



Dear Parents,

I trust that Parents Evening's have been informative and you have managed to gain an understanding of how your child is progressing. These occasions are a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and also to focus on how we as a school community (teachers and parents) can support the children to continue to improve. By working together we hope to fulfil our aim for every child to 'Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve'. Speaking of 'Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve' - during January, staff and governors met to discuss the future vision of Milford School and have tasked me with putting together a 5 year vision plan. I am now at the stage where I need parent's views about the future of the school. I may have managed to speak to some of you during Parent's Evenings, but if I didn't and you would like to be a part of the consultation, I will leave the display and forms for you to complete outside Reception over the coming mornings and afternoons during drop-off and pick-up. Your help with this is appreciated. Enjoy your weekend!

Mr A. Stear

DIARY DATES

Wed	22.03.17	Godalming Festival Singing Together Y2 Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School	Fri	26.05.17	Lime Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Fri	24.03.17	Mufti Day - bring an Easter egg	Mon	29.05.17 - Fri 02.06.17	Summer Half-term
Fri	24.03.17	SATS meetings 9.00am and 2.45pm	Mon	05.06.17	Inset Day-school closed for staff training
Fri	24.03.17	Race Night for parents 7.30pm	Thurs	08.06.17	Milford Marathon (sponsored event)
Wed	29.03.17	Spring Assembly 2.30 - 3.00pm	Fri	09.06.17	Beech Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Thurs	30.03.17	Y2 to visit Dower House and Clockhouse	Fri	23.06.17	Cherry Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Thurs	30.03.17	Easter Fair - 3.15pm	Fri	30.06.17	ACE day at The Chandler
Fri	31.03.17	Last Day of term- school closes 1pm	Tues	04.07.17	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Tues	18.04.17	First day of Summer term	Wed	05.07.17	Bump-up Day (Y2 children visit their Junior Schools)
Mon	01.05.17	May Bank holiday	Fri	07.07.17	Willow Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
Sun	07.05.17	Ground Force Weekend	Tues	11.07.17	Year 2 to Wisley Gardens
Fri	12.05.17	Elm Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am	Wed	12.07.17	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Tues	16.05.17	Year R to Birdworld	Fri	14.07.17	Oak Class Assembly for Parents 9.15am
			Fri	21.07.17	Last day of term school closes 1pm

World Book Day Collection

The collection on World Book Day made a total of £81.90. This will be used to buy books and toothpaste for a school in Uganda. The Sibbick family will take these to the school on our behalf over the Easter holidays.



'Bring an Easter Egg' Mufti Day/Red Nose Day 24th March

Friday 24th March is 'Bring an Easter Egg' mufti day. Children may wear mufti clothes in exchange for donating an Easter egg. Easter eggs are for The Friends and will be used at the Easter Fair on Thursday 30th March. Children may also wear their red noses for Red Nose Day which is on the same day.



Swimming

Unfortunately there won't be any swimming lessons for Elm and Lime classes in the Summer term. This is due to the unavailability of Surrey Sports Park or any other suitable pool.

Playground Update

We are delighted to let you know that Phase 1 of the playground project will be completed in the Easter holidays. Following consultation with staff and the Friends we agreed on a Catboat and traversing climbing wall design, costing £7000, which will be fully funded by the Friends. Hopefully you will have seen the designs at Parent's Evening this week, if not do pop into school and have a look at our playground display board. Friends and Staff are already busy debating what Phase 2 of the project will consist of and we will update in due course. We can't wait to see the children enjoying the new equipment in the Summer Term!



Star of the Week w/e 03/03/2017

Willow:

Zoe: Independent learning in class

Ella: Persevering when reading and 'having a go'

Oak:

Hugo R-P: Excellent learning of letter sounds

Harry M: For excellent effort with all areas of his learning and doing well with letter sounds and reading

Beech:

Bradley: For choosing to challenge himself

Stirling: For having an 'I can do' attitude

Cherry:

Georgina: Fantastic Maths - learning and making good links

Jack: For improved focus, super contributions on the carpet and excellent vocabulary used in Magic Writing Land

Elm:

Laura: For being kind to others

Belle: Working hard to write her story

Lime:

Jonathon: For being a considerate member of Lime class

Chloe: For always trying her best



Arrangement for Year 2 Visits to The Chandler

The children from Year 2 who will be allocated places for The Chandler in September will be invited to visit on two different occasions. Milford School have arranged for a coach to transport the children on Friday 30th June to the ACE day (9.30a.m.-2.30p.m.) And back to Milford School for collection at normal time. Parents will have to make their own arrangements to take their children to the bump-up day on Wednesday 5th July which will take place in the afternoon 1.00p.m. - 3.15p.m (details to follow).

