

**MILFORD SCHOOL  
SUMMER TERM  
NEWSLETTER NO. 14: 12th June 2015**



Dear Parents

Three coaches, 160 children (and packed lunches) and 35 adults set off for The Lookout Discovery Centre last week! We all had a fantastic day with lots of 'hands on' learning. My thanks to Mrs Szczepanski (Lead), staff and all the adult helpers who helped to make this educational visit such a great success.

Our cake sale just before half-term raised £175—a big thank you to Friends for organising this popular event.

Tomorrow is the annual Milford Village Fete. As a community school, we love to get involved and are very proud of all the Year 2 children who will put on a display of Country Dancing (2p.m. don't miss out!) to entertain everyone. Friends of Milford School will be running a stall with games and fun activities for children and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

**SCL Breakfast Club**

We are very pleased to be offering, from September 2015, a daily Breakfast Club in the Learning Hub which will be provided by SCL. The club will run from 7.45a.m. and children will be taken to their classes at 8.45a.m. The cost will be £4.00 per day which will include a breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit. SCL will be presenting an Assembly to the children on Wednesday 24th June and each child will receive an information leaflet and booking form. Numbers will initially be limited to 20 children per day on a first come, first served basis. Booking forms must be returned to the School Office with payment—payment of a half-term in advance is required.

**Staffing for September 2015**

The Classteachers and Teaching Assistants for September 2015 are as follows and we are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff - Mrs Lucy Heslop who will be the new Classteacher in Cherry class and Mrs Becky Sewell who will be the new Learning Support Assistant in Oak Class. We would also like to wish 'farewell' to Mrs Elizabeth Butlin, who will be relocating to America. We are delighted to welcome Mrs L Hearsom to her new role as trainee Teacher.

<b>Current Class 2014/2015</b>	<b>New Class (2015/2016)</b>	<b>New Class Teacher</b>	<b>Teaching Assistants</b>
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Willow</b>	Mrs H Szczepanski	Mrs N Stuart
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Oak</b>	Mrs M Wells and Mrs N Bruce	Mrs B Sewell
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Beech</b>	Miss A Morgan	Mrs C Choi/Mrs D Feasey
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Cherry</b>	Mrs L Heslop	Mrs K Kenyon
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Elm</b>	Miss C Skinner	Mrs J Mayes
<b>Cherry</b>	<b>Lime</b>	Mrs E Ward	Mrs J Glaister
<b>Nurture Groups/SEND</b>			Miss D Lake

**Transport—For Year 2 Visits to The Chandler**

The children from Year 2 who will be attending The Chandler School in September have been invited to visit on two different occasions. Milford School have arranged a coach to transport the children to and from The Chandler on 1st and 3rd July. **Please note that all children will be provided with a packed lunch on Friday 3rd July. Their visit on 1st July is from 1.30—3.00p.m. so they will have their lunch at school before they leave on the coach.**

**Transition to Junior School**

The Year 2 teachers have been preparing the children for their move to Junior School in September. Mrs Jules Gallant (the Special Needs Co-ordinator at Chandler) will be in school from 2.00—3.30p.m. on Tuesday 30th June if you have any specific concerns. Please come to the office to arrange an appointment.

**'Share Our Success' Afternoon—Thursday 9th July**

Parents are warmly invited to the 'Share our Success' afternoon at 2.45.m. on Thursday 9th July, when the children will be able to share their learning with their parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Last Swim of Term**

Please note that the last swim of the term is Friday 26th June. We would appreciate that if your child has borrowed any swimsuits, towels or goggles for swimming that it is returned washed to the School Office. Thank you for your help in this matter.



**The Friends of Milford**

**Milford Village Fete**

*The Friends would like to thank everyone who has offered to support the stall at the Milford Village fete which will help to raise money for the school!*

**Father's Day Activity—Friday 19th June**

*All children are invited to make a gift for their Father (or other member of the family) for Father's Day. Please can they bring in £1.50 in a named envelope and give it to their teacher on Friday 19th June.*

**Friends Summer Picnic—Thursday 16th July**

*There will be a Summer Picnic on the school playing field on **Thursday 16th July** from 3.00 - 5.00 pm. The evening is for all parents and children to socialise and enjoy what we hope will be summer weather. Please bring along a picnic and have some fun.*



