

Dear Parents,

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming back from the Christmas break and here we are at half term again! Thank you to The Friends for their continued support of the school since September and also to all of you. The next half term is fairly busy as we build towards the summer term (and Easter holidays!) A few things to look out for are our World Book Day event including a 'writing open morning', Beech Class assembly, Parents Evenings, mufti day (Easter Egg donations please) and the Easter Fair. We will finish the term with our 'Spring Assembly' performed by the children, which you are most welcome to attend before we finish the Spring term at 1pm.

With the weather not looking great for the start of half term, it could be the perfect time to work on some reading, spelling and maths (as always, I'd be delighted to receive any activities carried out!)

Have a good break!

From all at Milford School

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES

Thurs 27.02.20 'Phil the Bag' collection at drop off (8.55am) and pick up (3.15pm)

Fri 28.02.20 'Phil the Bag' collection at drop off (8.55am)

Mon 02.03.20 - Fri 06.03.20 Bookweek

Thurs 05.03.20 World Book Day

Fri 06.03.20 Beech Class Assembly

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

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

Mon 22.06.20 - Fri 26.06.20 Science Week

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

## Friends Update

I am thrilled to announce we have also been able to double the teachers' allocation from the Friends to £200 per year per class, for the teachers to spend on what they need for their classrooms. The teachers are often spending their own money on bits for the classroom, being able to give them an extra £100 will hopefully help to reimburse those spends. I also wanted to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone at the school for all your hard work. All those cake sales, mufti days, discos, Christmas cards, hours of volunteering (I could go on) have made a real tangible improvement to the school, so give yourselves a massive pat on the back. We really have a fantastic school and community at Milford. Please keep working with The Friends to raise more funds for our children and future generations. The Friends are made up of not just Milford parents but Grandparents too and some people still volunteer at school even though their children have long since left Milford. If you or anyone in your family wants to get involved please do get in touch, there are so many ways you can help our school. Have a fantastic half term.

Erika Keat - Friends Chair

### **Star of the Week w/e 31<sup>st</sup> January**

#### **Willow:**

Aidan: For a super effort with his phonics learning and for his growing confidence in sharing his great ideas on the carpet.

Gabe: For great collaboration and teamwork in his play - listening to others' ideas and for super work on estimating and comparing.

#### **Oak:**

Izzy: For super effort and learning in phonics and becoming more confident to share her ideas.

Jake: For excellent listening and confidently asking thoughtful and sensible questions to our 'real-life superhero' visitors.

#### **Cherry:**

Chloe: For amazing effort in Cherry Class

Alfie: For readiness to learn and contributions to our learning on the carpet

#### **Beech:**

Sam: For extending your learning at home this week.

Jay: For super effort in your writing this week.

#### **Lime:**

Charlie: For wonderful independent writing about the characters in our class story.

Jack: For amazing enthusiasm for our topic and excellent contributions to our class discussions.

#### **Elm:**

Bradley: For your fantastic writing this week and for being a great team member

Reuben: For demonstrating a fantastically positive Milford Mindset - well done and keep it up.

### **Star of the Week w/e 7<sup>th</sup> February Willow:**

#### **Willow:**

Florence: For her super effort to use her phonics learning in her writing and showing consideration of others when playing.

Jack: For always being a great role model and for sharing fabulous ideas on the carpet about how to work collaboratively.

Olivia: For always being a keen learner and sharing her brilliant ideas on the carpet about how to work together inclusively.

#### **Oak:**

Ellis: For making a big effort with his reading and confidently using his phonics to sound out CVC words

Freddie: For trying really hard with his writing - thinking about what he wants to write and using his phonics to write new words.

#### **Cherry:**

Corey: For getting changed really quickly for PE in Cherry Class this week

Tilly: For effort and resilience in our Maths learning this week in Cherry Class.

#### **Beech:**

Kian: For fantastic effort in your reading in school and at home, leading to great progress.

Jessica: For great effort in all of our learning this week in Beech Class.

#### **Lime:**

Arlo: Being an enthusiastic mathematician. Excellent column addition and subtraction.

Niamh: For working so hard on her next steps in writing. You did it! Well done!

### **Star of the Week w/e 14<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **Willow:**

Erin: For her super use of phonics in her 'On Sudden Hill' writing and for being braver and contributing more on the carpet.

Oscar: For trying hard to stay focused, follow instructions promptly, make better choices and for involving others more in his play.

Stephen: For his great use of phonics in his 'On Sudden Hill' writing and for beginning to try and solve issues for himself.

#### **Oak:**

JJ: For super effort and learning in phonics and reading and becoming more confident to share his ideas with Oak Class.

Maddie: For becoming more confident speaking in front of the class and sharing her ideas.

#### **Cherry:**

Lauren: For making great progress in reading in Cherry Class.

Ronnie: For improved handwriting in Cherry Class.

#### **Beech:**

Saskia: For **always** being a great role model in Beech Class.

Esme: For sharing your ideas in Maths in Beech Class.

#### **Lime:**

Ella: For being an amazing part of our 'Lime Class Family' and some thoughtful responses in Class.

Darcey: For extended and well thought out answers in discussion and excellent problem solving in Maths.

#### **Elm:**

Stanley: For your concentration and determination in your portal description writing. Keep it up Stanley!

Grace: For writing a super portal description using fantastic adjectives and a variety of sentences. Well done!

## Cherry Class Gymnastic and Yoga Display



Cherry Class parents were treated to a superb performance of PE skills last week. The children demonstrated ball skills to music, gymnastics movements along a beam and some wonderful new yoga positions they have been learning this term. It was an impressive show of dedication and teamwork. Well done Cherry Class!



## Cherry Class Wildlife Watch



Cherry Class have an outdoor wildlife camera on loan! Over the next few weeks the camera will be positioned in the school grounds. We are hoping we will have some photos and videos of creatures visiting Milford School during the day and night.



Watch this space!

## ~~~Young Artists at Milford~~~

*St Ives School, Haslemere, kindly invited us to enter an art competition this month. Congratulations to Grace in Lime Class, Maddie in Cherry Class, Sophia and Jessica in Beech Class whose artwork has been selected for the gallery. Mrs Szczepanski delivered the pictures today and the wonderful artwork will be on view in St Ives School Art Gallery at the end of February.*



Sophia



Grace



Jessica



Maddie