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Milford Mail



Dear Parents,

It's been another busy few weeks here at Milford. One of my personal highlights was the Year 2 Remembrance Assembly which was a respectful and moving tribute to those who have fought for us and our country. Well done Year 2, you're all super stars!

We had a fantastic Maths Week last week and Mrs Hearsum was bowled over by the entries to the Maths Competition! Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

We are now heading swiftly towards one of our busiest and enjoyable times of the year...Christmas! I have heard various songs floating down the corridor this week and I can't wait to see each year group's performances and welcome parents in to watch (more information below).

Have a fabulous week!

Miss Jones
Acting Headteacher

Pyjama Day—Oak and Willow Classes.

Oak and Willow classes can come dressed in their pyjamas on Friday 3rd December.

The children should wear sensible footwear and also bring a coat for when they go outside. We will be supplying breakfast and are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £3 each which also covers cooking ingredients costs for the rest of the academic year (including retrospectively our recent gingerbread men). Please put your contribution in a named envelope marked 'Pyjama Day'.

Christmas Performances

The dates and times for the Christmas performances are included in the diary dates in this newsletter.

Due to current Covid guidance and the logistics of fitting everyone in to the hall, without sitting everyone too close it is one parent per performance this year. However if both parents wish to come they can have one parent at each performance. Siblings are welcome. Please wear a face covering.

There won't be a booking system, but we will count everyone in on the day in order to ensure number control. Having one parent from each family per performance should hopefully give everyone the opportunity to see their child, and something we all missed doing last year!

Covid and Sickness Bugs

As we have three confirmed cases of Covid in the school we would ask that all parents be vigilant and lateral flow test your children. If your child shows any of the three main symptoms i.e. Fever, Cough or loss of taste/smell please get them a PCR test and do not send your child to school until they have had the result. We appreciate your co-operation with this. If your child has any sickness and/or diarrhoea they will need to be clear from their last bout for 48 hours before returning to school.

Face Coverings in School—Message from SCC

COVID rates are rising fast in Surrey and it is important that we do everything we can to get the rates down and protect ourselves and others from the virus. Therefore, with immediate effect, the Surrey County Council Director of Public Health strongly recommends that face coverings should be worn in communal areas (excluding classrooms) for primary school staff and visitors, and secondary school pupils, staff and visitors, unless they are exempt or have a reasonable excuse. This is applicable to all Surrey schools, education settings and further education settings for the remainder of the Autumn

Thank you

Thank you to Squires Garden Centre for, once again, providing our Christmas tree this year. This will be up in the School Hall for children to enjoy from next week onwards.

Star of the Week 12.11.21

Elm

Oliver: For your fabulous attitude to writing this week. We were so impressed with your Florence Nightingale letter. Keep up the good work.

Yoann: For your enthusiasm in Maths! You have really understood arrays and multiplication.

Lime

Stephen: For trying really hard with his handwriting and becoming more and more confident with his reading.

Arla: For always remembering our Milford School rules and trying her very best in all subjects.

Beech

Joshua: For fabulous writing about the footsteps which appeared in our classroom this week and for helping others with their learning.

Logan: For a particularly fantastic approach to your learning in PE and being a good role model to your friends.

Max: For enthusiastic writing about the footsteps which appeared in our classroom this week and for showing independence in your learning.

Cherry

Lucinda: For working so hard on your wonderful writing and brilliant contributions to class discussions. You are showing brilliant independence.

Yasmine: For fabulous writing and for joining in class discussions, it has been a joy to watch your confidence soar.

Oak

Miley: For his fantastic independent drawing and writing in the mark-making area and for being kind and thoughtful to his friends.

Penny: For her independence and enthusiasm for learning, always contributing at carpet time and being so sensible and helpful in class.

Willow

Darin: For always being an encouraging and kind friend to all of his classmates and for some great blending sounds to read words.

Teddy: For his enthusiasm about our new 'Once Upon a Time' topic, sharing his excellent knowledge confidently and for super story-telling!

Star of the Week 19.11.21

Elm

Jaxson: For your fantastic, enthusiastic attitude in Maths Week. You are always up for a challenge—keep up the great work!

Freya: For your brilliant work during Maths Week. You have tackled division with super independence and resilience.

Charlie: For your amazing handwriting this week. You worked so hard and your letters were perfect.

Lime

Luke: For being a superstar mathematician and explaining his thinking in multiplication and division.

