

MILFORD SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our harvest assembly. This week the children really enjoyed learning their songs and poems, and they worked hard with their teachers to make their performance 'even better'. Elm and Lime classes visited Clock House and Dower House with harvest gifts after our assembly, and entertained our community friends with their lovely singing. I have been spending time in classrooms this week talking with the children about their reading. A quick 'book look' showed just how many parents are supporting their children with reading at home on a daily basis which is so important. The children were also keen to tell me about their fortunate bedtime stories, enabling me to make some good choices to share at our Sleepy story-time next week. One of the most important things you can do for your child is develop their love of books early on in life. It really is key to their future learning and success. To find lots of useful information, tips and resources on how to encourage your child to love reading visit www.welovetoread.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

Safety

As a healthy school we encourage children to come to school, where possible by walking, scootering or cycling. Can you please ensure that at the start and the end of the day you supervise your children on the school grounds and make sure they only ride their bikes and scooters when they reach the back or front gate. Parents have reported some 'near misses' where children have ridden unaccompanied out of school.

Also, we would ask you to make sure your children do not jump/walk along the walls or climb on the railings. We know how tempting it is for them but we have had a couple of incidents where children have fallen off and hurt themselves. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Photographs

Please note that the last day for returning photos is **Thursday 16th October**.

Staff Car Park

We would like to remind you that the use of the staff car park by parents and children is limited to those with physical disabilities (this includes after school clubs) , and for that we require a written request sent into the school. Please ensure that your child minders and grandparents know they must follow this school policy too.



Recycling

You may have noticed a bright yellow clothing bank at the front of the school. Milford School are raising funds by collecting all unwanted clothing in the textile bank at their school. Help the school to raise funds by bringing all your unwanted yet reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, accessories, perfumes and bedlinen. The more clothing that is collected the more funds the school will raise.



Spare Uniform

Can you please ensure that if your child borrows any uniform, tights, underwear etc from school that it is returned washed to the School Office. We currently need boys and girls underwear, socks, and boys trousers, and would appreciate any donations!

P.E. Kit

Can you please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. If, for any reason, this is taken home during the term please return it the following day. We do not have a lot of spare PE kit in school and it takes time out of a child's PE lesson if we need to look for plimsolls and clothes at the last minute. We would appreciate your help in this matter.



Office Opening Hours

Please note the office opening hours are from 8.45p.m.—3.15p.m. In order to keep queues at the office to a minimum your child's classroom will have a basket into which you can return any messages, payments etc.

Christmas Performance

Please note that the dates of our Christmas performances this year are Tuesday 9th December at 9.15a.m. for those with surnames beginning with A-J and Wednesday 10th December at 9.15a.m. for surnames beginning with K-Z. Further details to follow.

Calling all parents

Do you have a head for figures? Are you interested in how the school works? Would you like to learn more about the education system? We are looking for a new parent Governor who will sit on the Finance and Resources committee as well as the Full Governing Body. A person with experience in any of the following would be ideal: financial planning and management; procurement; facilities management. Alternatively, you have a good head for data and are willing to learn. You will need to be able to attend two evening meetings a term (6.30pm - 8.30pm) and commit to three 2 hour training sessions a year (can be in the day or the evening). You will also need to be able to visit the school at least once a term during school hours. The Governing body are committed to helping Milford School continue to improve in all areas - if you can help us achieve our aims we would love to hear from you. To find out more please contact the Chair of Governors on jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk or 07771 630384. Many thanks.

Harvest Festival—St John's Church

The 'Traditional Harvest Festival' will take place on Sunday 12th October at 10a.m. at St John's Church, Milford. All are welcome to attend. All gifts will be given to local people.



FRIENDS OF MILFORD INFORMATION

Quiz Night

Don't forget Quiz tonight at 7.45p.m. in the School Hall!

Sleepy Story-time—Wednesday 15th October 5.00—6.00p.m.

Children — do come along to school in your pyjamas for a lovely story (read by the teachers) before bed. Don't forget your teddy! Milk and biscuits will be provided and the cost will be £1.50 per child. (Milford School pupils only please—sorry we are unable to accommodate siblings).

Cake Sale—Thursday 23rd October

You will shortly receive a plate for the cake sale which will be held on Thursday 23rd October. If you can bring your filled plates into the hall on the morning of the sale we would be very grateful.