



Dear Parents,

It's almost Christmas!!! The children have been putting on some wonderful performances in amongst producing some brilliant writing in Year 1 and 2. Year 1 have been writing about the First Christmas in great detail and Year 2 have produced some fantastic writing based upon the John Lewis advert with Excitable Edgar (the dragon!) You should have received an email with some admissions consultation documents attached. Please do take the time to view these and submit your thoughts if you have any. In effect the key change for you as parents is around the 'sibling rule'. In effect we are proposing adding an additional weighting given to siblings of children who are in the school at the time of application. Previously if you had a child in Year 2 at the time of applying for a child to start in Reception, they did not count as being a sibling and sadly we have lost some families with close links to our school. I hope you have a fantastic Christmas and New Year if I do not get the chance to greet you personally over the next week.

Merry Christmas!

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Mon	16.12.19	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse	Fri	24.01.20	Meet the Headteacher - Year 2 - 9am
Tues	17.12.19	Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am	Fri	07.02.20	Cherry Class Assembly
Wed	18.12.19	Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am	Mon	10.02.20 - Fri 14.02.20	Science Week
Fri	20.12.19	Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am	Fri	14.02.20	Inset Day
Fri	20.12.19	Parent Helpers' 'Thank you' refreshments	Mon	17.02.20 - Fri 21.02.20	<b>Half-term</b>
Fri	20.12.19	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm	Fri	28.02.20	Beech Class Assembly
Mon	06.01.20	School resumes at 8.55am	Thurs	05.03.20	World Book Day
Thurs	16.01.20	Pied Piper Theatre 'Star in the Jar'	Tues	24.03.20	Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Fri	17.01.20	Feeling Friendly Friday (anti bullying)	Thurs	26.03.20	Parents Evening 3.45-6.15pm
Thurs	23.01.20	Meet the Headteacher - Year R - 9am	Fri	03.04.20	Spring Assembly
Thurs	23.01.20	Meet the Headteacher - Year 1 - 2.45pm	Fri	03.04.20	Last day of term - school resumes at 1pm
			Mon	06.04.20 - Fri 17.04.20	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
			Fri	22.05.20	Inset Day
			Wed	22.07.20	Inset Day

### First Day of Term

The first day of term is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55pm.

### School Meals - Registration



The deadline for ordering school dinners on-line is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please do so a.s.a.p so that your child gets a meal at the start of term.

### Children in Need

A total of £202.55 was raised for Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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.

### Milk

We would appreciate if you could check with your child if they still want milk at school. If they don't please cancel as there is a lot of milk being wasted.

### **Star of the Week w/e 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

#### **Willow:**

Arthur: For always showing respect, trying hard, participating fully during carpet sessions and being more resilient.

Martha: For being a good role model - constantly busy and challenging herself and for learning her lines so quickly.

#### **Oak:**

Freya: For thinking of and writing her own Biscuit Bear sentence by hearing letter sounds in words and using our keyword wall.

Scott: For excellent resilience and independence in all his learning. Well done.

#### **Cherry:**

Alfie: For super effort with your learning this week

Chloe: For practising her reading and key words at home.

#### **Beech:**

William: For super effort with your learning this week.

Florence: For super effort with your learning in class and at home.

#### **Lime:**

Bobbie: For wonderful discussion and writing fact files about different countries in Geography

Scott: For excellent resilience and independence in all his learning. Well done!

#### **Elm:**

Grace: For your kindness and thoughtfulness during circle time - you know what makes a good friend!

Emilia: For always trying your best in all aspects of your learning. Well done!

### **Star of the Week w/e 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

#### **Willow:**

Fintan: For being thoughtful and getting his friend's coat after learning how to make up with his friend again.

James: For being a keen learner, working on his next steps in English (leaving finger spaces) and Maths (describing 2d shapes)!

#### **Oak:**

Yoann: For hearing the sounds in CVC words and writing them down. Also, for his amazing Magic Porridge Pot sentence.

Flossie: For writing her own child-initiated sentences and using her phonics and keywords.

#### **Cherry:**

Phoebe A: For super effort with your writing this week in Cherry Class

William: For suggesting great actions for our story telling in Cherry Class.

#### **Beech:**

Bryn: For super effort with your handwriting.

Isla: For putting lots of effort into all of your learning in Beech class.

#### **Lime:**

Imogen: For having an amazing Milford Mindset in everything she does and also confident acting in our play rehearsals.