Charles: For good understanding in Maths and excellent progress in multiplication and division.

Beech

Alfie: For making connections, spotting patterns and sharing your thinking clearly in Maths this week.

Amelie: For fantastic effort, great progress and lovely neat presentation in your Maths this week.

Cherry

Noah: For some really fabulous Maths and some brilliant work in English and Phonics also.

Chloe: For working so hard this week in all her subjects and especially for her brilliant writing.

Oak

Lily: For her excellent number skills, showing ways of representing number 4.

Ollie: For his excellent number skills, showing different ways of representing number 6. Also for always being a super role-model.

Willow

Eva: For her excellent understanding of representing numbers, her super effort to show 5 in different ways and being an excellent role model.

William: For his super shape drawing, sharing his number knowledge on the carpet (and his incredible Pen Pals handwriting too!).

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2022-2023

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Monday 1st November and the application deadline is Saturday **15th January 2022**.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2022-2023

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Monday 1st November and the application deadline is **15th January 2022**. 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.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 15th December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home and they would like to have the Christmas lunch please order on the Innovate website.

DBS

If you would like to volunteer in school you need to apply for a DBS specific to Milford School. You can volunteer on a regular or ad hoc basis but it needs to be a minimum of once a term. Please e-mail or come to the School Office for further details on how to apply.

Diary Dates

Tues	07.12.21	9.15am	Christmas Performance Year 2 (one parent able to attend)
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Wed	08.12.21	9.15am	Christmas Performance Year 1 (one parent able to attend)
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Thurs	09.12.21	9.15am	Christmas Performance Year R (one parent able to attend)
Fri	10.12.21	9.15am	Christmas Performance Year R (one parent able to attend)
Fri	10.12.21		Christmas Jumper Day
Wed	15.12.21		Christmas Lunch
Fri	17.12.21		Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Tues	04.01.22		School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs	13.01.22		Pied Piper Theatre 'Robin's Winter Adventure'
Mon	14.02 - Fri 18.02.22		Half-term
Mon	21.02.22		Inset Day
Mon	04.04-Mon 18.04.22		Easter Holidays
Tues	19.04.22		Inset Day
Wed	20.04.22		First Day of term
Mon	02.05.22		Bank Holiday
Fri	27.05.22		Inset Day
Mon	30.05-Fri 03.06.22		Half-term
Fri	22.07.22		Last day of term

Christmas Cards

There will be a red postbox outside the main entrance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends from Tuesday 30th November. Please remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope. The deadline for posting is Wednesday 8th December. This is so that we can quarantine the cards for 72 hours before we distribute them.

Children in Need

Thank you for your kind contributions to Children in Need on Friday 19th November. We raised a total of £176.10.

Coats

Please ensure always that your child has a coat with them for outdoor play, particularly during the cold weather.

Data Sim Cards

If your child needs to isolate for any reason the school will set work for them on Google Classroom. We understand that some parents have poor Wifi connection where they live and if this is the case the school can provide you with a data sim card for your tablet, phone etc. Please let the school office if you need assistance in this way.

Breakfast Club

We are intending to switch over to our new Breakfast Club system at the end of this term. Please do not book any sessions for after the Christmas holidays until we notify you. Signing up will be done in same way via Arbor but should then give an option to also pay with vouchers.

Parking Permits

Waverley are going to re-issue permits for the car park next to the doctor's surgery. We are waiting for these to be posted to us and will inform you when we receive them.

Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 10th December

Children can wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform on Friday 10th December. Please bring a suggested contribution of £1 for Save the Children.

School's Policy on Videoing/Photography of School Events

Governors have agreed that parents and carers can take photos and videos at the school performances. Please note the School's policy below:

- Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event for their **own personal use** only. Such photos and videos **cannot be sold and must not be put on the web/internet** due to Data Protection legislation, which in such circumstance is likely to be contravened.
- Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.
- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, they may need to check out who they are if they are using a camera or video recorder.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse, of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse. Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out above.



Year 2 Remembers



Over the past few weeks, Year 2 have been very busy learning about wartime life. We have studied Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, written about hospital conditions during the Crimean war, created beautiful poppy art and performed a fantastic Remembrance assembly. The respect the children showed during their performance was extremely impressive and they moved many of us to tears with their fantastic rendition of Keep the Homefires Burning. Year 2—we are so proud of your hard work, talent and courage.

