

Milford Mail



Dear Parents,

It's getting closer and closer! The end of term is in sight! I hope you and your children have had a good term at Milford School and despite restrictions, have felt a part of our special community. I continue to feel incredibly lucky to be a part of Milford School and appreciate all the positivity and energy that the staff, children and parents have brought this term. I am excited about next week with our Xmas video offerings and the potential for a visit from Santa himself! Over the Xmas break, please do continue to read regularly with your child (daily if you can!) as this really will make a difference for our children and help them to continue progressing well, despite all of the disruption of the past 8 or 9 months. Our vision for all in our school community is: Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve.

This applies to all of us. I have been spending time recently reflecting upon things that I could do better, as a parent, headteacher and member of a family. The list is pretty large, but at the top of it is 'being present'. By that I mean spending more quality time listening, talking and not being distracted by other things (mobile phones, tv etc). There are so many distractions these days that it can be hard to switch off from them at times and to appreciate the precious gift of time (something that we don't know how much we each have). With that in mind, I wonder if anyone will join me in pledging to 'switch off' for the whole weekend —no phones, no ipads, computers, emails etc. Be present, observe what is around you and find joy in loved ones—don't waste time on things that don't matter!

Carpe diem! Have a great weekend, from all of us at Milford School.



A note of thanks to Witley Parish Council

At a recent meeting, Witley Parish Council kindly offered and agreed to fund 7 laptops for Milford and Witley Infants and 10 for The Chandler C.E. School. These are to be used in the event of further lockdowns to ensure that if we have any families that do not have access to a computer can access remote/online teaching and learning. We are incredibly grateful for this support and know that our wonderful community will appreciate their efforts and generosity in organising and providing this to our local schools. We LOVE our community!

Funtime Theatre Pantomime

A big thank you to the Milford Friends for providing us with a fun pantomime to watch. The children that have watched so far have really enjoyed it. It has brought a bit more of a Christmassy feel to proceedings here and we are really grateful.

Diary Dates

Fri 11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas jumper + normal uniform)
Fri 18.12.20	Last Day of term early finish
Mon 04.01.21	School re-opens

Thurs 14.1.21	Pied Piper Theatre performance
Mon 15.02.20—Fri 19.02.20	Half-term
Fri 26.02.21	Inset Day
Mon 04.04.21— Fri 16.04.21	Easter Holidays
Fri 28.05.21	Inset Day
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term

Track and trace

On the 8th December the government sent Headteachers an email with the expectation that we will support track and trace for 6 days following the end of term. In effect this means that I must be available to contact parents/classes in the event of a positive case up to and including Christmas Eve.

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, then you must follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace, which may also involve informing the school.

To assist with this I have setup an email account for this purpose:

trackandtrace@milford.surrey.sch.uk

This will be checked daily between 7am and 9am. Please inform me immediately should your child test positive for Covid 19 within the 48hr timeframe stated above or if NHS Test and Trace advises you to.

Should this happen, any parents of children affected will be contacted by school via email and text message. You will then be required to self-isolate as per government guidelines. With that in mind, if you have recently changed mobile phone number, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears our school uniform each day. Lots of children do this and they look really smart and show great pride - look smart, feel smart! Recently though quite a few children have not been wearing appropriate footwear. Please ensure that your child wears footwear in line with our policy as stated on our website.

As you may also be aware, as part of our Eco-Schools work, we have launched our 'nearly new' school uniform shop online. We have a range of items available to purchase including book bags, PE bags, jumpers, cardigans and trousers. As well as being a sustainable venture, purchasing extra items of uniform in this way provides additional funding to the school to enable us to continue providing the best possible experiences for our children whilst at Milford School.

Thanks for your support!

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/13>

Gaming/e-safety

Over the Xmas holidays I am sure many of our children will receive a range of exciting gifts, some of which may have access to the internet. Please do ensure you monitor what your child is accessing during this time. If you need any guidance or advice, please see the websites listed below.

Have fun but please stay safe!

Milford Fitness Challenge 2020!

A big thank you to the Milford Friends for organising, and all of our children and parents that have taken part in our fitness challenge. An incredible amount of ground has been covered by foot, scooter and bicycle—well done!

At the time of writing, an amazing £4,700 has been raised to go towards our library project!!!

