

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week at Milford School with the visit of the theatre and some wonderful follow up writing from lots of children about the production of Snow White. Thank you all for supporting this with voluntary contributions - it is great for our children to see literature come to life in this way and is something I hope we can continue to provide in future.

On another note, it is still relatively early in the term and there have been the inevitable small number of 'teething problems', requiring some simple early reminders, to help children understand what is expected of them back in school, now that the summer is just a memory. We ask that children:

- Walk inside the school buildings and corridors and when approaching the dining hall at lunchtimes
- Treat each other and their teachers with respect and kindness at all times
- Exercise silence and good listening skills when lining up at the end of playtime, during a fire drill, during reflective assemblies and at other occasional times, when required to do so by teachers
- Arrive on time and leave school promptly at the end of each day, refraining from using the unsupervised outdoor climbing equipment

We rely on the support of parents and I urge you to reinforce our school values, and, in particular, to remind children of the above points. I assure you that we do have the children's welfare and happiness at the heart of everything we do and we firmly believe that it is in children's best interest that they are able to be cooperative, well mannered, to listen well, follow instruction and understand the needs of others.

We thank you for your cooperation in establishing and reinforcing good learning habits. Have a great weekend.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Mon	14.10.19	Sign up for Parents Evening 12 noon
Fri	18.10.19	Grandparents Morning 9.45am School Disco (details to follow)
Thurs	24.10.19	Cake Sale
Fri	25.10.19	Pyjama Day - Oak and Willow
Mon	28.10.19 - Fri 1.11.19	Half-term
Mon	04.11.19	Inset Day
Tues	05.11.19	Parents Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm)
Thurs	07.11.19	Parents Evening 2 (3.45 - 6.15pm)
Mon	11.11.19	Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.15am
Fri	15.11.19	Mufti Day for Children in Need Parents' Quiz (time tbc) School Hall
Thurs	21.11.19	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Fri	29.11.19	Mufti Day (bottle) for Christmas Fair
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 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
Fri	14.02.20	Inset Day
Fri	22.05.20	Inset Day

Reception Parents - Surrey Advertiser Photo

The First Day at School supplement will be published in this week's Surrey Advertiser, Friday 11th October. Milford School have submitted a photo for this supplement.

School Meals for the next half-term

Please remember to order your child's school meals for the next half-term. This will need to be done by midnight on Saturday 2nd November at the latest but all meals are available to book now.

Star of the Week w/e 13th September, 2019

Cherry:

Jack C: For making a great start in Year 1

Layla: For making a great start in Year 1

Beech:

Dexter: For fantastic effort in writing about The Three Little Pigs

Ella: For great model making with super writing to explain what she had done.

Lime:

Lexi: For fantastic writing using adjectives to describe.

Isabel: For great problem solving in Mathematics.

Elm:

Alex: For your superb writing describing yourself as a pirate!

Scarlett: For your confidence, kindness and all-round positive attitude. What a super start to Y2.

Star of the Week w/e 20th September, 2019

Cherry:

Lauren: For a super wanted poster for the big bad wolf.

Maddie: For a super wanted poster for the big bad wolf.

Beech:

Finley: For sharing his thinking about 3d shapes

Emily: For super writing about the big bad wolf

Lime:

Darcey: For excellent understanding in Geography using compass directions.

Archie: For super independent learning using new vocabulary in his writing.

Elm:

Reuben: For your confidence and resilience in your writing and swimming this week!

Bradley: For your positive attitude to your learning and for being a positive role model to others.

Staff Car Park

Please note that the staff car park is for staff use only due to limited capacity. Breakfast and After School Clubs are not permitted to use the car park for drop off or pick up. If you have a disability which requires parking access, please request a meeting with the Inclusion Manager, Mrs J Fulterer to discuss.

Food Allergies and Intolerances

If you have any allergies, before ordering on-line please come and speak to a member of Innovate who can advise you on what options are suitable for your needs.

Star of the Week w/e 27th September, 2019

Willow:

Faris: For his super resilience and determination to make a more complex repeating pattern during Maths Week.

