

Dear Parents,

This week has been lots of fun with the children learning about a Scottish celebration in assembly (Burns Night) and Year 1 doing some cooking of neeps and tatties (thankfully no haggis wafting down the corridors!) Early Years have had a tasting session linked to Chinese New Year and made some great models. They were also lucky enough to be visited by a Police Officer on Thursday 30th January as part of learning about 'People Who Help Us'. The children were very excited and look forward to welcoming more visitors over the coming weeks. This weekend will see the United Kingdom exit the European Union, which I'm sure will be big news in all of our households over the coming days, weeks and months. Please help us to remind the children that being different, speaking differently etc is what makes us all unique. It's these things that make Britain great and although we will have left the EU, our British Values of respect and tolerance remain as important (if not more important) than ever before.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Mon 03.02.20 Movie Evening - Years 1 and 2
 Tues 04.02.20 Friends meeting at The Refectory 8pm
 Fri 07.02.20 Cherry Class Assembly
 Thurs 13.02.20 Friends Cake Sale outside Milford Post Office
 Fri 14.02.20 Inset Day
 Mon 17.02.20 - Fri 21.02.20 **Half-term**
 Mon 02.03.20 - Fri 06.03.20 Bookweek
 Thurs 05.03.20 World Book Day
 Fri 06.03.20 Beech Class Assembly
 Mon 09.03.20 - 13.03.20 Science Week
 Tues 24.03.20 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
 Thurs 26.03.20 Parents Evening 3.45-6.15pm
 Wed 01.04.20 Easter Fair
 Fri 03.04.20 Spring Assembly
 Fri 03.04.20 Last day of term - school closes at 1pm

Mon 06.04.20 - Fri 17.04.20 **Easter Holidays**
 Mon 20.04.20 School resumes at 8.55am
 Thurs 23.04.20 Y2 Parents SATS meeting
 Fri 01.05.20 Oak Class Assembly
 Thurs 07.05.20 Willow Class Assembly
 Fri 08.05.20 **Bank Holiday**
 Fri 22.05.20 **Inset Day**
 Mon 25.05.20 - Fri 29.05.20 **Half-term**
 Wed 10.06.20 New Parents Evening 7-8.15pm
 Wed 24.06.20 Sports Day 1.00-3.15pm
 Tues 30.06.20 Reserve Sports Day
 Tues 07.07.20 Celebration Afternoon 2.45-4.30pm
 Wed 15.07.20 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
 Wed 15.07.20 Leavers Party 3.15-4.30pm
 Fri 17.07.20 Summer Fair 3.15pm
 Tues 21.07.20 Last day of term - school closes at 1pm

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform will now be sold at events and at cake sales that are held at the school. Keep an eye out for the second hand uniform stall at the Easter fair. If you have any uniform (no white t-shirts) to donate to the school to be sold please give to the School Office.

Half-Term Arrangements

Please note that the school will close at 3.15pm on Thursday 13th February (Friday 14th February is an inset day) and re-open on Monday 24th February at 8.55am.

Cake Sale outside Milford Post Office

On Thursday 13th February a cake sale will be held outside Milford Post Office from 9.30am-12. Please drop your baked goodies to Alex Bozeat's house, Westfield, Portsmouth Road, next door to the Post Office) Wednesday afternoon or first thing Thursday morning (please note cakes must not contain nuts) Volunteers to sell are also needed, if you can help please contact Alex Bozeat.

Star of the Week w/e 17th January

Willow:

Esme: For being a great model our Milford values - showing consideration for others and trying to challenge herself.

Luke: For his enthusiasm of our Superheroes topic and for showing greater maturity and care in his play with others.

Oak:

Harry: For being a good friend and being a good role model to others in Oak class.

Toby: For being a good friend and being a cheerful member of Oak Class

Cherry:

Jack: For showing great team work skills to produce a non-fiction book about toys.

Martha: or showing great team work skills to produce a non-fiction book about toys.

Beech:

Sebbie: For showing great team work skills to produce a non-fiction book about toys in class.

William: For being a great friend all of the time and on Feeling Friendly Friday.

