



Dear Parents,

I cannot believe it is almost Christmas! Rehearsals for 'The Christmas Recipe' are in full swing and by the time you receive this newsletter, the first Grandparents performance will have taken place. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard on learning their lines and all of the different songs and it is shaping up really nicely. I'd like to finish this newsletter piece by saying a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the life of the school since I started in September, whether that's our wonderful 'Milford Friends', parent and grandparent helpers, parents, governors, staff and most importantly, children. I am incredibly proud of you all and hope that we continue to work together to provide an excellent education, securing the best possible outcomes for all of our children in a caring and stimulating environment. If I don't get to see you before the end of term, have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and I will see you in January.

Mr Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

Mon	12.12.16	Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.30am
Tues	13.12.16	Christmas Performance 9.30am
Wed	14.12.16	Christmas Performance 9.30am
Thurs	15.12.16	Parent Helpers Coffee 9.00am
Fri	16.12.16	Carols around the Tree 9.00-9.30am Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children' Christmas Lunch

Tues	20.12.16	Class Christmas Parties (afternoon)
Wed	21.12.16	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Tues	03.01.17	Inset Day
Thurs	19.01.17	Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Burglar Bill'
Fri	10.02.17	Inset Day
Mon	13.02.17 - Fri 17.02.17	Spring Half-term
Fri	31.03.17	Last Day of Spring term
Tues	18.04.17	First Day of Summer term
Mon	01.05.17	May Bank holiday

Last Day of Term

Please note that school will finish at **1.00pm** on Wednesday 21st December and will re-open on Wednesday 4th January (Tuesday 3rd January is an inset day).

Christmas Photos and CDs

Beautiful photos of your child in their costume, presented in a card frame will be for sale after the Christmas performances on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th at a cost of £5.00. CDs of the children singing the Christmas songs will also be available at a cost of £3.00. All profits will go towards the School Playground project.

Christmas Tree

Thank you to Squires for donating the Christmas Tree which is now decorated in the Hall.



Postbox

The red postbox, which is used for letters for the Office can also be used for children to post Christmas cards to their friends.



Christmas Tree competition - Winners!

We are delighted to inform you that Milford School won the Christmas Tree decorating competition at Squires Garden Centre. Congratulations to our Y1s who made the decorations and decorated the tree.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 16th December. This will be in aid of Save the Children so if the children could bring a contribution of £1 to their classrooms it would be appreciated. Thank you to Conor (Cherry Class) who has donated his savings.

Christmas Fair

With tombolas, Secret Santa gifts, cakes, crafts, games, Santa in his grotto and more, the Christmas fair on Friday 2nd was both great fun for everyone and also an amazing success - around £1,200 was raised to help fund future school projects! The Friends would like to thank everyone who helped out - either by baking biscuits or cakes, setting up, manning a stall, or clearing away (with a particular thanks to the fabulous class reps!) - and to everyone who came along and made it such a success!

Lost Property Basket

The lost property basket will be outside the main school entrance most days for you to check for lost items. Please be aware that at the end of each term we will either add unclaimed items to the second hand uniform stock or recycle them.

Primary School Admission for 2017-2018

If your child is born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply on-line for a place for him/her at primary school. Please come to the office if you require a leaflet on how to apply for a place for your child. Please note the application deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2017**.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2017-2018

All Year 2 parents should have received a leaflet explaining how to apply for a place at Junior School. The application deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2017**.

Christmas Performance



Please ensure you bring your tickets to the performance and do not bring any extra people as we will have to turn them away. We are required, by law, to monitor the number of people we have in the School hall for these performances. Please note there will be a collection after the Christmas Entertainment, that will be donated to the charity 'Shooting Star Chase'. Any donations will be gratefully received. There will also be programmes available at a cost of £1 each.

Year 2 - Learning

Some children in Year 2 have been choosing to undertake some extra home learning. Because of their efforts, they were chosen to visit Mr Stear today to show off their brilliant diary entries. The themes the children had chosen were wide ranging, including football! Well done Year 2 for some fantastic learning!



Surrey County Council - Fostering

You may be interested to know that there are over 880 children in care in Surrey. Around 40% of them are placed outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers. We are looking for foster carers for children aged 0-18, for supported lodgings providers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for disabled children. Whether you are married or single, male or female, are straight or gay, do or don't have your own children, rent or own your home, work or don't work, we would love to hear from you.

Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering

Why not give our friendly Fran a call on 0800 0969 626 or email fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

Star of the Week - w/e Friday 25th November

Willow

Eloise - For being a very kind and caring member of our Willow family.

Joseph - Making progress in his writing and phonics by working hard and gaining confidence.

Oak

Chloe S - Chloe always likes to challenge herself. This week she has asked how to be an even better reader.

Juliet - Practicing everyday to write her name and now Juliet can write it independently.

Cherry

Emily - For overcoming her reluctance to try something new, persevering and making excellent progress!

Hugh - For always giving 100%, taking on next steps and trying to complete them and for his enthusiasm about his part in the Christmas play.

Beech

Tilly - for coming into school ready to learn and smiling.

Josh - For super independent learning.

Lime

Brooke - For some super home learning and always trying your best.

Austin - For working independently.

Elm

Fran - For always remembering the school rules

