



Dear Parents,

A month of the new term has now passed and I find myself wondering how the time has gone so quickly. It has been great to see how well the children are getting on in each year group and within this newsletter you will see some examples of Year 2 writing that the teachers were particularly impressed by! The Reception and Year 1 children are doing really well and it's always nice to pop into their classrooms and see the wide range of activities available to them. I am very proud of all of the children that have been chosen by their teachers to be Star of the Week. The range of reasons given by the teachers for why they have been chosen demonstrate some excellent attitudes to learning and good responses to our value of the month - Respect - well done! I'd like to say a big thank you to two of our Milford dad's, Gavin and Ben, who both contacted me to volunteer their time to advise me on ways to improve our IT systems. Their expertise and knowledge has helped both myself and our School Business Manager, Kirsty Morris, get the best value for money for our school, so thanks again. Their assistance did make me wonder what other skills Milford parents might have to offer our school community. For this reason I'd like to encourage you to get in touch via the School Office if you think you might be able to help with anything (e.g. photography for our Christmas production, a business willing to sponsor our upcoming playground project or provide equipment for the school in exchange for promotion via our newsletter and/or website....). Don't forget to read our advertisement at the end of the newsletter for a Parent Governor. This is an excellent opportunity for somebody who would like to become more involved with the school. Our Chair of Governors, Jackie Morris, looks forward to hearing from you.

Have a great weekend.

Mr A Stear

## DIARY DATES

Mon	03.10.16	Sign-up for Parents Evening at 9am	
Fri	07.10.16	Friends Meeting - (all welcome) time tbc	
Thurs	13.10.16	Harvest Gifts to School	
Fri	14.10.16	Harvest Assembly 9.00am	
Fri	14.10.16	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse	
Wed	19.10.16	Parents Evening 1 4.30-7.00pm	
Thurs	20.10.16	Parents Evening 2 3.30 - 6.00pm	
Fri	21.10.16	Year R Pyjama Day	
Fri	21.10.16	Cake sale 3.15pm	
Mon	24.10.16 - Friday 28.10.16		<b>Half-term</b>
Mon	31.10.16	<b>Inset Day</b>	
Wed	02.11.16	Sleepy Story Time 4.45-5.45 pm	
Thurs	03.11.16	Friends Meeting - (all welcome) 7.30 pm	
Fri	18.11.16	Year 1 and Year 2 Flu nasal immunisation	
Fri	18.11.16	Mufti Day for Xmas Fair	

Tues	22.11.16	Toddler Time in Hall 2.15-3.00pm
Fri	02.12.16	Christmas Fair
Tues	06.12.16	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Mon	12.12.16	Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Toddlers
Tues	13.12.16	Christmas Performance (1) 9.15am (Surnames A-L)
Wed	14.12.16	Christmas Performance (2) 9.15am (Surnames M-Z)
Thurs	15.12.16	Parent Helpers Coffee 9.00am
Fri	16.12.16	Carols around the Tree 9.00-9.30am Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children' Christmas Lunch
Wed	21.12.16	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Tues	03.01.17	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs	19.01.17	Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Burglar Bill'

## Parent Consultation Evenings - New On-line Booking System

Parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher in the hall on either Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (4.30—7.00pm) or Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3.30—6.00pm). Today you will have received a letter from eSchools with your login to enable you to book your appointment on-line. Please keep these safe and secure for future use. You will also have received a copy of the eSchools Parent User guide with the newsletter by e-mail. The on-line booking system will be available from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9am.

## Any Issues or Concerns!

If you have any issues or concerns relating to your child or otherwise please, in the first instance, contact your child's teacher. However, if it cannot be resolved and you need to speak to the Headteacher please contact the Office to arrange an appointment.

## SCL

SCL will be running a holiday club during the October half-term and Christmas holidays. The on-line booking system is now open if you would like to book a place. Please visit [www.wearescl.co.uk](http://www.wearescl.co.uk)

### **Tucasi On-line Payment System**

All new parents will have received a letter informing them of their log in details and access code. The registration process is very simple and once you have registered you will be able to pay on-line for uniform and school trips.

