



Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back to a new academic year. It has been great to see all of our children again after the long holiday period - it's amazing how much some of them have grown! School is already in full swing with Year 2 having their Pirate Day with a picnic on the field - under the shelter in the rain! (a bit soggy like it might have been on board a ship...) They have produced some lovely descriptions of photographs of themselves and have come up with their own Pirate names. Year 1 have settled really well and I had the pleasure of seeing the children re-telling the story of the Three Little Pigs in groups. They did very well to reflect on their first attempts, recognise areas they could improve and then deliver their stories to great effect and with such confidence. Finally a warm welcome to our Reception children and families. It has been lovely to speak to you all this week and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you again for choosing Milford to educate your child. We will always do our very best to help your child to meet our vision for everyone to "Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve" and know that you will be as supportive and active as possible. There's lots coming up over the term so do have a look at some of the key dates listed below. It's also the time of year where I ask for you to consider sending in achievements your child has made outside of school (it's always nice to hear about the different things the children get up to!) The board in the hall where we display photos, certificates, notes from parents etc is looking a bit empty and I'd love to fill it again over this year. The types of things we have had in the past include:

Swimming certificates (we photocopy them)

Participation in events e.g. theatre performances, music, passing recitals etc

Looking after our local area (litter picking etc)

I will leave the rest up to you, just remember to pop your child's name on it and send it in with them.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Andrew Stear

DIARY DATES

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| Tues | 17.09.19 | Meet the Teacher - Year R - 12.30pm | Wed | 11.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am) |
| Wed | 18.09.19 | Meet the Teacher - Y1 and Y2 - 2.40pm | Thurs | 12.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Grandparents and Toddlers (9.15am-10.15am) |
| Fri | 20.09.19 | The Friends Welcome Meeting - 9am | Thurs | 12.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Grandparents and Toddlers (2.15pm-3pm) |
| Mon | 23.09.19 - Friday 27.09.19 | Maths Week | Fri | 13.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Willow and Oak) for Parents (9.15am-10.15am) |
| Thurs | 03.10.19 | Harvest Gifts to school | Fri | 13.12.19 | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Fri | 04.10.19 | Harvest Assembly 9.15 am (Parents welcome) | Fri | 13.12.19 | Christmas Fair (3.15-5pm) |
| Fri | 04.10.19 | Elm and Lime to Dower and Clockhouse | Mon | 16.12.19 | Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse |
| Thurs | 10.10.19 | M & M Productions - Snow White (9.15am) | Tues | 17.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Lime and Beech) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am |
| Fri | 18.10.19 | Grandparents Morning 9.15am(details to follow) School Disco (details to follow) | Wed | 18.12.19 | Christmas Performance (Elm and Cherry) for Parents 9.15am-10.15am |
| Thurs | 24.10.19 | Cake Sale | Fri | 20.12.19 | Carols Around the Tree - 9.15-9.45am |
| Mon | 28.10.19 - Fri 1.11.19 | Half-term | Fri | 20.12.19 | Parent Helpers' 'Thank you' refreshments |
| Mon | 04.11.19 | Inset Day | Fri | 20.12.19 | Last Day of term school closes at 1pm |
| Tues | 05.11.19 | Parents Evening 1 (4.30 - 7.30pm) | Mon | 06.01.20 | School resumes at 8.55am |
| Thurs | 07.11.19 | Parents Evening 2 (3.45 - 6.15pm) | Fri | 14.02.20 | Inset Day |
| Mon | 11.11.19 | Y2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents Welcome) 9.15am | Fri | 22.05.20 | Inset Day |
| Fri | 15.11.19 | Mufti Day for Children in Need Parents' Quiz (time tbc) School Hall | Wed | 22.07.20 | Inset Day |
| Thurs | 21.11.19 | Whole School Flu nasal immunisation | | | |
| Fri | 29.11.19 | Mufti Day (bottle) for Christmas Fair | | | |

Absences

We are required by Surrey County Council to send in an absence return every half term. As a result we ask that on the first morning of absence parents ring the school office and leave a message by 9.25a.m. explaining the reason for his/her absence. If a child is away and we do not get a message to explain, we will contact you to ensure your child is safe. If we are unable to contact you we will work our way through the contacts on your information form. Please ring the office every morning of your child's absence.

Request for Leave of Absence during term time

We will not authorise absence for holidays during term time and any such absences will be marked as unauthorised. Surrey County Council guidance gives Headteachers the power to authorise absence only in exceptional circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances, given by the Department for Education (DfE), are: service leave and family crisis.

Pupil Post

We try to use Friday as our regular day for sending parent mail and newsletters. **Please check your e-mails and your child's bag on a Friday to ensure that you keep up to date with school events.** We would also be grateful if you could help your children on a weekly basis, to clear their bags of all unnecessary items (apart from reading books and diaries). Sometimes it is unavoidable to send mail on other days so please bear this in mind. We update the website regularly with important information and also our Twitter feed@Milford_School.