#### **Elm:**

Finley: For your perseverance and using your prior knowledge when problem solving in Maths!

Stanley: For your focus and hard work on your handwriting: Well done and keep it up!

### **Clubs for the Spring Term**

Monday - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan- Tennis

Tuesday - 14<sup>th</sup> Jan - Football (Year 1 and 2)

Wednesday -15<sup>th</sup> Jan -Gymnastics (Year 1 and Year 2)

Thursday w/c 16<sup>th</sup> Jan -Dodgeball -(Year 1 and 2)

Friday w/c 17<sup>th</sup> Jan - All Star Choir (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2)

Spanish Club (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2) - 15<sup>th</sup> January

French Club (Year R) - 16<sup>th</sup> January

French Club (Year 1 and 2) -16<sup>h</sup> January

Football, Gymnastics and Dodgeball will be open to Reception children after the Easter holidays.

### **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.

### **The Friends - Secretary Position**

Can you help? Friends are looking for a Secretary. Please see full details in the attached letter.

## Year R News

As we near the end of their first term in school, the children in Willow and Oak would love to share some of their learning, and wow what amazing learning they have been doing!

By the time you read this you will have seen our Nativity Play and I'm sure you will feel as proud of the children as we are. They learnt their lines and song words so quickly. We were really impressed and I think it sums up all the children have achieved in this first term; confidence, independence, enthusiasm to learn and do their best, as well as enjoying themselves participating in activities with their new friends.

Counting at  
Oak's Birthday



Using our  
phonics to build  
words



Negotiating together in  
our play



Improving our balance  
and co-ordination



Finding out about  
celebrations from  
other cultures



Special visitors



We've been baking...



making...

and taking turns...



learning independently...



and learning together!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From all of the EYFS Team

## **A Thank You note from The Friends of Milford**

One more week to go and we can all give into the Christmas wonderfulness, get lost in wrapping paper, laughter, excitement and hopefully some mulled wine too.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say A MASSIVE THANK YOU to all Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Class Reps and Teachers for your continued support of The Friends. Without your generous contributions The Friends would not exist. As a parent I know it can feel like The Friends are continuously asking for contributions towards this or that; your time, your money, your baking skills etc. However, your generosity and continued support do make a HUGE difference to the School and ultimately, our children. I can not thank each of you enough.

The Friends make it possible for our children to have the extra things that the government funding just doesn't allow at the moment. It means that the school can focus on putting the money they are given into the children's education and The Friends can support the school to do the extra bits they are so keen to do; the fun bits, the bits that help make Milford School the amazing school it is.

Just in this term we have contributed towards:

- Snow White theatre production.
- Gifts for Santa to give to each child on the last day of term.
- Gardening club supplies.
- The £100 each Year Group teachers are given to buy resources for their classes. So far they have bought flip charts and Year 2 are looking at enhancing the Year 2 play area.
- Amount set aside for the Year 2 toilets project. We are just waiting for final quotes and then hopefully work can start next year.
- Stickers for the newly refurbished toilets in the main school - these will be going up next term.

That is just in one term and there are more projects that we are working towards - trips, theatre productions, play equipment and more. They all rely on The Friends help to make them happen.

So THANK YOU!

One last thing and something to mull over this Christmas, there is an open vacancy to join The Friends:

Would you like to be more involved in the Friends and the school as a whole? Could you join our team and help the Friends to continue to support the school and our children. Well now you can - the Friends of Milford School are looking to recruit a Secretary to join the team. It is the first time the Friends have had a secretary for a while so the role would very much be yours to mould working closely alongside the Chair and the other members of the Friends team. The main things the Chair is looking for support with are: handling the legal side of the Friends, making sure we have an annual AGM, ensuring Friends insurance is up to date etc. So someone who is organised and enthusiastic, basically! If this is something you feel may be for you, please do speak to Erika Keat, the Friends Chair or email to: [friendschair@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friendschair@milford.surrey.sch.uk)

It is a voluntary role and although there are busy times of the year it shouldn't take a lot of your time. The more people we have on board, the easier it is for everyone! If you felt that you could help in anyway please do get in touch. The job doesn't just have to be done by one person, a job share would work really well too.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Have a wonderful Christmas and THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for supporting our school.

**Erika Keat**

Friends' (PTA) Chair, Milford School