

Dear Parents,

What a peculiar Friday it has been! Starting off with a phone call from Eagle Radio and a lovely video and picture to go in my office. Thank you for all of the support you have shown our school during the past few months. I appreciate the nomination for Eagle Radio but hope you all realise that none of plaudits should be going to me, they should all be reserved for our fantastic staff who always go above and beyond for our wonderful children and families. I feel it's also important to recognise the efforts that you have all gone to as parents to support our staff and children in delivering learning during closure and since partial re-opening. Thank you for this.

A big congratulations must go to both Lucy Smith and Angie Stratford, who have both successfully completed their teacher training as part of our first ever Godalming Learning Partnership Initial Teacher Training program (getteaching.org) Both have successfully secured jobs for September and I am extremely grateful for all of their work since being at Milford School. Luckily both are staying local - Mrs Smith will be joining us officially in September and Mrs Stratford will only be up the road at Witley School, where I know she will do a fantastic job. In September we will also be welcoming back Miss Andrew in a new role of trainee teacher and we see Miss Leal leaving to undertake her teacher training at St. Edmund's. I know they will both do really well and wish them the best of luck. Mrs Winsor is also taking a break from school after many years as a parent and member of staff. She has shown kindness and love to all during her time and has confirmed she will come back and volunteer when she can. Thanks for everything Mrs Winsor! Finally, Mrs Cole, who although hasn't been with us for too long, will be retiring. We wish her the best of luck for her move to Cornwall and hope she stays in touch. Our Reception children finish today to enable our Year 2s to return. Thank you for your understanding and support for this and have a great Summer!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday.

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

Start of Term Arrangements

The first day of term for Year 1 and Year 2 will be **Thursday 3rd September** (Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September are inset days). New entrants to Year R have been contacted separately regarding their start date.

Reception - drop from 8.35am, register at 8.40am.

Year 1 - drop from 8.45am, register at 8.50am.

Year 2 - drop from 8.55am, register at 9.00am.

If you have children in two year groups, there will be provision in place for you to be able to drop both children at the same time. Details regarding this will be shared in next week's newsletter.

We are looking into how Breakfast Club and After School Clubs might work from September and hope to have further clarification in next week's newsletter - thank you for your patience.

The Orchard will be running their wrap around care from September and I met with the manager, Sam Talman this week to discuss how this might work with keeping children in their groups. She has a robust plan for this, so I am pleased this will be able to go ahead.

New Classes and Classteachers

Current Class 2020/2021	New Class 2021/2022	Class Teacher
N/A	Willow	Mrs Heslop
N/A	Oak	Mrs Wells and Mrs Bruce
Willow	Beech	Mrs Hearsum
Oak	Cherry	Mrs Szczepanski
Cherry	Lime	Mrs Ward/Mrs Smith
Beech	Elm	Miss Jones

News from Black and Gold Pod!

In art we have been studying Vincent Van Gogh and we painted our own version of Starry Night, using the same brush stroke technique. Last week was so hot with the scorching sun that we decided to chalk on the playground and squirt our writing. Some of us also visited the garden to do some planting and watering. We all had great fun!



Photos from Green Pod

