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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

What an exciting couple of weeks we have had! Last week, Chitra Soundar, author of *Pattan's Pumpkin* amongst others, delivered a brilliant assembly about storytelling, followed by some great workshops with each year group. The children were suitably inspired and came up with some brilliant imaginative stories as a result. This week we have had our 'Writing Open Morning' which was well attended and hopefully helped to give an overview of our approach to writing at Milford. The children and teachers certainly enjoyed having visitors to their classes. We will aim to repeat this next academic year and give further opportunities for parents to come into school to see our writing and hope even more of you can attend! We also had World Book Day on Thursday with lots of children (and staff) dressed beautifully as story book characters. In assembly the teachers and children shared their favourite stories and why they dressed the way they did. The purpose of the day of course is to encourage reading for pleasure and for us all to enjoy the many benefits that sharing a book can bring. Thanks to Mrs Ward and all of the staff for their efforts in putting together all events. I hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you next week (hopefully with some kinder weather).

Mr Stear and all at Milford School.

DIARY DATES

Wed 11.03.20 Year 1 to Haslemere Museum
 Thurs 12.03.20 Year 2 to Witley Common
 Mon 23.03.20 Movie Evening (Reception Class) 3.15-4.30pm
 Tues 24.03.20 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30pm
 Thurs 26.03.20 Parents Evening 3.45-6.15pm
 Fri 27.03.20 Mufti day - Easter egg donation or £2
 Tues 31.03.20 Year R to Brooklands Museum
 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**
 Thurs 14.05.20 Year R to Birdworld
 Sun 17.05.20 Godalming Run
 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
 Tues 16.06.20 Year 1 to Brighton Aquarium
 Mon 22.06.20 - Fri 26.06.20 **Science Week**
 Wed 24.06.20 Sports Day 1.00-3.15pm
 Thurs 25.06.20 Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
 Tues 30.06.20 Reserve Sports Day
 Tjurs 02.07.20 Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
 Tues 07.07.20 Celebration Afternoon 2.45-4.30pm
 Thurs 09.07.20 Year 2 to Marwell Zoo

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)

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Star of the Week w/e 28th February

Willow:

Chloe: For her amazing half term news writing and for showing consideration and teamwork in her play with others.

Fred: For his excellent progress in writing - improved letter formation and great use of key words and di-graphs!

Oak:

Charlie: For his excellent effort in writing. Forming clear letters.

Ava: For making good progress in her reading. Blending simple words and recognising some key words in her books.

Cherry:

Layla: For sharing her story book about teamwork in Cherry Class

Jack B: For involving everyone in his learning in Cherry Class. Great teamwork!

Beech:

Lily: For super effort in her writing in Beech Class

Alex: For great effort and progress in Beech Class

Lime:

Sam: For showing an inquisitive mind about our new topic, answering and asking lots of questions.

Lexi: For using her Milford Mindset and working as a team in Lime Class.

Elm:

Isla: For always demonstrating our value of teamwork. Thank you!

Harrison: For your hard work practising your reading at home and for being resilient in Maths.

Star of the Week w/e 6th March

Willow:

Mia: For her growing confidence in using her phonics sounds to write her missing alien poster description.

Zac S: for his excellent alien poster writing and brilliant explanation of how frogspawn develops into tadpoles and then frogs!

Oak:

Ruben: For his excellent effort in writing, forming clear letters.

Stanley: For his wonderful drawings!

Cherry:

Emily: For reading her story book to her friends in Cherry Class.

Alfie: For super watercolour illustrations in his Lazy lion story book in Cherry Class.

Beech:

Esme: For creating a fantastic Lazy Lion story book.

Louis: For a super week, sharing his Maths ideas and creating a fantastic Lazy Lion story book.

Lime:

Ellie: For showing an excellent love of reading and vocabulary in whole class discussions.

Imogen: For wonderful independent work and showing a real love of reading.

Elm:

Alex: For your enthusiasm for reading! You share your ideas with great confidence and your writing shows how much you love reading.

Finley: For making links between different stories and for your contributions to group and class discussions about reading.

Esme's Fundraiser

Esme from Beech Class did a cake sale at the weekend. She baked the cakes and raised £66.52 for Rainbows as part of one of her badges. Well done Esme!



Arrangement for Year 2 Visits to The Chandler

The children from Year 2 who are allocated places for The Chandler for September will be invited to visit on two different occasions. Milford School will arrange for a coach to transport the children on Friday 3rd July to the ACE day (9.30a.m.-2.30p.m.) and back to Milford School for collection at normal time. Parents will have to make their own arrangements to take their children to the bump-up day on Wednesday 1st July (timings and details to follow).

School Link by Scholastic

You should last week, have received a copy of the School Link brochure. Milford School Line number is 20534891. Please ensure all orders are sent to the office by Monday 9th March.

Milford Pumas and Kickstart Coaching

Milford Pumas in association with Kickstart Coaching are offering Girls' football for free for Years 1, 2 and 3 every Saturday from 29th February - 28th March at Rodborough School from 10.30-11.30am. Please register online.

Godalming Run - Fundraise for Milford School

There are 3 different races:

1k Kids Fun Run – No age restriction

5k Race – Must be older than 11 on race day

10k Race – Must be older than 16 on race day

There's no pressure to compete and we're just going to have a good time and raise some money for the school. You don't have to be a runner, or super fit to participate in the 1k kids fun run. But a good level of fitness is best for the longer run options. The 10k run will definitely be testing your fitness, but it's still a completely achievable distance. This is your chance guys! This is the goal you've been looking for since you set that New Year's Resolution to "be more active", "do more cardio" or "get fitter". Make this your goal, and benefit the school at the same time. Once you reach the end, there is a great feeling of accomplishment that energises you.

There will be plenty of time between the end of the 1k fun run and the start of the 5k and 10k races for those parents wanting to run with their children and then go to the waiting areas. The event organisers do not start the next race until everyone has finished the 1k. But please know that you will need someone to watch your children if you are doing the other races.

Just to be clear, The Friends will not be: providing a stall, refreshments, massages or oranges of any kind (LOL). We will be participating ourselves and having a good time. We want you to join us and have a great time too.

The Friends was created to help fundraise for all the non-budget necessities the school need. So, for the love of the school, if you can help us raise money it will directly benefit the children. But, by no means let the fundraising put you off joining the run – if you want to simply run for fun, that's super: this is primarily a school community event.

WHAT TO DO NOW:

- 1) Visit <https://godalmingrun.org/> to register and pay online for the races you're entering (by 22nd March for discount).
- 2) Start asking friends and family for sponsorship money (a link to the Just Giving fundraising page will be communicated asap).
- 3) Direct message Becky Russell on Classlist and ask to be added to the closed group for this event.



Milford Book Week 2020

It has been an action packed week at Milford. The children have been reading lots of stories from different cultures as part of our 'Around the World' theme. Book Week was launched with a wonderful day of author fun when Chitra Soundar came to visit. We had writing workshops and storytelling sessions. Thank you to all the parents who came to see us in action on the Writing open morning, it was great to share how we teach writing across the school. The children loved dressing up for the official World Book Day on Thursday. Don't forget to exchange your book token for one of the book day titles or £1 off any other book.



Chitra Soundar

Author visit



Book Week Dress Up

