



Dear Parents,

We are now in the second full week for our Reception children and on the whole they have settled well into the routines within school. This week has been our Math's Week with the theme of pattern. It has been great to see the children getting involved in mathematics in an enjoyable and practical way. I have seen number, shape and nature based pattern learning going on across the school. Parent tours have already started for September 2020 intake and I have been impressed with how the children have been willing and able to discuss their learning with visitors!

This week I took part in a meeting with the member schools of our Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP). We covered a lot in a morning and there are a couple of exciting updates I'd like to share with you that have come about as a result of us changing our status from a Community to a Foundation School. Firstly we now offer Initial Teacher Training (ITT) across our partnership with a School Direct programme jointly run with Winchester University. We have had the pleasure of Mrs Angie Stratford joining our Year 1 team to train. This development will help our schools to secure and keep good staff in the local area and raise the profile of our schools and work further. Secondly we have started putting together plans for our joint staff training for the next two academic years. It is looking like we are running a project across all of our schools based around something called 'Talk for Writing'. We hope this will be excellent training for us all and help our schools to continue to develop writing across Godalming. The reason we can do something like this in these tough financial times is again down to our partnership working. Buying training as a group of schools brings massive economies of scale and is something I personally feel very excited about when looking to the future.

I hope you all have a good weekend and the weather improves.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Stear

## DIARY DATES

Thurs 03.10.19	Harvest Gifts to school	Thurs 12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)
Fri 04.10.19	Harvest Assembly 9.15 am (Parents welcome)	Thurs 12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Grandparents and Toddlers (2.15pm-3pm)
Fri 04.10.19	Elm and Lime to Dower and Clockhouse	Fri 13.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Parents (9.15am-10.15am)
Thurs 10.10.19	M & M Productions - Snow White (9.15am)	Fri 13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18.10.19	Grandparents Morning 9.15am(details to follow) School Disco (details to follow)	Fri 13.12.19	Christmas Fair (3.15-5pm)
Thurs 24.10.19	Cake Sale	Mon 16.12.19	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Mon 28.10.19 - Fri 1.11.19	<b>Half-term</b>	Tues 17.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Mon 04.11.19	Inset Day	Wed 18.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Tues 05.11.19	Parents Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm)	Fri 20.12.19	Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am
Thurs 07.11.19	Parents Evening 2 (3.45 - 6.15pm)	Fri 20.12.19	Parent Helpers' 'Thank you' refreshments
Mon 11.11.19	Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.15am	Fri 20.12.19	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Fri 15.11.19	Mufti Day for Children in Need Parents' Quiz (time tbc) School Hall	Mon 06.01.20	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs 21.11.19	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation	Fri 14.02.20	Inset Day
Fri 29.11.19	Mufti Day (bottle) for Christmas Fair	Fri 22.05.20	Inset Day
Wed 11.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)	Wed 22.07.20	Inset Day

### **Eat Me Keep Me Curry - Ordering**

Thank you to all the parents and staff who have ordered a curry from us this month. To make your lives easier why don't you simply email us your order and pay electronically. Please get in touch for bank details:

[jenny@purplechillies.plus.com](mailto:jenny@purplechillies.plus.com)

### **Grandparent's Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents should have received a letter with reply slip for the Grandparents day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please return completed forms by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



### **Updating Records/Information**

Your child should have received an envelope which shows the details we currently hold. Please return the form unchanged and signed if the details are correct, but if they are not, please alter them clearly on the form. Also enclosed will be a 'Snow White' theatre performance letter. We would be grateful if these forms/data collection forms can be returned by **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

### **Inset Days**

The remaining inset days for this academic year are Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

### **Free School Meals Eligibility and Pupil Premium**

Although all infant school children are now eligible for a free school meal, it is still important to us that we are able to identify who would have been eligible if the system hadn't changed as this information is used for the school to be able to claim pupil premium-essential funding. You or your child's information is not given to anyone else but is used purely for the school to be able to claim the premium. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their pupils and close any potential attainment gaps between them and their peers. Please pick up a form from the School Office as soon as possible, even if you are not sure whether you are eligible, in order for us to make this claim as accurately as possible.



### **Star of the Week w/e 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

#### **Cherry:**

Jack C: For making a great start in Year 1

Layla: For making a great start in Year 1

#### **Beech:**

Dexter: For fantastic effort in writing about The Three Little Pigs

Ella: For great model making with super writing to explain what she had done.

#### **Lime:**

Lexi: For fantastic writing using adjectives to describe.

Isabel: For great problem solving in Mathematics.

#### **Elm:**

Alex: For your superb writing describing yourself as a pirate!

Scarlett: For your confidence, kindness and all-round positive attitude. What a super start to Y2.

### **Star of the Week w/e 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

#### **Cherry:**

Lauren: For a super wanted poster for the big bad wolf.

Maddie: For a super wanted poster for the big bad wolf.

#### **Beech:**

Finley: For sharing his thinking about 3d shapes

Emily: For super writing about the big bad wolf

#### **Lime:**

Darcey: For excellent understanding in Geography using compass directions.