### **Children going home with other children**

Following several mis-communications regarding collecting children at the end of the school day, would you please ensure you write in the 'Going Home Book' at the start of the day. The 'Going Home Book' is located in each classroom. Emergency changes to collection arrangements must be phoned in by 2:45pm at the latest please. Please be prepared to give your CODEWORD which is listed on your child's admission form.



### **Parent Helpers and Safeguarding Children**

We welcome parent (and grandparent) helpers in school. Please be aware that if you wish to help with the children (in class or school trips) you will need a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The school will pay for the cost of this check. Parents can start their own applications on-line (full guidance is available from the office). On-line applications generally take less than a week to process. After this you will be very welcome in school.

### **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. Please ensure that your child does not wear any of these items especially on PE days (every Wednesday) and we would appreciate your support if all jewellery could be avoided.

### **Medical/Dental Appointments**

We have been advised by the Educational Welfare Officer that pupils attending 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.



### **Harvest Assembly Reminder - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**



Just a reminder that our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.05 am, and parents are welcome to come and join us in the hall. Afterwards Elm and Lime class 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 13<sup>th</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 Godalming Food Bank which supports families at times of crisis or may be suffering hardship.

### **Parking**

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

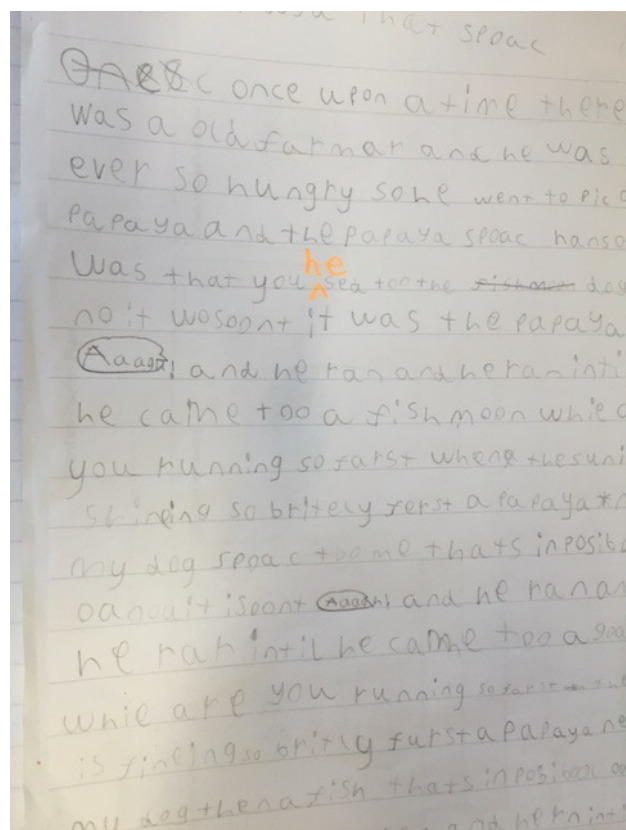
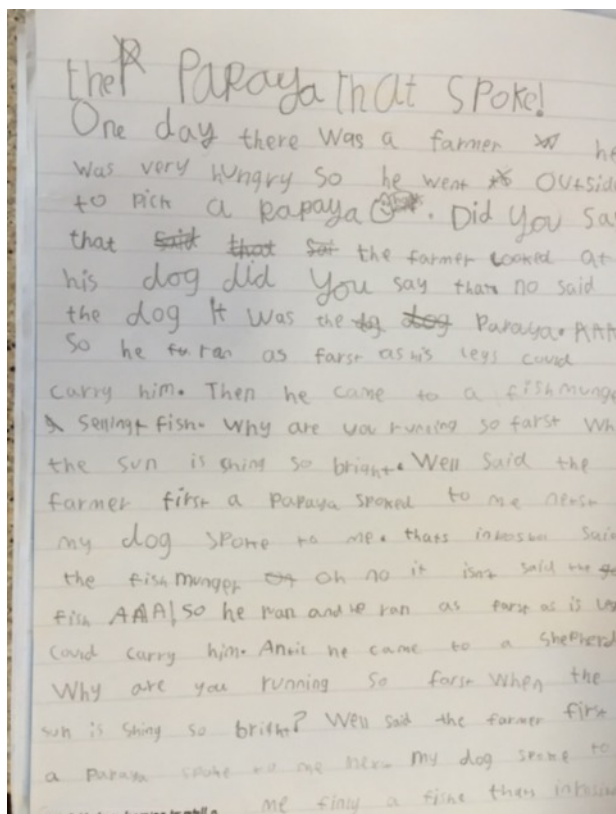
### **Staff Car Park**

