



Dear Parents,

I hope you will all enjoy our Spring Assembly. The children have been working hard to learn songs and poems to share with you to celebrate this special time of year. In classes the children have been learning a little bit about the meaning of Easter (shifting the focus away from the chocolate eggs a little bit!) As you can see from the dates below, it is set to be a very packed term ahead with educational visits, ACE day for Year 2, class assemblies, and culminating in an end of year leavers performance by Year 2. I hope you all echo what a child in Oak Class said to me today - "Easter is a chance to spend time with your family". Have a brilliant break and I look forward to welcoming you back in April.

Mr Stear

DIARY DATES

Thurs 29.03.18	Spring Assembly 9.15-9.45 am	Sat 09.06.18	Milford Village Fete (Y1 Country Dancing)
Thurs 29.03.18	Last Day of term - school closes 1pm	Wed 13.06.18	Sports Day
Mon 16.04.18	First day of Summer term	Fri 15.06.18	Willow Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am
Thurs 26.04.18	Photographer - Class Photos	Wed 20.06.18	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 27.04.18	Cherry Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am	Fri 22.06.18	Oak Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am
Fri 04.05.18	Beech Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am	Sat 23.06.18	Great Godalming Duck Race
Mon 07.05.18	May Bank holiday	Wed 27.06.18	Year 2 to Wisley Gardens
Wed 16.05.18	Year 1 Multiskills Broadwater - 1.00 - 3.15pm	Wed 04.07.18	Year 2 and Whole School Bump-Up Day
Thurs 17.05.18	Year 1 to St Hilarys (optional choice)	Fri 06.07.18	ACE Day Chandler
Fri 18.05.18	Elm Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am	Tues 10.07.18	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Tues 22.05.18	Year R to Birdworld	Thurs 12.07.18	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Fri 25.05.18	Oak Class Assembly 9.15-9.45am	Fri 13.07.18	Summer Fair 3.15pm
Mon 28.05.18 - Fri 01.06.18	Summer Half-term	Fri 20.07.18	Last day of term school closes 1pm
Mon 04.06.18	Inset Day-school closed for staff training	Mon 23.07.18	Inset Day
Thurs 07.06.18	Milford Marathon (sponsored event)	TBC	Celebration Parents evening/meet new teacher
Fri 08.06.18	Year 1 to Squires follow-up (optional choice)	TBC	Leavers Assembly and Party
		TBC	SATs meeting for Parents

Complaints Procedure

As a school we work hard to be approachable, available and to ensure that as parents you are an important part of your children's education. If you have a complaint or feel that something has been mishandled then please do come in to see us about it. We promise that we will take your concerns seriously. Please could I ask that you arrange to come in and discuss any problems with the appropriate member of staff and do not use Facebook or other digital media to air a grievance. It is hugely discouraging for staff, has a potentially massive audience and worst of all does not afford us an opportunity to respond and to help. Milford School has a Complaints Procedure, which is available through our website (leaflets are also available in the school office).

First Day of Summer Term

Please note that school will resume at 8.55am on Monday 16th April.

Goodbye and Thank You Miss Morgan

The Governors, Staff and whole school community would like to thank Miss Abi Morgan for her service to the school. We wish her the best of luck with her first Headship at North Farnborough Infant School. Goodbye - we will miss you!

Thank Yous

Thank you to AVS Fencing who have kindly donated £100 towards the School from their Local Community Fund. Also thanks to Ricky, manager at Milford Squires Garden Centre for donating 350L of compost and packets of Sunflower seeds and Milford Tesco Express for supplying materials for Oak Class Easter Fair stall."

Changes to Records

If any of your child's details have changed i.e. contact details, medication or photo consent, please let the office know a.s.a.p. There have been occasions where parents have not notified us of changes which has caused problems.

Star of the Week w/e 16th March 2018

Willow

Finley: For great contributions on the carpet during our English (Naughty Bus) sessions

Arlo: For sharing his super scientific knowledge and making excellent predictions.

