



Dear Parents,

It's Christmas!!!! I can't believe we have made it. Thank you for all of your support over the past few years - we certainly wouldn't have survived without the continued kind words, encouragement and understanding we have received during testing times.

It does appear that we are again entering an uncertain period of time with Covid 19, however thanks to your vigilance and diligence with the measures we have put in place at Milford, we have been quite successful in keeping disruptions to a minimum.

Behind the scenes here, Miss Jones and myself have been preparing for a handover of the Headteacher role for January and we will be having regular visits and phonecalls over the coming two terms. I have no doubt Miss Jones will be successful in taking Milford School forward with the support and backing of this wonderful community of parents, children and staff.

I will look forward to catching up with each of you on the days I come back to Milford and will be excitedly waiting to hear of the successes of our amazing children and staff.

I wish you all the best Christmas ever and hope that you get some much deserved and needed family time - on that note, two of our Year 2 girls produced an amazing poem this morning that I'd like to share below.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Stear

Maths Week Competition

What a fantastic response we had to our Maths week competition. Over 80 entries were received and it was extremely difficult to pick winners because each one was fabulous in different ways. The prizes have gone to:

Elm Class	Phoebe
Lime Class	Arla
Cherry Class	Emilia
Beech Class	Zac W
Oak Class	Charlie
Willow Class	Florence

First Day of Term

First day of term is Tuesday 4th January.

Poem from Tilly and Freya L—Year 2

Christmas is about family and friends

Happy Holidays never end

Rudolph's nose shines so bright

I can't stand the red light

Santa's hoping not to be late

Tinsel sparkles, stars now shine

Mummy said you are mine

And don't forget the candy canes

Santa's waiting for the star to shine

Star of the Week 26.11.21

Elm

Rory: Fantastic, enthusiastic attitude when learning and performing your lines in the Christmas play.

Ava: You have worked amazingly hard with your writing and your maths. We are very proud.

Lime

Olivia: For superb work recognising fractions of shape and understanding equal parts.

Zac S: For great effort in handwriting and wonderful enthusiasm for our Mary Seacole history topic.

Beech

Mateo: For sharing your great ideas in science and writing up your prediction really clearly.

Charlie: For always being a super role model; helpful and polite. This week you have also been a really kind friend.

Cherry

Pip: For all your hard work and being so positive and kind to everyone in Cherry Class.

Charlie: For your brilliant work and always being ready, respectful and safe—a brilliant role model.

Oak

Joy: For her fabulous learning this week, always wanting to answer questions at carpet times and showing our value of independence.

Margot: For her excellent learning of her letter sounds this week, lots of independent learning and always doing her best in everything she does.

Willow

Alby: For his amazing 5-sentence story based on 'The BFG' and great ideas for innovating our 'Talk for Writing' Gingerbread Man story!

Ava: For being an inspiring and motivated learner—listening carefully, sharing her ideas and giving her best at all times.

Star of the Week 03.12.21

Elm

Oscar: For being such an enthusiastic learner and a kind, polite member of our class. A terrific example.

Flossie: Flossie, what a delight you are to have in the classroom. Your thoughtfulness and kind heart make you an excellent friend too.

Lime

Freya F: For superb effort and resilience in Maths with her fractions. Well done Mathematician!

Erin: For excellent effort in her handwriting and her maths and good listening on the carpet.

Beech

Alice: For fantastic effort learning at home when you couldn't come into school.

Thea: For learning all of the words to our Christmas Performance and helping your friends sing the songs.

Cherry

Jack: For all your hard work learning the words for our play and for some wonderful English work.

Marcus: Your work in all your subjects has been brilliant this week and you are always ready to learn.

Oak

Hope: For her independent writing of letter sounds in the mark-making area and for always being such a sunny, happy and enthusiastic member of our class.

Ben: For his excellent learning, especially in phonics and forming letters. Also he has been so kind to his friends.

Willow

Oli: For being an excellent helper in Mrs Heslop's 'independence' assembly and for working hard.

Joshua: For learning his lines and stage directions really well and for being a great helper.

Fin: For fantastic focus at carpet times and being a great role model for our play learning and say lines clearly.

Breakfast Club

The new Breakfast Club system is now open and you can book sessions for the Spring and Summer terms. Signing up is done in the same way via Arbor but you should now have an option to pay with vouchers.

Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Theresa Sundt (Grandma of Rory Keat) for the beautiful butterfly wall art outside the main Office. We are very grateful for all her art contributions to our school.

Star of the Week 10.12.21

Elm

Ruben: For your enthusiastic singing and acting our the Christmas Play. Well done!

Arlo: For your confidence in our Christmas play. You were fantastic!

Lime

Chloe: For bravely stepping forward and saying someone else's lines when they were absent.

Ben: For courageously taking on an important role in our festive performance eventhough he had been ill for re-hearsals.

Beech

Ben: For super learning this week and lovely neat handwriting today. Well done!

Clementine: For super writing about the Christmas Story this week. Well done!

Cherry

Lucas: For beautiful singing in our nativity play and for working hard on your writing—well done!

Imogen: For your wonderful singing in the nativity play and always being ready to learn. A great role model!

Oak

Maude: For her fabulous learning in phonics and for being such a kind, thoughtful and helpful member in Class.

Hunter: For working hard on forming letters to write his name beautifully and his fabulous phonics and maths.

Willow

Leila: For her amazing artwork and being an excellent stand-in 'cockerel'/owl for our Christmas performance.

Lulu: For her super 'Elves and Shoemaker' reading and writing this week—you did a great job hearing phonics sounds you needed.

Riley: For her great use of phonics reading and writing about the 'Elves and the Shoemaker' and for her excellent narrating our Christmas performance.

Diary Dates

Tues	04.01.22	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs	13.01.22	Pied Piper Theatre Robin's Winter Adventure
Mon	14.02 - Fri 18.02.22	Half-term
Mon	21.02.22	Inset Day
Mon	04.04-Mon 18.04.22	Easter Holidays
Tues	19.04.22	Inset Day
Wed	20.04.22	First Day of term
Mon	02.05.22	Bank Holiday
Fri	27.05.22	Inset Day
Mon	30.05-Fri 03.06.22	Half-term
Fri	22.07.22	Last day of term

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2022-2023

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Monday 1st November and the application deadline is Saturday **15th January 2022.**

Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2022-2023

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Monday 1st November and the application deadline is **15th January 2022.** 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.

Year One

It's been a fabulous half term in Year 1. In English we have enjoyed learning about Jack and the Beanstalk and the Christmas nativity story. The children have produced some brilliant writing as well as retelling the nativity story for the Year One Christmas play. In maths we have started exploring time, measurement and coins as well as working hard on our addition and subtraction and number bonds. In history we have been learning all about castles and their residents, culminating in a wonderful Knight's day celebration! Everyone has been working so hard this half term and we would like to thank all our families and helpers for all their support. We wish you all a lovely winter break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

