

**MILFORD SCHOOL
SPRING TERM
NEWSLETTER NO. 8: 16.01.2015**



Dear Parents,

Firstly, the staff and I would like to thank you for your very generous Christmas gifts. We have now all returned to healthy eating as one of our new year resolutions! I would like to welcome Mrs Kirsty Morris, our new School Business Manager, who joined us at the start of this term. The children are enjoying their new learning and we have attached topic webs to enable you to discuss with your child. Sam Wilson, from SCL is helping to enhance our PE curriculum and is working with each class on a Monday. This is funded from our sports premium and makes a really positive start to the week. The children will be joining new creative curriculum groups on Friday afternoons. A range of activities including forest school, ancient and modern art, drama and movement, glitter art and craft and music workshops will be on offer. Rev Clive Potter led a whole school assembly, during the week, which the children enjoyed and our final group of perspective parents for the next academic year visited the school and saw the children learning at first hand.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

Exciting Things to do Together

There are lots of fun activities you can do as a family to help your child with their learning and to support the school curriculum—listed below are a few ideas!

- Visit a museum or historical site
- Walk in a woodland
- Visit the library and choose a book
- Plan a route using maps, compass or GPS
- Look at the stars at night and find out about the planets

After School and Lunch-time Clubs

Please note that lunchtime and after school clubs started this week and will run until week ending 20th March (i.e. no clubs last week of term).



Stop and Drop

With the children now firmly settled back into school after the Christmas break, we would like to encourage parents of Y1 and Y2 children to 'stop and drop' their children in the mornings. This will help the children to become more independent and establish a good learning routine for the start of each day.

Scooter/Bicycle Safety

To ensure that your children are kept safe at all times, we will open the back gate at 3.05p.m. as children could still be moving around the school until this time. If your child uses a scooter or bicycle to come to school can you please, at the start and the end of the day, supervise them in the school grounds as there have been more "near misses" recently. Children should ride to school, then walk their bikes or scooters to the parking areas.

Please be especially careful at the main front gates which lead directly onto the road.



Changes to Records

If any of your child's details have changed i.e. contact details, medication or if you have changed your mind regarding the original photo consent form can you please let the office know a.s.a.p. There have been occasions where parents have not notified us of changes which can cause confusion and necessitates us trying to contact parents at short notice.

Holiday request reminder

In line with our attendance policy we will not normally 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.



P.E. Kit

Can you please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit with them in school at all times during the school term. If your child goes home in their P.E. kit after school clubs please send it in with them the next day. This may also be a good time to check that plimsolls fit correctly.

Second hand Uniform sale

Second-hand uniform is available to buy in school priced at 50p per item. This will be on sale on Friday mornings in the new learning hub between 9—10a.m.



Home School Link Worker—Drop in

Sarah Dutton, our home school link worker is available every Friday in the new learning hub between 9-10a.m. to offer family advice and support. Please drop in for a chat.

Positive Parenting Workshop

Christopher Robin Sure Start Childrens Centre will be hosting a positive parenting workshop, offering tips and practical ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour. It will take place on Tuesday 10th February from 6.45—9p.m. Please contact Lesley for further information or to book a place: Tel 01483 276634 or lesley.childrenscentre@hotmail.com

‘Messy Church’ - Saturday 7th February

‘Messy Church’ will be held on Saturday 7th February from 4-6p.m. at Milford Village hall. There will be craft, sport, games, stories and a free meal! You are warmly invited to attend this free event for families with Children. It is organised by Milford Baptist Church and St John’s Church Milford. For more information:

www.milfordbaptistchurch.org.uk or Tel:01483 418426
www.stjohnsmilford.org.uk or Tel: 01483 425131

Male Helpers Required—Elm Class

We are looking for any Dads/Stepdads/Grandads or uncles to come and help with reading in Elm class. If you are interested you will need to be DBS checked—please come to the school office for further details.

Scholastic Book Club

Last week we sent out the Scholastic Book Club brochures. The school will receive 20% commission on any orders you make. Details of how to order are at the back of the booklet—please return to the School Office by Tuesday 20th January.



Textile Bank

You may have noticed that our textile bank has been removed as it was not viable for the company to continue with it. However, we are trying to put in place a ‘Happy Bag’ scheme so please look out for further details.



Diary Dates

26.01.15	Governors' Meeting
02.02.15	2.45p.m. Working together to Safeguard Children Talk (For parents who have a DBS and are currently helping in school) - Learning Hub
04.02.15	OR 9.00a.m. Working together to Safeguard Children Talk (For parents who have a DBS and are currently helping in school) - Learning Hub
03.02.15	Signing up sheets for Parents Evening outside classes
11.02.15	Parent's Evening 4.30—7.00p.m.
12.02.15	Parent's Evening 3.30— 6p.m.
16.02.15—20.02.15	Half-term
18.03.15	Governors' Meeting—please report any matters of importance for Governors to Parent Governors before Monday 4th March
26.03.15	Easter Assembly 9.00a.m. (Parents welcome to attend)
27.03.15	Last day of Spring Term— school closes at 1.45pm
13.04.15	First day of the Summer Term

Term Dates (Current Academic Year 2014—2015)

Spring Term 2015	5th January—27th March (Half-term 16th— 20th February)
Summer Term 2015	13th April— 21st July (Half-term 25th—29th May)
Inset Days (Remaining)	29th June , 20th and 21st July

Term Dates (Next Academic Year 2015—2016)

Autumn Term 2015	3rd September—18th December (Half-term 26th October— 30th October)
Spring Term 2015	5th January— 24th March (Half-term 15th—19th February)
Summer Term 2015	11th April—22nd July (Half-term 30th May—3rd June)
Inset Days	To be Confirmed