - Thursday 13th April and the Summer half-term club will run from Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June. SCL will also run a club on Friday 10th February Inset day - booking will be on-line and will open on Monday 30th January.

Parking

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the school, by not parking on zig-zag lines, and leaving enough access for local residents and emergency vehicle access. Also please use the pedestrian crossing for safety.

Parents Survey

Thank you to the 43 parents who have completed the school survey on Survey Monkey so far. Your views and ideas are very important to us. The survey is open until Friday 10th February so please do complete the survey if you haven't already done so.

Dogs on School Premises

Please ensure that dogs are not brought on to school premises. Please tie them up to the fence at the front of the school building, away from paths and gates.

MAC Assembly



Playground update

Mr Stear and Mrs Morris attended the Friends of Milford School meeting on Friday 13th February and shared our first set of designs for the playground with those who attended. Reaction from the Friends, staff and children has been very positive.

Following feedback we have requested some modifications to the plans, and have also requested designs and surveys from 3 other companies. We will share details of these and consult with Friends, staff and children when we are able to. The purpose of the playground project is to improve levels of activity and engagement of children during play and lunchtimes. Healthy Body, Healthy Mind.

Any expenditure on the playground is currently expected to be funded by fundraising/grants and donations. We have not requested approval from our School Governors to use our main school budget funding for the project. Friends have very kindly pledged to donate some of their funds to the project (figure TBC) and have set an ambitious target of £10,000 to be raised by the end of the academic year. We have a wonderful group of Friends volunteers, and are really grateful for their support, but this is a challenging target to achieve, and they would love some more help.

Please do consider getting involved by volunteering for events, helping on a stall, taking a committee role or making a donation. Every little helps, as Asda would say! We are also looking to apply for as many grants as we can access. If you have experience of this or would like to help then please do contact the School Office.

'Burglar Bill' mends his ways at Milford School

The Pied Piper Theatre Company performed an amazing rendition of 'Burglar Bill' for our pupils in the hall last week. The children had been learning about the story all week and were very concerned that Bill was a thief and not making the right choices. The production helped to promote our **British Values** of the Rule of Law and our children's understanding of right and wrong.

Fortunately for Bill he met Betty the burglar and they realised the error of their ways, but not before we all had a super time watching the singing, dancing and puppetry. It certainly was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon for everyone.

Thank you to all parents and Friends of Milford School who generously supported this event.



The Friends of Milford - Committee

The Friends are looking to set up a committee to help support the Chair and to be more organised and efficient in their fundraising efforts! The key roles in the committee would be the Chair, the treasurer and the secretary. Bridie, who has been treasurer for three years, recently decided to step down and we are delighted to announce that Dani Spate (Kathryn in Beech's mum) will shortly be taking over from Bridie. So we're now looking for a volunteer to be secretary - this would be someone who can attend most or all of the Friends meetings to take the minutes and circulate them afterwards. We are also seeking volunteers for the following roles: events, raffle organiser for our Summer Fair and a second hand uniform co-ordinator. We would also welcome anyone who is interested in being part of a general committee and who can come along to the Friends meetings. If anyone can help with any of these - and it can be a parent, grandparent, or anyone with an interest in the school - please contact milfordschoolfriends@gmail.com. Thank you!

Star of the Week w/e 27/1/17

Willow

Ben B - For being an amazing role model

Leia-Rose - For her positive attitude to learning and 'having a go'

Oak

Ted - Listening brilliantly on the carpet and following instructions at home and at school

Daisy - An excellent attitude to learning and for always trying her best when completing all activities

Cherry

Theo - having a growth mindset when making mistakes and super effort in his learning!

Isabel D - for her magnificent work ethic and super home story writing!

Beech

Jack - For amazing work in maths

Stirling - For a great attitude to learning across all areas of the curriculum

Elm

Megan - Always working hard and challenging herself

Stanley - A positive attitude to learning and working hard

Lime

Jack - For always being a kind and helpful member of our Lime class family and great progress in Maths Club

Ruby - For persevering and making great progress with maths this week



Easyfundraising

Easy Fundraising: Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly grocery shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the Friends of Milford School via Easy Fundraising?

There are more than 3,000 shops and websites which will make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's. It doesn't cost a penny extra and there is no catch – it's free money for the school. You can access the link via www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/milfordschool and join for free. It takes 2 minutes. 2. Every time you shop online, go to

Easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever. Easy!

Star of the Week w/e 13/1/17

Willow

George - Always trying his best

Johannes - Excellent progress with his letters and sounds in phonics

Oak

Harlow - For being an excellent role model. She is always kind, helpful and makes the right choices

Ruby - for using our science words 'push' and 'pull' in her play and for being cheerful and enthusiastic when learning in Oak class

Beech

Josh - challenging himself in maths and creating fantastic rhymes in English

Tom - Always looking after classroom resources and being a role model to others

Cherry

Lily J - for being keen, willing to have a go, persevering and joining in

Jack J - for his thoughtful contributions to carpet sessions, especially in Science and Computing.

Elm

Isabelle M - Trying to 'have a go' before asking for help

Isabel P - For working very hard in maths and having a positive attitude

Lime

Ruby - For always being a good friend and role model



Friends meeting

The next Friends of Milford School meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th February from 8pm at The Refectory pub in Milford. Please do join us to discuss this term's fundraising events and for an update on the playground project. (1-2 school staff members will be attending).

Twitter

Milford School now have a Twitter account! Please search for our Twitter handle @Milford_Surrey and follow us. Any Twitter updates will also be shared on the school website.