**Raffle Tickets**

*Raffle tickets for the raffle, which will be held at the Summer Picnic, will be available to purchase/sell and will be put into book bags shortly. Please send completed books to the School Office.*

**Parents of Elm and Lime Class Year 2 Children Only**

**1. End of Key Stage 1 Assessments and Tests (SATs)**

Children in Year 2 have now completed their end of Key Stage 1 assessments and tests, (though we hope they are unaware of it, since we try to keep them free of stress). Their results will be provided for parents along with the end of year reports. The results themselves can be rather difficult to understand, so we will be holding a meeting for parents of Year 2 children at 2.45p.m. on Thursday 25th June to explain them. There will be an opportunity to see the test booklets, so you know exactly what your children had to tackle. It would be helpful if you could complete the reply slip below so we have an idea of the amount of seating to provide.

**2. Year 2 Leavers' Party, 3.15—4.30p.m., Monday, 13th July**

Please ensure that your child keeps this evening free. The party is usually great fun. More details and named invitations nearer the time.

**3. Leavers' Assembly, 9.00 – 9.30 am (approximately), Thursday 16th July**

This is our chance to say goodbye to all the children who are leaving at the end of this year, to thank them for their contribution to the school and to wish them well for the future. Please book the date in your diary if you would like to join us.

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**REPLY SLIP FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 2 CHILDREN**

PARENT'S NAME(S):.....

I/we shall be attending the meeting about end of Key Stage 1 Tests (SATs) on :



Thursday 25th June at 2.45 p.m.

YES/NO

(Please delete as necessary)

## Governor Profile

**Name:** Paula Bradley

**Type of Governor:** Parent Governor

**Governor Focus:** Special Educational Needs

**Background:** I've lived in Milford for over twenty years. All three of my children have attended Milford school two of which have moved to Chandler and the third has a postgraduate position with TFL. As a 'stay at home mum' I was able to be parent helper at the school, coming in one morning a week to hear readers, to help with gluing, sticking and 'anything'. Although my children have moved on from the school I continue to hear year 2s read on Tuesday mornings.

**Why I Became a Governor:** Milford school is at the heart of our community and I want to continue and to broaden my support for our school. I was initially nervous about becoming a governor, not having any business, management or even up-to-date office skills. However the training I have received/am receiving has been excellent as has the encouragement from the governors and the senior management team. I now feel confident to support the school as a 'Critical Friend'.

**What I enjoy most About the Role:** Although I've been in and around the school for the last seven years I had definitely underestimated how much work is involved in running a school. From planning the school budget, dealing with an ever changing curriculum to ensuring every child gets the education they need (and having an Eagle Owl come to the school!), I am reassured that our school has a dedicated and passionate team whose focus is to give our community's children the very best start and prepare them for the next stage of their education.



## Governors update

The purpose of school governing bodies is to 'conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school'. In order to do this the governing body meets regularly to discuss key topics. The Full Governing body met in March with a focus on Finance and resources. Key outcomes of this meeting were as follows;

- The 2015/16 draft budget was presented and recommendations for expenditure approved in principle. The key investment areas will be in the improvement of the Library area and in IT including additional smart touch screens in classrooms.
- The governors collectively agreed to develop their understanding of Academy Schools and attend joint training on this topic to help the School in any decisions it may need to make about Academy status in the future.

## Parent questionnaire 2015

The Governors want to understand how you feel about the school. We have put together two questionnaires, one focusing on your child's experience at Milford and one asking you about how you as a Parent/Carer feel. The answers you give will help us to guide the school to meet its aim of being the 'School of Choice' for the local community.

Each survey is made up of 10 tick answer questions and will only take a few minutes to complete. There is some room after each question for comments. If you have anything else you would like to suggest or comment on please contact me, Jackie Morris (Chair of Governors) directly on [jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jmorris@milford.surrey.sch.uk). All comments are completely confidential and will only be shared with the school with your permission. Survey results are anonymous and will be gathered together for analysis.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the surveys please collect one from the school office.

The teachers will be helping the children complete a questionnaire in class during the week beginning 29th June to find out what they like best and least about the school.

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete these surveys – it will help us greatly to make Milford School an even better place for your children.

Regards,

Jackie Morris  
Chair of Governors

## Parent questionnaire - Part 1 (Being a Parent/Carer at Milford School)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVKGpz9>

## Parent questionnaire - Part 2 (Your child's experience of Milford school)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RR93MV6>