

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful start to the new half term with our Year 2 children and staff producing a beautiful and moving Remembrance assembly. Some lovely art work was produced across the school and the children have a good understanding of why Remembrance is important to our country. Today is obviously mufti day for Children In Need and it has been lovely to hear the children thinking about others and exploring what charity means and what role they can play in helping others. Our current value is 'Respect' and this is an important characteristic for us all to think about. If you can, please do discuss what respect means with your children and consider how they might show respect at home, at school and in the wider community. This could be always remembering their manners, listening to grown ups and each other, taking care of our equipment, school and local area to name just a few. I am rightly very proud of our school and community and hope you feel the same and can support us in reinforcing this value. If you would like some values leaf templates to write on and send in, please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to provide them.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Thurs	21.11.19	Whole School Flue nasal immunisation
Fri	29.11.19	Mufti Day (bottle) for Christmas Fair
Fri	29.11.19	Friends meeting in Hall 9am
Wed	11.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)
Thurs	12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)
Thurs	12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Grandparents and Toddlers (2.15pm-3pm)
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Parents (9.15am-10.15am)
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Fair (3.15-5pm)
Mon	16.12.19	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse

Tues	17.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Wed	18.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Fri	20.12.19	Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am
Fri	20.12.19	Parent Helpers' 'Thank you' refreshments
Fri	20.12.19	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Mon	06.01.20	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs	16.01.20	Pied Piper Theatre 'Star in the Jar'
Fri	17.01.20	Feeling Friendly Friday (anti bullying)
Fri	14.02.20	Inset Day
Mon	17.02.20 - Fri 21.02.20	Half-term
Mon	08.04.20 - Mon 22.04.20	Easter Holidays
Fri	22.05.20	Inset Day
Wed	22.07.20	Inset Day

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2019-2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Wednesday 4th November and the application deadline is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Wednesday 4th November and the application deadline is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. 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.

Star of the Week w/e 25th October, 2019

Willow:

Zac: For continually challenging himself in his learning and great enthusiasm and dancing in our Diwali workshop.

Chloe: For super focus and independent learning in Maths and for her confidence and have-a-go attitude.

Oak:

Charlie: For joining in on the carpet and completing his learning activities such as his leaf rubbing.

Tilly: For her participation with our Diwali dancing and learning the names of the poses. Also for her wonderful manners.

Cherry:

Emma: For resilience when things don't go to plan.

Theo: For super dancing during our Diwali Day.

Beech:

Gabriel: For super effort answering questions.

Bea: For sharing your thoughts and ideas in our class discussions.

Lime:

Rowan: For being a super learning role model to children across the school.

Jack B: For working really hard in handwriting lessons especially on his tall letters.

Elm:

Lollie: For being a brilliant role model for all in Elm.

Arlo: For super dancing during our Diwali Day

On-line Safety

A concern, raised again this week, was that of the number of children who have access to age-inappropriate computer games. As part of our school safeguarding procedure, we have an internal filter system that identifies inappropriate internet searches and closes down inappropriate sites. However, it has come to light that children have been accessing inappropriate online and console games which some children have been acting out in the playground. There have also been reports of our slightly older children playing 'Fortnite' (which is an age 13 game) or watching videos of the game and talking about their 'friends' on the game. In this age of technology it is vital that parents are vigilant and that they keep up to date with the dangers as well as the value of the internet. There are plenty of sites providing advice for parents, including a free online safety magazine to which you can subscribe for regular updates: <https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/> Additionally, O2 have teamed up with the NSPCC to provide advice and support to any parents regarding setting up safety features or filters on devices that your children might have access to. You can find out more information here: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc>

I hope you will support this as we all want our children to enjoy their childhood and not be exposed to age inappropriate content.

Star of the Week w/e 9th November , 2019

Willow:

Esme: For listening carefully on the carpet, being helpful and challenging herself to use her phonics to write a sentence.

Zac S: For being a good role model of our School values including this term's 'Respect' and being confident to share his ideas.

Oak:

Ruben: For excellent listening and attention at carpet time and spending time and care with all activities.

Oscar: For always demonstrating our school value of 'Respect' and excellent effort with all his learning.

Cherry:

Otylia: For practising and improving her writing.

Emily: For practising and improving her reading.

Beech:

Jay: For being a good friend and helping others at playtime.

Bonnie-Lou: For being a good friend and always helping others in our class.

Lime:

Niamh: For listening carefully in our class discussions about remembrance and contributing respectfully.