Now all the healthy living is complete, along with the challenge, I hope you all enjoy a little over-indulgence over the festive period with your families.

Merry Xmas!

Some links to help you provide a safe internet experience for your children are:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide/>



Star of the Week 04.12.20

Star of the Week 11.12.20

Elm

Sam and Sophie

Lime

William and Otylia

Beech

Aoife and Isaac

Cherry

Freddie, Oscar and Ava

Oak

Charlie and Nour

Willow

Lucie and Ellie

Elm

Bryn and Boo

Lime

Phoebe A and Raffa

Beech

Zac and Zac

Cherry

Ellis and Izzy

Oak

Frank and Ben

Willow

Chloe and Theo

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Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2021-2022

Please note that, as from Monday 2nd November, you are able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer application by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. and the deadline is **Friday 15th January 2021**. 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.

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2021-2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school.

Please note that, as from Monday 2nd November, you are able to apply by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. and the deadline is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

Milford School supports Surrey County Council's Trees for Schools

Milford School is committed to tackling climate change and is working with Surrey County Council, who have an ambitious target to facilitate the planting of 1.2 million trees (one for every resident) by 2030.

As part of this, members of the Eco-Council are participating in Surrey's Trees for Schools campaign and have planted five trees on the school playing fields during National Tree Week (28 November to 6 December 2020).

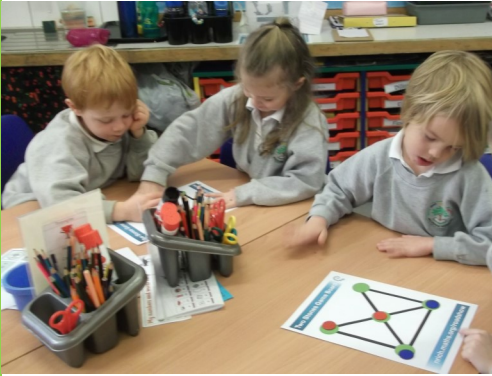
Natalie Bramhall, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change, said, "Trees play an important role in combatting climate change and also provide a wonderful habitat for wildlife. We're delighted Milford School is working with us to encourage children to plant trees and understand more about the natural world."



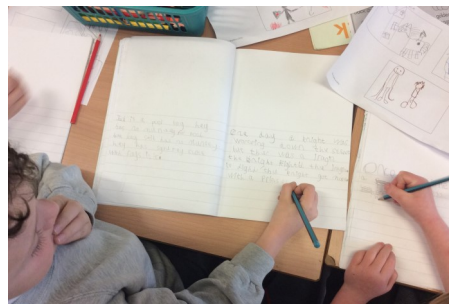
Fun in Year One!

Cherry and Beech Classes have had a fabulous half term, full of laughter and learning.

We have been playing collaborative games; improving our maths knowledge and using strategies to solve problems inside and outside the classroom.



A visit from a giant inspired our writing about Jack!



Games to help us learn to describe a character.

Sharing our writing and giving each other feedback



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The **England Sports Group** is pleased to announce that we are continuing our after-school tennis club at Milford Infants School next term.

Since 1991, under the **Tennis England** banner, the England Sports Group has become one of the best specialist junior tennis coaching companies. Our focus is on coaching children and giving them the best possible environment in which to succeed. Our lessons are not only about mastering tennis but gaining 'Life Skills through Sport'.

Dates, times and cost

Monday 18th January – Monday 22nd March 2021 (9 weeks)

(Excluding half-term 15th-19th February)

Monday	Tennis 3.20-4.20pm	All Years	£63.95
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To secure your child's place please visit www.englandsportsgroup.com and under **Schools –Book Now**, choose the **School** and in Term choose **Spring Term C1 2021** to make a booking online.

When booking online in the player notes section if you could please put your child's school class name and year group.

(If you have already booked a summer camp or a term time lesson from September with us online or over the phone you will already have an online account with us. If you do not know your log in details go to www.englandsportsgroup.com and in the My Booking (top right) put in your email address and any password. As the password will be incorrect it will bring up an option to re-set your password to gain access to your account to make the booking online).



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BALLET CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Mummy & Me

Baby Ballet

RAD Children's Grades

RAD Higher Grades and Vocationals

Adult Ballet

Silver Swans

Venues in Milford, Brook, Witley and Godalming

Fun and creative ballet classes for all ages