Freya J: For her super work on pattern and 2d shape in Maths week and continuing her learning at home!

Oak:

Maddie: For making many different repeating patterns all week using different objects.

Dillon: For showing our school value of resilience when making a repeating pattern and not giving up.

Cherry:

Bertie: For being a very good role model in class.

Ronnie: For showing great enthusiasm with his learning in class.

Beech:

Arabella: For fantastic Maths home learning and sharing your ideas in class.

Harrison: For fantastic Maths home learning and sharing your ideas in class.

Lime:

Poppy: For excellent work on new addition methods and explaining clearly to others.

James: For thoughtful problem solving in Mathematics and using his Milford mindset.

Elm:

Jack: For your confidence and resilience in Maths this week!

Thank You

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Lisa, Teresa and the talented bakers at Loaf, Godalming, for kindly lending us their amazing wheat-sheaf bread for our harvest assembly last week. The children couldn't believe it was made out of bread and it provided the perfect centre-piece for our display.



How to communicate and stay in touch with the School.

For occasional updates or urgent information, the school Twitter account is often used - you can follow us at [@Milford_School](https://twitter.com/Milford_School)

If you need to get a message to the office for any reason, you can phone, pop in or drop an email to info@milford.surrey.sch.uk. Teachers can also be reached in this way.

To aid our communication, we also have our Milford School Friends Class Reps. Their job essentially is to give an occasional reminder of things that are going on in school, requests for help or resources, getting messages to parents from the classes. Should you have any issues or concerns, it's always best to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Should you feel they have been unable to address your concerns, you can of course request to meet with the Headteacher. Please do not attempt to use the class reps for this purpose. They will not be able to assist and will suggest you contact the school directly.

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2019-2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st 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 4th November and the application deadline is Wednesday **15th January 2020**.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer

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

Coats and P.E. Kit

We expect children to have a coat and a PE kit in school at all times. If, for any reason, PE kit is taken home please return them the following day. We would appreciate your help with this matter.

Swimming Payment - Year 2

If you have not paid for your child's swimming lessons please do so a.s.a.p. as we need to settle our accounts.

GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's *GET Teaching* programme

Why not *GET Teaching* with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The Godalming Learning Partnership (formerly Godalming Confederation) is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are now inviting applications to what will be our second year, starting in Sept 2020.

The one year *GET Teaching* training programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our 7 current trainees are teaching in two of our schools but visit many more for their training sessions over the year, ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

We offer self-funded places; bursaries and grants may be available.

APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org

Find out more about the GLP at: www.godalmingconfed.org (soon to become godalminglearning.org as we change the former Confederation website over to the GLP)

Parents Evening Sign Up

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 5th November (4.30 - 7.30pm) and Thursday 7th November (3.45-6.15pm). You will be able to sign up from 12 noon on Monday 14th October. You will receive an e-mail and/or text message with a link. Please contact the office if you have any problems with this.

Oak and Willow - Pyjama Day - Friday 25th October

Breakfast will be served from 9am. Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas all day, but please remember it will be getting colder. We will have a selection of breakfast food and drinks available and ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 (put in a named envelope and given to your class teacher) which will also fund further cooking activities over the year.



RECEPTION NEWS!



We have had a busy start to our learning at Milford School. We are settling in well and have been happily making friends, exploring our school and becoming more independent as we become familiar with our new routines.



We have taken part in Milford Maths Week where we explored pattern: making and finding patterns in our environment. We are learning our letter sounds through songs, actions, fun activities and phonics hunts. We've also begun to take home Keywords (high frequency words) that we try to read by sight to help make reading easier. Our topic this half term is 'All About Me' and we have discussed our families, friendships, body parts and how to keep ourselves healthy. Last week we participated in our first Harvest Assembly with a great rendition of 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. This week a highlight has been watching the production of 'Snow White' where we danced, sung, clapped and laughed!



Oak and Willow Class are looking forward to Grandparent's Day next Friday and also Pyjama Day on the last day of this Half Term.