Lime:

Patrick: For working really hard on his Milford Mindset, always trying his best.

Ella: For showing fantastic empathy towards others.

Elm:

Maddy: For showing great kindness and respect to others and for being a great friend to all.

Zak: For demonstrating our value of patience and consideration.

Sweets/Cakes for Birthday Celebrations Reminder

May we remind parents that as part of our healthy schools programme and due to health and allergy issues (child with a severe nut allergy), children are asked not to bring sweets or snacks on birthdays or for any other reason.



Staff Car Park

Please do not park in the staff car park unless you have specific permission to do so. There appears to be increasing numbers of parents using the car park for school drop off and pick up which is causing issues with our limited number of parking spaces.

Also, when driving in and around the school area please take extra care, mind your speed and ensure you are looking out for children and families - we have had a few near misses recently.

Dogs on School Premises

Please ensure that dogs are not brought on to school premises. Please tie them up to the fence at the front of the school building, away from paths and gates.

Star of the Week w/e 24th January

Willow:

Freya F: For being courageous in all areas of her learning and for super work on number bonds to 10 and part-part-whole.

Aoife: For working hard on her next steps, always being ready to learn and being considerate of others in her play

Oak:

Jaxson: For being imaginative and making fantastic creations in the workshop. Also, for being a friendly member of Oak class.

Carolina: For making progress in both reading and keywords this week.

Cherry:

Phoebe A: For amazing progress with your number work this week.

Emily S: For great effort and challenging yourself in Maths this week.

Beech:

Lily: For great teamwork and effort with your shared writing about Traction Man this week.

Alex: For great teamwork and effort with your shared writing about Traction Man this week.

Lime:

Stanley: For some wonderful imaginative ideas in his writing and working hard on his presentation and punctuation

Bobbie: For some fantastic independent sewing and also helping others when they found it tricky.

Elm:

Beau: For your enthusiasm when writing this week and for showing patience and consideration to others.

Lily: For incredible confidence and a positive attitude to learning, showing your determination and resilience to succeed!

Coats and P.E Kits

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. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

Gates Locking/Opening

Please note that all gates will be locked in the mornings at 9a.m. and will be re-opened at 3.05p.m. Please ensure that you vacate the site promptly after drop-off.



Inset Days Remaining

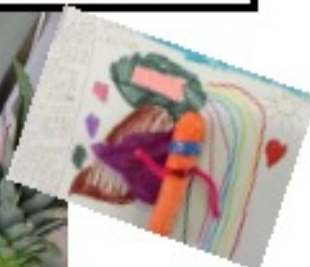
The remaining inset days for this academic year will be on Friday 14th February, Friday 22nd May and Wednesday 22nd July.

Wonderful Willow - Our News

What a 'super' term we have been having so far! We came back from the Christmas holidays and have been 'superheroes' in training – creating masks, badges and other accessories as well as learning to develop our physical and social skills in order to help others.



In Literacy, we have been exploring the many adventures of 'Supertato'. We have used our artistic, design and computing skills to create our own super fruit and vegetable characters, discuss their special powers, design backgrounds and record our character voices onto special microphones.



The children were shocked when Evil Pea appeared in the classroom and set them a challenge to free the vegetables that he had frozen! They explored what would help them 'melt' the ice - using salt, warm water and spoons!



In Maths, we have also been learning about 'partitioning' numbers into smaller parts that together make up the whole. We have explored how many different ways we can break up larger numbers into smaller parts.



We've even found time to go on a QR code hunt for superheroes...



...and even meet some real life heroes – asking questions and finding out about how they help people.

MILFORD SCHOOL
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020/2021

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January	First day of term
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half term holiday
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of term

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20 th April	First day of term
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half term holiday
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of term
Wednesday 22 nd July	Inset Day

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	First day of term
Monday 26 th Oct – Fri 30 th Oct	Half term holiday
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 15 th Feb – Fri 19 th Feb	Half term holiday
1 April 2021	Last day of term

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19 th April	First day of term
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half term holiday
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of term

Please note: There will be five closure days for staff in-service training each academic year