Star of the Week w/e 10/03/2017

Willow:

Summer: demonstrating many of the school values

Amy: Independent writing in class

Oak:

Tamsin: For excellent manners and following our school values in particular teamwork, consideration, patience and respect

Reuben: For excellent contribution and showing his knowledge of the world

Beech:

Camilla: Using her vocabulary book and sound mat, to help her write down her ideas

Jaydon: Using the sounds he has learnt to write down information

Cherry:

Max: For super non-fiction writing and being brave

Henry: For super non-fiction writing and remembering his next steps!

Elm:

Layla: Great expression in drama

Tilly: Amazing descriptions in her writing

Lime:

Teddy: For fantastic thinking in his maths learning

Annabel: For concentrating on her next steps and making great progress

Apologies for not having a photo - the certificates were given out in class.

Sainsbury's Vouchers - Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help count the Sainsbury's vouchers. Any help would be gratefully appreciated (Vouchers can be taken home to be counted and then returned to school!) Please continue to bring in any vouchers you may have - Sainsburys will issue these until 2nd May.



Milford Baptist Church - Easter Club 2017

April 11th to 13th - 10:00am-12:15pm

Please join us at Milford Baptist Church for lots of fun and games. It is for school years Reception-Yr 6.

Parents are invited on Thursday 13th April at 12:00-12:30 to join our finale, followed by a free lunch buffet. Download registration forms from www.milfordbaptistchurch.org.uk. Please email mbckidsevents@gmail.com or call James on 07772111299

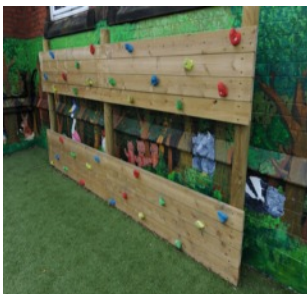
The Friends Update

Disco

The school hall was transformed last week into a disco and 146 children showed us their smart outfits and amazing dance moves to the likes of YMCA and Up-town Funk! The Friends raised the fantastic amount of £420 which will go towards the playground redevelopment. Big thanks to DJ Stear for getting the party started and spinning the decks, and to Ian Ranger, from the Friends of Chandler, for generously loaning us the disco lights, putting them up and collecting them at the end!

Playground Redevelopment

At the last Friends meeting, it was decided that we would split the playground redevelopment plans into two phases, phase I being the playground itself and phase II being the field. Kelly went to have a look at the pond the other day which is behind the Reception outdoor area. She was amazed at the space and the potential it has to be turned into a real asset of the school. We are therefore proposing that we make redeveloping this area our new Phase II, and make the field Phase III. By redeveloping, we mean making it safe and usable with lots of wildlife spotting possibilities. We were very kindly awarded a grant last year towards the cost of making it usable and a quote to do the work - now we'd like to actually get the work done! Hopefully with our fantastic fundraising efforts, we can achieve this this school year, as well as starting to raise money towards the field redevelopment!



SCL

SCL are running a holiday club for two weeks of the Easter holiday at Milford School. They are offering Milford children only (no siblings) a 15% discount and you will receive a letter with details shortly. Please remember our After-School care will start on Tuesday 18th April. Bookings are available on-line for both clubs.

The Chandler update

I have recently visited The Chandler and am pleased to update you on the progress of their building works. Things are progressing according to plan and the new classroom looks likely to be ready in plenty of time for our current Year 2 to join in September. I will let you know about any further developments in due course.

Kids Go Free to the SSE Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley



On Saturday 13th May at 5.15pm KO is the culmination of the SSE Women's FA Cup at Wembley Stadium. It is a brilliant day family day and last year over 32,000 people cheered on Arsenal v Chelsea Ladies at the home of football. To top it off, children go free and we have the opportunity to purchase group tickets, which reduces adult tickets prices from £15 to £7.50 per person. The minimum number for a group is 9 adults. Next week we will distribute letters to complete - if you would like to purchase tickets which we will do so on your behalf to activate the group offer.

Many thanks to Mrs Parfitt for making us aware of this and kindly offering to organise for Milford School.

Milford Science Week

This week is National Science week and here at Milford we certainly made the most of it. The school was buzzing with the sounds of awe and wonder as the children took part in some fantastic investigations. The classrooms were full of excitement with questions being asked, predictions being made, experiments being carried out and the delight of discoveries being made. In Year R, the children were exploring colour through watching what happens when white flowers are given blue water to drink; watching the colours separate out of Smarties and creating a rainbow in water with skittles. Did you know Year R know how to make raisins dance? Ask them how! In Year 1, 'Professor Heslop' arrived to carry out some investigations exploring materials with the children. Lots of water was involved but The Three Little Pigs will definitely have a waterproof castle by the end of it! I was met by 'Rocket mice' in year 2! The children were exploring the force of air on an object. The children then proved to me that you can't blow a square bubble and wowed me with their magnetic ball mazes. Some of these little scientists were even inspired to write a science book to record their findings. Well done to all our little scientists!

Mrs Wells