Archie: For super independent learning using new vocabulary in his writing.

#### **Elm:**

Reuben: For your confidence and resilience in your writing and swimming this week!

Bradley: For your positive attitude to your learning and for being a positive role model to others.

### **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.

### **Airborne Nut Allergy**

Please be aware that we have more children in school with a nut allergy and a potential 'airborne' nut allergy. If your child has had any contact with foods that contain nuts please ensure they wash their hands before coming to school. Also please double check any foods sent in for snacks for after school clubs and lunchboxes for nuts, anything for cake sales and Friend events and snacks for siblings.. We would appreciate your help with this matter.

### Harvest Assembly Reminder - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Just a reminder that our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am, and parents are welcome to come and join us in the hall. Afterwards Elm and Lime children will be going to sing at Dower House and the Clock House (Milford Day Centre). If you would like to bring in Harvest gifts, please do so on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October so that we have time to arrange everything on the stage before the assembly. We will be donating to Dower House, The Clock House and The Number Five Project in Guildford which is a charity for homeless people. Suggestions are instant coffee and hot chocolate, packets of instant mash, tinned vegetables and baked beans, savoury rice, cartons of long life juice and UHT milk, bottles of squash, washing up liquid, laundry washing liquid, toilet rolls, shower gel, , shampoo, conditioner and ladies deodrant. All gifts will be gratefully received.



### Attendance

The below statement is advice from the Local Authority and is contained within our Attendance Policy:

"Just to remind parents that if there is an unauthorised leave of absence for 5 or more school days, each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child and the amount payable is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but before 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court."

**It is entirely the Head Teacher's decision whether or not a penalty notice is issued and not the Local Authority.**

It is important to remember that there are direct links between attendance and children's academic achievement and it is important that all children attend school as much as possible.

With this in mind, please ensure that all holidays are booked outside of school time.

### Medical/Dental Appointments

We have been advised by the Educational Welfare Officer that pupils attending routine medical/dental appointments during the school day, even if it is first thing in the morning, still impacts on their learning. Please try to arrange appointments after school or in school holidays, if at all possible.



### Parking

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the school, by not parking in the lay-by, the zig-zag lines, and leaving enough access for local residents and emergency vehicle access.

### 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.

### Jewellery



For reasons of safety, it is Surrey County Council policy not to allow children to wear jewellery for any physical activity. This ruling includes all pierced jewellery. There is no exception to these rules for stud earrings, as they are equally dangerous in many cases.

### Children going home Arrangements

During drop off in the mornings, please ensure you write down any arrangements for your child involving being picked up by anyone other than yourself. This includes The Orchard, Grandparents, a parent of another child etc. Of course there will be some arrangements that repeat week on week that previously might not have been written into class books every week. Please can you ensure that on a Monday, if you know for example that The Orchard are picking your child up on the Monday, Thursday and Friday, that you write them all in the book. I have requested that our Breakfast Club provider, Kickstart Coaching do the same. They will pass a sticky note to the class teachers to be put in the book. It is important that Kickstart are informed so that they can pass the message on. If a child's pick up arrangement is not in our class books, we will not be releasing them to The Orchard or other examples listed above and will instead phone you.

### Message from the Friends

Thanks to all who came to the Friends meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, especially to all the first-timers; I hope to see you again at future meetings! If anyone has any questions or suggestions, or would like a copy of the minutes, please email [friendssecretary@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friendssecretary@milford.surrey.sch.uk). The next meeting will be after half term, date tbc. Erika Keat (Chair)

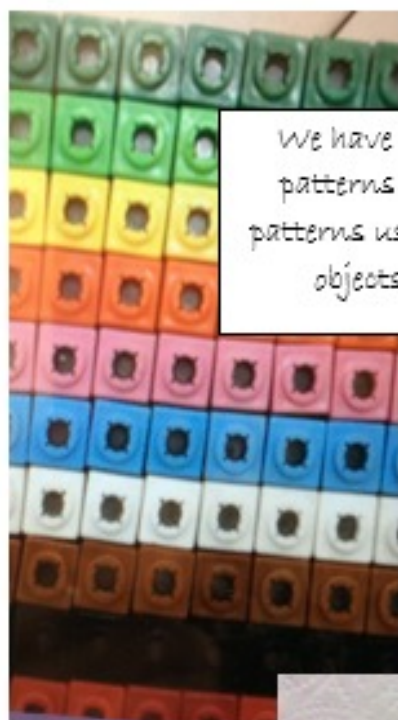


## Chery and Beech News

Year 1 children have settled into their new classes and are already learning lots and having fun! Mrs Hearsum and Mrs Szczepanski are so proud of their efforts and resilience when faced with new challenges.



## Maths Week 2019!



We have been spotting patterns and making patterns using all sorts of objects this week!



Pattern Snakes in Year 2!

Year 1 have made repeating pattern towers!



Some of the children have made patterns at home!



Year 2 made a pattern snail!