Lucas: For producing super art work by carefully and independently using a printing technique.

Elm:

Harrison: For your positive attitude in Maths and for trying your absolute best! Keep it up superstar!

Sebastian: For persevering in Maths and working really hard. Well done!

ClassList and Facebook - The Friends of Milford

Facebook will close today, 15th November.

The Friends will be moving to a new system that comes highly recommended and for similar reasons is used by lots of schools. The app is called ClassList. ClassList is a dedicated application specifically designed for school use. When you sign up to ClassList users can change the settings and decide how to receive notifications. For example, you could decide to receive email, text or app notifications. You are also free to include as much or as little personal information as you choose.

You can sign up to ClassList now - <https://start.classlist.com/#/>

You can download the app and start using it straight away. <https://start.classlist.com/#/>

The Friends of Milford and the class reps will contact you through ClassList from this week onwards. All school communication will continue as before, email and Twitter.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you on Classlist!

Christmas Performance

You are invited to come and watch your children in a Christmas Performance. We would like to invite Grandparents and younger siblings to attend our special performances on Wednesday 11th December (9.15-10.15am) for **Beech and Lime classes**, Thursday 12th December (9.15-10.15am) for **Cherry and Elm classes** and Thursday 12th December (2.15 - 3.00pm) for **Willow and Oak classes**. This will enable the performances on Friday 13th December (9.15-10.15am) for **Willow and Oak**, on Tuesday 17th December (9.15-10.15am) for **Lime and Beech** and Wednesday 18th December (9.15-10.15am) for **Elm and Cherry** to be adult only. All the performances should last approximately 45 minutes.



This year we will not be issuing tickets for the **Parents performance**. Please e-mail the office on parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk with the names of the two parents who will be attending as we will be managing the list in school. If you do not require two places please let us know so we can reallocate your place. We need these numbers for Health and Safety reasons.

Likewise tickets will not be issued for the **Grandparent/young siblings performance**, however, you will need to e-mail the office on parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk to let them know the names of Grandparents and siblings attending. *Please do not arrive no more than 15 minutes before as the hall may still be in the process of being prepared.*

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears our school uniform each day. Lots of children do this and they look really smart and show great pride - look smart, feel smart! Recently though quite a few children have not been wearing appropriate footwear. Please ensure that your child wears footwear in line with our policy as follows: The most important item of our school uniform is the school sweatshirt or cardigan. Children are permitted to wear the grey, school logo sweatshirt or cardigan only. Other items are:

white blouse, shirt or polo shirt
grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
green and white checked dress
grey or white socks
black shoes of a sturdy, sensible style for safety at play times (no logos or trainers).

For PE the children should wear a green Milford t-shirt and navy or black shorts with plimsolls or trainers. During winter it would be a good idea to send in a jumper or hoodie in case the children are doing outdoor PE.

GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's GET Teaching programme

Why not *GET Teaching* with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The Godalming Learning Partnership (formerly Godalming Confederation) is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are now inviting applications to what will be our second year, starting in Sept 2020.

The one year *GET Teaching* training programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our 7 current trainees are teaching in two of our schools but visit many more for their training sessions over the year, ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

We offer self-funded places; bursaries and grants may be available.

APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org

Find out more about the GLP at: www.godalmingconfed.org (soon to become godalminglearning.org as we change the former Confederation website over to the GLP)

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Christmas Tree Lighting Events

Sat 30th November at 6pm - Chichester Hall, Witley

Fri 6th December at 7pm - Milford Village Hall

Sat 7th December at 6pm - Pirrie Hall, Brook



Christmas Card Orders

The deadline for Christmas Card orders is 3.00pm today, Friday 15th November.

Year 2 News

Year 2 have been learning about what life was like in the war.

They performed respectfully in the remembrance assembly, sharing their learning about Florence Nightingale. They moved us all by singing the song 'Keep the home fires burning'. In class they have been learning about other famous nurses Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.



After the assembly Year 2 had a 'War time Rationing' cookery lesson from Miss Jones and Mrs Ward. They helped make and tasted potato cakes. There was a mixed reaction from the children some loved them while others thought they tasted disgusting!



Last week we had a special visit from Harry the Hedgehog. Graham from Saint Francis Animal Care, Eastleigh near Southampton told us lot of facts about hedgehogs and we got to stroke him. He also liked to run around between us making us laugh.

Thank you Mrs S for organising the visit for us.

