

Dear Parents,

Happy Half Term!

I hope you all have a good half term. It has been an incredibly hectic start to the school year, with exciting learning taking place across the school, culminating in our first ever Diwali 'creative day' on Wednesday. Some of you may have noticed a traditional Rangoli welcome pattern outside Year 2 that the children helped to create using chalks. The group 'Dance Days' worked with each class to learn a traditional dance. They have learnt about the different hand movements and symbols and their meanings (Lotus Flower and animals). Over the holidays might I suggest some projects or writing or maths based around Autumn - counting leaves, sorting and classifying them, writing some descriptive poetry, or even just having a nice walk and enjoying the surroundings we are lucky to enjoy here! As always, I'll be pleased to receive any 'holiday learning' and will endeavour to give out lots of Headteacher certificates and stickers!

See you in November and thank you for your continued support.

From all of us at Milford School

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Mon	28.10.19 - Fri 1.11.19	Half-term
Mon	04.11.19	Inset Day
Tues	05.11.19	Parents Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm)
Thurs	07.11.19	Parents Evening 2 (3.45 - 6.15pm)
Mon	11.11.19	Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.15am
Fri	15.11.19	Mufti Day for Children in Need Parents' Quiz (time tbc) School Hall
Thurs	21.11.19	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Fri	29.11.19	Mufti Day (bottle) for Christmas Fair
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

Uniform and Water Bottles

Can you please ensure that your child wears the appropriate uniform in school. This includes no headbands with ears or unicorn horns in class please. Please ensure that your child brings only water in their water bottles. No juices or fizzy drinks are allowed in School.

Thank you from The Friends

The Friends would like to thank everyone so much for their generous contributions to the cake lotto on Grandparents Day. £100.20 was raised at the cake lotto and were donated a further £113.74 by Grandparents and family members.

Star of the Week w/e 11th October, 2019

Willow:

Ben: For always being ready to learn, following our rules and for his great use of phonics to write a lovely card.

Olivia: For being a super role model, always trying her best and excellent work with key words and sorting.

Oak:

Arlo: For a great start to school. Listening well at carpet time, having a go at all activities an always positive and smiling.

Phoebe: For her excellent attitude to school, listening carefully and contributing well and doing her best in all activities.

Cherry:

Jack B: For being a very good role model in class.

Rafferty: For great listening skills on the carpet.

Beech:

Sophie: For being a super role model in class, always doing your best and challenging yourself.

Louis: For sharing your ideas and being a good learning partner.

Lime:

Harris: For excellent number work counting accurately and writing numerals.

Jonah: For excellent work science thinking about how our heart beat changes with exercise.

Elm:

Jasmine: For your focus and concentration when describing your fairytale setting using some super adjectives. Keep it up!

George: For your positive attitude to all aspects of School Life. You are a positive role model to all!

Parents Evening Sign Up

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 5th November(4.30 - 7.30pm) and Thursday 7th November (3.45-6.15pm). Please sign up if you have not already done so.

Eco Council

Year 1 and Year 2 have chosen their Eco Council members, congratulations to William and Bonnie Lou from Beech, Bertie and Isla from Cherry, Archie and Poppy from Lime and Lily and Grace from Elm. Year R will get the opportunity to join in the Spring term. The Eco Council children will be conducting Eco Spot Checks on all the classrooms after half term so everyone has a part to play in making our school as environmentally friendly as possible!

School Meals for the next half-term

Please remember to order your child's school meals for the next half-term. This will need to be done by midnight on Saturday 2nd November at the latest but all meals are available to book now.

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

Willow:

Charles: For being a more resilient learner - realising that mistakes are part of learning and working hard to be a good friend.

Fred: For his thoughtful contributions on the carpet in Maths and for challenging himself to use his phonics to write words.

Oak:

Lucy: For always making good choices and for a fantastic effort to learn her keywords at home

Ashley: For his thoughtful contributions at carpet times and for a brilliant effort to learn his keywords at home.

Cherry:

Ethan: For super listening during our carpet sessions in Cherry class.

Blake: For consistent effort during this week's learning in Cherry class.

Beech:

Millie-Mae: For super effort working on your letter sounds in Beech Class.

Alex: For fantastic poetry in Beech Class.

Lime:

Chloe: for writing a very creative alternative version of Snow White.

Patrick: For amazing independent writing thinking carefully about his next steps.

Elm:

Finlay: For your super opening to your alternative Snow White story using great adjective sand showing great focus!

Finley: For your awesome writing! You showed great creativity and used some amazing

Grandparents Day 2019!

A massive thank you to all of our wonderful Grandparents for coming into school last Friday. The children absolutely loved having you there. It was great to see some games being played in the playground involving everyone, including 'the Conga'! We had an unprecedented 222 visitors and despite the huge numbers, the morning seemed to run smoothly thanks to a big team effort from all staff here and patience from our visitors.

As always, we have had quite a few Grandparents offer to come in to help at school with reading, talks for the children etc, which is great and we welcome any support. The same is also true for parents - if you are able to help out with readers and you have a current Milford School DBS, please do speak to your child's class teacher so that we can arrange a regular or ad hoc time for you to come into school.

Until next year - thank you and see you again at Christmas.

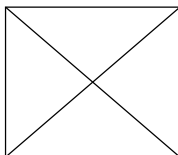
Dear Parents,

We Have News - The Friends of Milford are leaving Facebook

Due to recent changes in legislation, Facebook is no longer suitable for school correspondence.

We appreciate that for some this will be a surprise and Facebook has been a great place to receive news and befriend others within the school. Unfortunately, in order to comply with data protection regulations Mr.Stear and The Friends of Milford have had to conclude that Facebook is no longer fit for purpose. This means that we need to change the way we will be communicating with you.

New Application - Classlist



<https://classlist.com/>

We 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.

Benefits include:

Complies with the data protection act.

Closed site - Personal information and photos are more secure and less vulnerable to being shared on the internet. A safer and more inclusive way of contacting all parents.

ClassList has individual class forums where you can see news relevant to your child. There is also a whole school page and the main feed for broader school-wide announcements. One of the major draws is that parents will only need to check one place for all relevant information, rather than several Facebook groups.

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.

This Week - We invite you to Classlist

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

Please do sign up and use it as you currently use Facebook. All School Facebook pages will be closed by Christmas. 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.

Whilst we know that change always takes some adjusting to, we believe this is a big step towards protecting the children's data. We appreciate your support and welcome any questions you have.

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

Andrew Stear and Erika Keat