



Dear Parents,

We are getting closer and closer to December and the excitement that brings and although we feel excited, it is important that we continue to focus on our learning and keep supporting our children with reading and home learning as much as possible. We have lots of exciting things planned over the next couple of weeks - please see the dates below! Over the last two weeks our staff have been involved in the planning of our Talk for Writing lessons and wider Godalming Learning Partnership project and also moderating reading with some other infant schools in the area. The teachers and children have been very excited about using and creating some actions and story/writing maps together and this has already led to some lovely writing from many of our children. Do keep a look out on Pobble.com to see some of our children's writing and remember that you can search for other examples of children's writing of a similar age should you wish to find ideas for things to work on at home or to inspire your child to try and 'win' a Headteacher certificate!

I hope you have a good weekend and the rain gives us all a break!

Kind regards,

Andrew Stear

## DIARY DATES

Wed	11.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)
Thurs	12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am)
Thurs	12.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Grandparents and Toddlers (2.15pm-3pm)
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Parents (9.15am-10.15am)
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Lunch (Christmas hats welcome)
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri	13.12.19	Christmas Fair (3.15-5pm)
Mon	16.12.19	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse

Tues	17.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Wed	18.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am
Fri	20.12.19	Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am
Fri	20.12.19	Parent Helpers' 'Thank you' refreshments
Fri	20.12.19	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Mon	06.01.20	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs	16.01.20	Pied Piper Theatre 'Star in the Jar'
Fri	17.01.20	Feeling Friendly Friday (anti bullying)
Fri	14.02.20	Inset Day
Mon	17.02.20 - Fri 21.02.20	<b>Half-term</b>
Mon	06.04.20 - Mon 20.04.20	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Fri	22.05.20	Inset Day

## Sickness Bugs

Please can you ask your children to ensure they wash and dry their hands to try and prevent the sickness bug from spreading. If your child has any sickness and/or diarrhoea they will need to be clear from their last bout for 48 hours before returning to school

## Thank You



Thank you to Squires Garden Centre for, once again, providing our Christmas tree this year. This will be up in the School Hall for all to enjoy from next week onwards.

## Meet the Headteacher 2019

The following sessions are for you as parents to come and discuss anything about Milford School with me. I am here to listen. If you cannot make it, you are most welcome to pop something in an envelope labelled 'Meet the Headteacher' and I will ensure it is discussed at the meeting. Following the meetings, the areas discussed will be published and responded to on our website. You can of course also email in to the school office, who will ensure I receive any correspondence. Many thanks for your continued support of our school.

Year R - Thursday 23rd January 9am

Year 1 - Thursday 23rd January 2.45pm

Year 2 - Friday 24th January 9am

### Star of the Week w/e 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

#### Willow:

Finn: For being more confident in class and for great use of sequencing words to talk about getting ready for school.

Mia: For always showing respect for her classmates and adults and for her determination to use phonics to begin to write words.

#### Oak:

Albie: For always trying his very best with all his learning activities and being a cheerful member of the class.

Ivy-Wynter: For showing respect towards others and our classroom equipment. Also, for careful sequencing of her day.

#### Cherry:

Tilly: For a great number work and counting in twos

Phoebe: Super effort with her learning.

#### Beech:

Cruz: For fantastic maths learning this week

Ivy: For always trying your best and being a super role model.

#### Lime:

Jo: For your excellent research and writing about Mary Seacole.

Jonah: For your super discussion and writing about Mary Seacole.

#### Elm:

Jaxon: For being an all-round superstar! You've shared your ideas confidently and demonstrated respect to all.

Lily: For your positive attitude in Maths and 'can do' attitude. Keep it up and well done!



### Christmas Tree Lighting Events

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm - Chichester Hall, Witley

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm - Milford Village Hall

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm - Pirrie Hall, Brook



### Christmas Fair Collection Time - Friday

13<sup>th</sup>

December

Children should be collected at the normal time on the day of the Christmas Fair i.e. 3.15p.m.

### Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Children can wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring a suggested contribution of £1 for a charity to be decided by the School Council.

### Star of the Week w/e 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019

#### Willow:

Arla: For super learning of key words, using her phonics sounds to read CVC words and hearing rhyme!