Oak

Jack B-J: For following class routines and trying really hard with his learning

Grace: Super learning in the Maths area

Cherry

Max: Demonstrating his science experiments to his friends in Cherry class

Reuben: Making an amazing space buggy during science week

Beech

Stanley: For being a super scientist

Harry: For being a super scientist

Lime

Isabel: For sharing super science from home

Carian: For sharing her ideas in class

Elm

Corben: Effort in writing

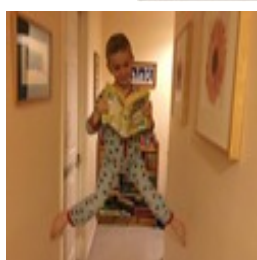
Tilly: Continued positive attitude to learning and managing distractions



Extreme Reading Competition Winners



Emma Q – Willow
Lily S - Lime
Tom C - Elm
Summer H - Beech



Star of the Week w/e 23rd March 2018

Willow

Imogen: For her helpfulness, improving focus and striving to be a good role model

George: For his super scientific predictions and explanations that he showed on the carpet about floating and sinking

Oak

Isabel: A great week of learning in all areas and excellent concentration and contributions at carpet time

Scott: For always being a super keen learner and challenging himself with using phonics in his writing

Cherry

Ruby: Great learning in Maths

Robin: Being a super role model in Cherry class

Beech

Johannes: Excellent behaviour in class and super work ethic

Leon: Super spelling of common exception words

Lime

Stanley: Super effort in all of your learning

Lauren: Super effort in all of your learning

Elm

Yanisia: Fantastic efforts in English and her writing about her family

Kathryn: Persevering in maths and the extra practise she's been doing at home



Clubs—First half of Summer Term.

Breakfast Club: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July

Tennis (Monday): Monday April - 1 July (excluding 7th May, 28th May and 4th June)

SCL Football (Tuesday): 17th April - 22nd May

Dodgeball (Wednesday): 18th April - 23rd May

Rugby Tots (Thursday): 19th April - 12th July (excluding 31st May)

Please note that all SCL clubs must be booked on-line including Breakfast Club.

Badminton festival at Broadwater School - 21st March 2018

On Wednesday 21st March I had the privilege of taking 14 Year 2 children to a badminton festival at Broadwater School. The event was run by the Junior Sports Leaders within the aim of introducing the game of badminton, so no experience was necessary.

There were children from several local schools there. The children worked in groups rotating to eight different activities designed to teach the different skills involved in badminton. By the end the children were all hitting the shuttlecocks over the nets in mini rallies to each other; it was amazing to see how much they learnt in just 90 minutes! However, best of all was to see how much fun the children had embracing this new game. Lots of physical activity and laughter were had by all, and although worn out by then end, they were all proud of their achievements and certificates.

Now I need to see if we can set up a playtime club to continue playing badminton at school!

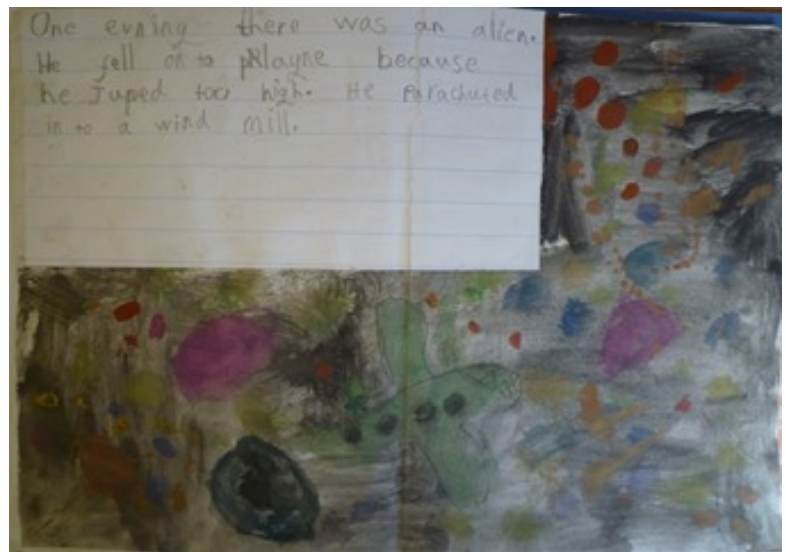
Thank you to all the children who participated, you did Milford School proud.