Updating Records/Information



Your child will receive an envelope next week which shows the details we currently hold. Please return the form unchanged and signed if the details are correct, but if they are not, please alter them

clearly on the form. Also enclosed will be a 'Snow White' theatre performance letter. We would be grateful if these forms/data collection forms can be returned by **Wednesday 25th September.**

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.

Medication and Inhalers

If your child receives medication, including inhalers for asthma, please ensure that the school is informed of this and medication is supplied for use in school. As with any medicine/inhalers that need to be given during the day, a form (obtained from the office) must be completed giving details of the medicines and clear instructions as to how they should be administered. Please refer to our 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs' policy. All medication must come via the School Office and not via the classteacher.



Please bring in any inhalers/medication that were returned at the end of the summer term.

Free School Meals Eligibility and Pupil Premium

Although all infant school children are now eligible for a free school meal, it is still important to us that we are able to identify who would have been eligible if the system hadn't changed as this information is used for the school to be able to claim pupil premium-essential funding. You or

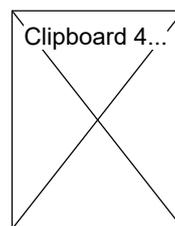
your child's information is not given to anyone else but is used purely for the school to be able to claim the premium. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their pupils and close any potential attainment gaps between them

and their peers. Please pick up a form from the School Office as soon as possible, even if you are not sure whether you are eligible, in order for us to make this claim as accurately as possible.



Bicycle and Scooter Shelter

Can you please ensure that as children come into the school grounds they do not ride their scooters or bikes. Please push them to avoid any unnecessary accidents, particularly during busy times. For our new parents, the bicycle/scooter shelter is near the side-door of the School Hall.



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.

Breakfast and After School Clubs for Autumn term

Breakfast Club: Thurs 5th Sept - Fri 20th Dec
Tennis (Monday): September 9th
Football (Tuesday): September 10th - December 10th
Gymnastics (Wednesday) Sept 11th - December 11th
Rugby (Thursday): September 12th - December 12th
All Star Choir (Friday): September 13th
Karate (Friday): September 13th

All after school clubs are open to Year 1 and 2 children only and Reception pupils will be invited to join later in the academic year once settled into school routines.

The above clubs are up and running - please remember to book on-line.

Meet the Teacher

All year groups will have an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' and to find out what will be going on over the course of the year, ask any burning questions, and help you to become familiar with the school. Reception will hold their meeting at 12.30pm on Tuesday 17th September and Year 1 and Year 2 will hold their meeting on Wednesday 18th September at 2.40pm. Slides from the talk will be sent out and published on the website for anyone that cannot make the meetings.

Parent Helpers and Safeguarding Children

We welcome parent (and grandparent) helpers in school and at 'Friends' events. Please be aware that if you wish to help with the children (in class or school trips) you will need a DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service. The school will pay for the cost of this check. Parents can start their own applications on-line (full guidance is available from the office). On-line applications generally take less than a week to process. After this you will be very welcome in school.

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.



Star of the Week w/e 7th September, 2018

Cherry:

Evie: For writing a detailed description of the model she made in class

Marley: For determination in completing his model aeroplane in class

Beech:

Sebbie: For a great start to the new year and fantastic writing!

Sophia: For being a helpful and caring friend in Beech Class.

Lime:

Daniel: For some fantastic subtraction work using different strategies. Well done!

Jo: Wonderful speech bubble ideas in our 'For the Birds' comic strip. Well done!

Elm:

Poppy: For showing resilience and independence - what a great start to Year 2! Keep it up!

Isla: For being a kind, friendly and thoughtful member of Elm Class.

Friends Welcome meeting

Friday 20th September after drop off

All Welcome - New Parents, Old Parents, Grandparents, Younger Siblings

Come and have a cup of tea and some biscuits and see what the Friends are all about

Can't come, like to know more? Please email
Erika Keat
friendschair@milford.surrey.sch.uk

NSPCC - Let Talk Pants

We will be talking to the children during this half-term about keeping safe. Please have a look at the website below to familiarise yourself with the content.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/

Airborne Nut Allergy

Please be aware that we have more children in school with a nut allergy and a potential 'airborne' nut allergy. If your child has had any contact with foods that contain nuts please ensure they wash their hands before coming to school. Also please double check any foods sent in for snacks for after school clubs and lunchboxes for nuts. We would appreciate your help with this matter.



Year 2 Pirate Day 2019!



We received a letter from Captain Jack.
The Salty Sea Rats had stolen his treasure!



Making pirate puppets
with Swashbuckler
Ward.



Walking the plank and
counting in multiples of 10
with Captain Jones.



Completing pirate
training.



Having a desert island picnic with our
pirate friends.



We thought Mrs White
was a member of the
Salty Sea Rats!



We collected letters throughout the day
we rearranged them to find the location
of the stolen treasure. We found it!