Isaac: For always being respectful of peers and the classroom and challenging himself to use his phonics to write a sentence!

#### Oak:

Jessica: For good ideas about the plot and characters when reading our story Biscuit Bear and for sharing these with Oak Class.

Rory: For always being a kind and helpful member of Oak Class. Also, for always trying his best with his learning.

#### Cherry:

Isla: For an amazing painted knight's shield made in class.

Martha: For an amazing painted knight's shield made in class.

Imogen: Isla: For an amazing painted knight's shield made in class.

#### Beech:

Bea: For fantastic writing and attitude to learning.

Sam: For sharing super engineering ideas.

#### Lime:

Jacob: For excellent work on his reading skills answering complex questions and always contributing well in class.

Freddie: For settling extremely well into Milford School and challenging himself every day in all subject areas.

#### Elm:

Megan: For being a multiplications and division Superstar!

Maisie: For always trying your best and working hard. You know exactly how to drop a dragon!

### Christmas Performance

We have learned from experience over the years that having young siblings in the audience proves to be a distraction to the children performing on the stage and therefore we ask you not to bring your babies and toddlers to the Parents performance. We have put on a 'Grandparents and Siblings' performance to which parents are also welcome to attend if you cannot find childcare for your child.

This year we will not be issuing tickets for the **Parents performance**. Please e-mail the office on [parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk) with the names of the two parents who will be attending as we will be managing the list in school. If you do not require two places please let us know so we can reallocate your place. We need these numbers for Health and Safety reasons.

Likewise tickets will not be issued for the **Grandparent/young siblings performance**, however, you will need to e-mail the office on [parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk) to let them know the names of Grandparents and siblings attending.

## School's Policy on Videoing/Photography of School Events



Governors have agreed that parents and carers can take photos and videos at the school performances. Please note the School's policy below:

- Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event for their **own personal use** only. Such photos and videos **cannot be sold and must not be put on the web/internet** due to Data Protection legislation, which in such circumstance is likely to be contravened.
- Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.
- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, they may need to check out who they are if they are using a camera or video recorder.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse, of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse. Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out above.

### Christmas Photos

Photos of your child in their costume, presented in a card frame will be for sale after all the parent Christmas performances at a cost of £6.00 and an additional £2 for a digital copy. All profits will go towards the school fund and will be spent on the school. Photographs are being taken on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December so please send costumes by then if you want the chance to purchase a photo.

### Coats

Please ensure always that your child has a coat with them for outdoor play, particularly during the cold weather.

## Christmas is coming!

Our school Christmas Fair is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December and the Year One staff and children will be organising a book tombola stall this time.

### How can you help?

Please have a look at home and see if you have any books that you do not read anymore that you can donate for our tombola.

### What type of books do we want?

Good condition story and non-fiction books for all ages from pre-school up to 11 years as we do have younger and older siblings visiting the fair.

You can drop books off any time from now on in either Beech or Cherry classrooms so the children can start sorting them in advance of the fair. The children will make posters, count the books and sort them into different age groups.

### Thank You from The Friends Cake Tent and Quiz

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Friends in running the tea/cake tent at Milford Farmers Market on 17th November. We raised an amazing £231.40 which we couldn't have done without your help. Also the Quiz raised £491.00 which was fantastic. Thank you all so much for the support!



### Primary School Admission for the academic year 2019-2020

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you will be able to apply from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and the application deadline is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### Year 2 Junior School Transfer

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and the application deadline is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. 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.



## **Knight's training day!**

Cherry and Beech class enjoyed dressing up ready to learn about life in a medieval castle. We had fun reading castle themed stories, designing our own shields and making bunting. We also enjoyed learning facts about real castles, asking lots of questions and then using them in our writing!







# *Christmas* **FAIR**

**DECEMBER 13TH**  
**3.15pm - 5pm**

**WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!**

- \* Raffle prizes
- \* Unwanted gifts for Parents Secret Santa
- \* Unwanted Christmas wrapping paper
- \* Unwanted Christmas decorations
- \* Jolly Jam Jars - please fill these and bring back to school asap