Mrs Wells ☺



Elm Class News

During Book Week, Elm Class wrote and illustrated their own picture books. We learnt to plan out stories, gather vocabulary to make our stories interesting for the reader and use water colours to create pictures. The finished pieces look absolutely amazing and we are all proud of our achievements.



Continuing the reading theme we are developing a real love of reading. Our class novel 'The Frozen Pugs of the North' is proving very popular and we are desperate to find out how the story ends. A few of us have coerced our parents in to buying the book so we can read it at home!



Science Week 12th - 16th March 2018

This week was British Science week and here at Milford we went Science mad...or is that turned into mad scientists!

The teachers planned all sorts of exciting investigations to develop the children's scientific skills of predicting, observing, recording results, fair testing and reasoning to name but a few, and they made some super scientific discoveries on the way. The children were even coming up with their own investigations and some brought in experiments they invented at home!

Do you know...

...wrapping up your ice cube to make it warm enough to melt it has the opposite effect? Ask the Year 2 children what they discovered...

...what happens if you put mentos in a bottle of coke? Ask Year 1, but make sure you follow their safety instructions if they're going to show you. Scientists are very careful to follow health and safety!

...how to create a rainbow on a plate? Find out from Year R. They have been investigating colour and can tell you what happens when all the colours get mixed up. Try looking at the world through a different colour...

All across the school I heard the sounds of awe and wonder as discoveries were made and experiments were carried out.

Well done everyone, what fabulous learning from all our super scientists.

Year One Visit to Squires Garden Centre

Last week some of our Year One children walked in the glorious sunshine to our local garden centre to learn how to grow potatoes. The children were shown how to plant and care for their spuds. Each child was given two seed potatoes and compost in a very large pot. Over the coming weeks we will be watering the potatoes and covering them with soil as the shoots begin to grow. In June the children will be returning to Squires where they will be transforming their potatoes into chips!



A busy Spring term in Oak class!

Oak class have had such a busy term! We have enjoyed reading some amazing books and used this to help us be really creative. We particularly enjoyed reading the story 'On Sudden Hill' and using huge boxes to work as a team to construct our own fun toys!



A boat.



A swimming pool!



A castle!



A rocket!



A spitfire plane!

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We have also been enjoying using our role play areas this term. Linked to our 'On the Move' topic we have transported ourselves around the world from our airport!



During Book Week we explored different books by Quentin Blake and re-enacted the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' adding lots of interesting items to her bike.



All aboard!

We wrote some super sentences about what we thought our own fantastic bikes would need – such as snacks, a rocket, headphones, a torch and even a toaster!. We have been learning to write sentences that can be read by ourselves AND by others and really thinking about using our phonics to write new words, writing keywords and remembering finger spaces between words. This term Mrs Bruce and Mrs Wells have been really pleased with how independent our writing is becoming and there is always a group of children at the mark making area – writing letters, cards, notes, lists, stories and more!

Last Friday was Sports Relief and we had a very active day – doing yoga, playing playground games, doing our daily mile and also learning some dance moves to our favourite songs.



Oak class have learnt so much this term and really importantly have enjoyed following our Milford School Values. We have been considerate to one another, shown self-control, empathy and independence and look forward to a busy Summer term!

Dogs on School Premises

Please ensure that dogs are not brought on to school premises, this includes carrying dogs on to the premises. Please tie them up to the fence at the front of the school building, away from paths and gates.

School Grounds Safety

If your child uses a scooter or bicycle to come to school can you please supervise them in the school grounds. Children should ride to school, then walk their bikes or scooters to the parking areas at the start and the end of the school day.