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.

### **Gardening Club**







In Year 2 we have been working really hard on our writing this week. Here are just a couple of examples of our fantastic stories. Our teachers were really impressed that we remembered good sentence structure, as well as adding adjectives which make our writing more interesting.

## Stars of the Week 16<sup>th</sup> September

Certificates were awarded to:

## Elm

Luna: A mature attitude to learning

Oscar: Responding well during discussions

## Lime

Theo: For persevering and challenging himself in all his learning this week

Ella: For persevering when the learning challenges are tricky and for always being a great role model

## Beech

Harrison: For following rules in P.E. and being a good role model

Camilla: For giving new things a go and persevering

## Cherry

Belle: For always being respectful, keen to learn and exceeding expectations.

Reuben: For being an awesome author and sharing his stories from home with the class.



## Stars of the Week 23<sup>rd</sup> September

## Elm

Belle: Amazing story writing

Harry: Great listening, asking questions, having a go

**Lime**

Mia: For writing a super story and completing the tricky maths challenge every day this week

Oliver: For always being really polite and this week's fantastic English learning

## Beech

Amy: For always persevering with her learning

Jaydon: For amazing counting in 2s work

## Cherry

Harry: Excellent effort in Maths and super segmenting



## **Parent Governor vacancy – we need you!**

### *Being a Governor at Milford School*

The Governing Body at Milford is responsible for recruiting the Head and then overseeing his (in this case) performance and the performance of the school. We also review the finances of the school to make sure the money is spent in the best possible way to promote the education and wellbeing of the children.

The Governing Body is a mix of staff (Andrew Stear and Mel Wells), parents (Luke Bozeat, Nick Reilly, Jimmy Heslop) and 'co-opted' (community) governors (Jackie Morris, Mel Isherwood, Maureen Holland and Fiona Campbell).

### ***We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.***

As a Parent Governor you do not represent parents as such, although you do bring a different perspective to the meetings as you are closer to the day to day running of the school than the co-opted governors. Co-opted governors are chosen for their specific skill sets, but any parent or carer with direct responsibility for a pupil can be a Parent Governor.

### *The time commitment*

We meet once every half term 6.30 – 8.30pm to discuss on-going school matters. We have also each committed to two training courses a year, which are free and provided by Surrey County Council and are during the day or in the evening. Additionally we have one or two evening meetings during the year where we talk about things like the long-term strategy for the school, OFSTED and how the Governing Body can continue to contribute to the success of the school. Governors also have a responsibility to go into school during school hours and look at specific aspects of school life.

We are a friendly bunch of people, all committed to doing what is best for the children and the school and ensuring Milford continues to be the 'school of choice' for the local community.

### *How to apply*

If you think you have the time and are willing to take on the challenge of being a Parent Governor I would love to hear from you. In the event more than one parent comes forward we will have an election and the parent body decide who will go forward.

The closing date for applications is 1 November 2016. Please contact me, Jackie Morris, on [jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk) or on 07771 630384 if you would like to know more or to put your name forward.

Formal Notification to follow.