MILFORD SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER NO. 7 12.12.2014

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many families at our Christmas fair on Friday. A huge thank you to all the Friends who worked tirelessly to ensure it was a success, and raised a grand total of £1,320! The children enjoyed performing 'Jesus' Christmas Party' and the audience appreciated all the hard work by staff who enabled it to happen. The costumes, and set were wonderful and I think lots of families will be singing along to the songs over Christmas! Elm and Lime classes had a visit from Milford Baptist Church who helped them to make Christingles and Clive Potter from St John's Church came to do an Advent assembly with the children. Year 2 have been to visit Dower House and Clock House to sing carols, and we are all busy practicing carols for our 'Carols around the Tree' on Thursday 18th December at 9a.m. I look forward to seeing you all there. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

Last Day of Term

Please note that school will finish at 1.45p.m. on Friday 19th December and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2015.

Primary School Admission for the Academic Year 2015-2016

If your child is born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 you will need to apply on-line for a place for him/her at primary school. The school does not hold any supplies of the booklets or forms but we do have leaflets on how to apply for a place for your child. Please come to the office if you require a leaflet. Please note the application deadline is **Thursday 15th January**

Year 2 Junior School Transfer

All Year 2 parents should have received a leaflet explaining on how to apply for a place at Junior School. Please ensure that any hard copies of application forms for entry to Junior School are returned to us by noon on Friday 9th January. The application dead-line is **Thursday 15th January 2015**.

Staffing: Hello and Goodbye

A warm welcome to Kate Kenyon who has joined us as a Special Needs Assistant in Lime class. Sadly, Karin Goodfellow our School Finance manger will be leaving us at the end of term after 23 years! We wish her a long and happy retirement and staff and governors would like to thank her for her loyal service to our school. She will be sorely missed! Kirsty Morris, our new School Business Manager, will take over from January 2015.









Coats

Can you please ensure that your child has a coat with them in school at all times. We take the children out as much as we can during the school day, and since the weather has turned cold, a coat is necessary. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Clubs

Please note that all clubs will start back the second week of term i.e. week beginning 12th January.

Christmas Postbox

A Christmas postbox will be available every day next week, outside the main school entrance, for children to post Christmas cards to their friends.

Christmas Services at Milford Baptist Church:

14th December 10.30a.m. - 'Nativity from Scratch' - All are welcome to this nativity service with carols and refreshments afterwards. Children can just turn up and join in if they wish.

21st Dec 4.30p.m - 'Carols by Candelight and Christingle Service' - A service for all ages with traditional carols, Christingle making for children and mince pies afterwards. All are welcome.

25th Dec 10.30a.m - Christmas Day All Age Service - A festive celebration with carols and something for all ages.

Tracksuit Bottoms

Tracksuit bottoms, at a cost of £9.00, are now in stock and available for ordering from the school office or on-line.

Keeping Children Safe in School

In line with current child protection procedures we would ask that parents bring any latecomers to the School Office. Children can then be registered, sent to their class or accompanied by a member of staff if necessary. If essential items have been forgotten they can be left at the office to be collected by children during the day.

Lost Property

Please check through the lost property box before Wednesday 17th December, otherwise it will be added to the second-hand uniform stock.

> Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From All the Staff at Milford School









