



Dear Parents,

It feels as though it has been a whirlwind of a half term and time has really accelerated of late. I can't quite believe we have reached the end. I know some of you will be jetting off to warmer climes for the week and (with a pang of jealousy) I wish you a lovely break, particularly if it is a rearranged holiday. Many of you will be doing the same as me I'm sure and recharging your batteries and reflecting upon the past few weeks.

The children have been putting immense effort into their learning and should rightly feel proud of what they have achieved so far. With that in mind, I am keen that we all keep up momentum and therefore ask that you continue to read with your child as much as possible over the coming days, to ensure your child is ready for the next half term. During Parent Consultations this week, your child's class teacher may have asked you if you need any further support with phonics and should have let you know your child's 'next steps' in some subjects. To help with the teaching of early reading/phonics, I am able to offer you some free workshops/webinars led by me on our Monster Phonics approach, whilst also making some resources available to you for free. I will share some details about this during the first week back after half term, including a link to sign up to attend. Depending upon numbers, I may then organise a series of smaller group sessions, covering some key techniques you can use to help your child to be as successful as possible and to help ensure that all of our children leave Milford School able to read with fluency.

In the meantime, here is a link to our Monster Phonics eBooks subscription so that you can stretch and challenge your child during the break:

<https://monsterphonics.com/register/ebooks-whole-scheme/?ca=9a4fd4846ed8a5738161acf373616278>

Click on the above link and complete the form. ONLY the *School Information* should be inserted where the form asks for an address. This will create a specific eBook login. Any queries please e-mail: info@monsterphonics.com

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Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme that helps working parents with their childcare costs.

For every £8 a parent puts into a childcare account the government will top up their account with £2. Parents can receive up to £2,000 per child, per year to pay for regulated childcare.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

We are now accepting this scheme to cover Breakfast Club costs. If you wish to use this scheme please e-mail the office at office@milford.surrey.sch.uk.

School Dinner Ordering

Please place your dinner orders for the next half-term by midnight on Saturday 30th October at the latest. If you have not placed your order your child will be given a jacket potato for the week and up until your orders have been updated.

Inset Days

Inset days remaining for this year are:

Friday 22nd October (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Monday 1st November

Monday 21st February

Tuesday 19th April and

Friday 27th May.

Staffing Update

We would like to say a big thank you to Steph Millard who we said goodbye to on Friday. Steph has worked in the School Office for 5 years and is now taking up a new role. We wish her all the very best.

We will welcome our new office member in mid November.

Star of the Week 01.10.21

Elm

Freddie: For making such excellent decisions and showing us all how important it is to be ready, respectful and safe.

Izzy: Wow, what super Science this week Izzy! You listen so well and it shows in the wonderful work you have done.

Lime

Gabe: For having a super attitude to his learning and always being proud to share his knowledge.

Mia: For following our school rule of being ready, respectful and safe and always doing her very best.

Beech

Mateo: For your super Maths learning this week

Rory: For fabulous writing this week, with super spelling skills.

Cherry

Jack: For magical Little Red Hen story mapping and always being very helpful and kind.

Olive: Olive has done some wonderful work in Maths and she is always so helpful and kind.

Oak

Penelope: For her amazing picture and writing about her family and for being an excellent role-model.

George: For his enthusiasm for learning, always being kind and helpful and listening well and contributing at carpet times.

Willow

David: For his superb reading and use of his phonics sounds as well as always being an excellent learner.

Elliott: For being an amazing role model, always being polite, kind and helpful to others and ready to learn.

Star of the Week 08.10.21

Elm

Dillon: For producing amazing work in Computing this week. You are a superstar coder and should be very proud.

Phoebe: Wow, what a great start to Year 2. You are a terrific role model, always ready to listen and learn and trying.

Lime

Esther: For being a super star mathematician! Showing us your great subtraction knowledge.

Aoife: You have blown us away with your super answers in whole class discussions this week. Well done!

Beech

Jack: For super concentration and listening on the carpet. You have been a great role model this week.

Zachary: For super learning in Maths; demonstrating your understanding of the symbols we were learning about.

Cherry

Billie: For working hard on her Splish Splash Splosh poem, making good choices and being very helpful.

Teddy: For some excellent work in English and for being a great role model—being kind, helpful and making good choices.

Oak

Emily: For her excellent learning this week, especially in phonics, and always being a kind and thoughtful friend.

Alice: For her excellent straw skeleton artwork when learning about our bodies this week.

Willow

Dexter: For his super sight word learning and participating eagerly and confidently in our Harvest Assembly!

Robyn: For her great reasoning in Maths when looking for the odd one out and her amazing story-telling using her storyboard!

Star of the Week 15.10.21

Elm

Ashley: For your fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm in Geography this week.

Tilly: For incredible enthusiasm for our Poetry topic and writing a superb Pirate Sound Collector poem.

Lime

Fred: For his excellent effort in all subjects and his enthusiasm in discussions.

Florence: For superb effort in handwriting practice and being a kind and helpful friend.

Cherry

Emilia: For wonderful work in Maths and English, always ready to learn and great concentration.

Ava: For brilliant English writing and some superb artwork. Always helpful and kind.

Beech

Joshua: For fantastic writing about the story 'Mixed'.

Anna: For sharing and explaining your interesting ideas in our whole class discussions.

Oak

Ted: For amazing Phonics, learning and sharing knowledge.

Elliot: For being a super learner and role model and great contributions.

Willow

Summer: For always trying and her best and working on her next learning steps.

Otis: For being a super learner and role model and great contributions and links.

Monty: For challenging himself, excellent book creations and participating eagerly.

Year 1 News

It's been a wonderful first half term in Year One. In maths we have explored 2d and 3d shape, number representation, number bonds and the symbols for greater than and less than. In English we have been enjoying traditional tales and poetry and, as part of our focus on Black History month, we have been looking at some brilliant role models. We have also been looking at local landmarks and our journey to school as part of geography, as well as exploring the school grounds for signs of Autumn and producing some lovely artwork.



Thurs 21.10.21	School closes 1pm. - parent consultations on zoom
Fri 22.10.21	Inset Day (extra day given for Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be taken in academic year)
Mon 25.10—Fri 29.10.21	Half-term
Mon 01.11.21	Inset Day (GLP)
Wed 10.11.21	Y2 Remembrance Assembly
Fri 19.11.21	Mufti Day for Children in Need
Thurs 11.11.21	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Tues 07.12.21	9.15am Christmas Performance Year 2 (one parent able to attend)
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Wed 08.12.21	9.15am Christmas Performance Year 1 (one parent able to attend)
	1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 1 (one parent able to attend)
Thurs 09.12.21	9.15am Christmas Performance Year R (one parent able to attend)
Fri 10.12.21	9.15am Christmas Performance Year R (one parent able to attend)
Fri 10.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 17.12.21	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Tues 04.01.22	School resumes at 8.55am
Thurs 13.01.22	Pied Piper Theatre 'Robin's Winter Adventure'
Mon 14.02 - Fri 18.02.22	Half-term
Mon 21.02.22	Inset Day
Mon 04.04-Mon 18.04.22	Easter Holidays
Tues 19.04.22	Inset Day
Wed 20.04.22	First Day of term
Mon 02.05.22	Bank Holiday
Fri 27.05.22	Inset Day
Mon 30.05-Fri 03.06.22	Half-term
Fri 22.07.22	Last day of term

GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's *GET Teaching* programme

Why not *GET Teaching* with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The Godalming Learning Partnership 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 fourth year, starting in Sept 2022**. 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 10 current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings. If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Andrew Smith at info@getteaching.org

Apply now to start next September.

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