



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term. Hopefully as you read this the weather has improved and you and your children have enjoyed a scattering of snow that hasn't caused too many problems. The term has really started with a bang with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all making exciting starts to their new topics. It was really exciting to see the effort and enthusiasm the staff had put into making a memorable learning experience for all of the children. There were toys in Reception, flashing lights and spaceships in Year 1 and an explorer's tent outside Year 2, all to introduce their new topics of Toys, Space and Captain Scott. I hope you have all had a good break over Christmas and I look forward to working with you all over the next term – it may be a short one, but it is very busy as you can see from the dates below. Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Stear

DIARY DATES

Tues 03.01.17 Inset Day
 Thurs 19.01.17 Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Burglar Bill'
 2.00-3.00pm
 Mon 23.01.17 MAC attendance assembly
 Thurs 26.01.17 Film night 3.00-5.00pm for children
 Thurs 09.02.17 Cake Sale - after school
 Fri 10.02.17 **Inset Day-school closed for staff training**
 Mon 13.02.17 - Fri 17.02.17 **Spring Half-term**
 Thurs 23.02.17 Children's Bingo (time and details tbc)
 Thurs 02.03.17 World Book Day - Dress up
 Fri 03.03.17 Children's Disco (details to follow)
 Fri 03.03.17 On-line Booking for Parents Evening
 available from 3.15pm
 Thurs 09.03.17 E-Safety Workshop - 2.30pm
 Mon 13.03.17 Toddler Time 2.15-3.00pm

Weds 15.03.17 Parents Evening (1) 4.30 - 6.15pm
 Thurs 16.03.17 Parents Evening (2) 3.30 - 6.00pm
 Thurs 22.03.17 Godalming Festival Singing Together
 Y2 Choir 6.30pm Rodborough School
 Fri 24.03.17 Mufti Day - bring an easter egg
 Fri 24.03.17 Race Night for parents (details to follow)
 Wed 29.03.17 Spring Assembly 2.30 - 3.00pm
 Thurs 30.03.17 Y2 to visit Dower House and Clockhouse
 Thurs 30.03.17 Easter Fair - 3.15pm
 Fri 31.03.17 Last Day of term
 Tues 18.04.17 First day of Summer term
 Mon 01.05.17 May Bank holiday
 Mon 29.05.17 - Fri 02.06.17 **Summer Half-term**
 Mon 05.06.17 **Inset Day-school closed for staff training**
 Fri 21.07.17 Last day of term school closes 1pm

Primary School Admission and Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2017-2018

Please note the application deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2017.**

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Children are allowed to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March for World Book Day. We would ask all children to bring a donation to provide a school in Uganda with books and/or stationery. The Sibbick family will take these to the school on our behalf over the Easter period.



SCL After-School Club

We are delighted to let you know that SCL will be starting an after-school care club at Milford School following the Easter holidays. The club will run for 5 days per week from 3.15 - 6.00pm in the Learning Hub. SCL are in the process of finishing their Ofsted registration for the club, and we will be the first school to trial it in the Godalming area. They are currently preparing the marketing information and we will let parents and carers know when we have further details. We were disappointed by SCL's cancellation of the Inset day club on 3rd January 2017 due to low numbers and will be meeting with them to discuss this. We hope that those who had signed up were not too inconvenienced by this.

Star of the Week w/e 9/12/16
(Apologies for this being omitted from the final newsletter of last term)

Willow

Ethan - Great resilience when taking on (tricky learning) challenges

Oceanna - Being a responsible and valued member of the class

Oak

Arthur - Being enthusiastic and following instructions to complete class challenges to achieve his best

Max - Always completing the class challenges and amazing progress with his phonics

Cherry

Oliver - Settling into the Cherry class family so well

Stanley - Super effort with his phonics and reading

Beech

Leo - Settling into our Beech class family

Jack - Working so hard on a super riddle

Lime

Jonathon - For super writing and settling into the Lime class family so well

Edora - For fantastic effort and making super progress in reading

Elm - None issued to Elm class due to staff illness.

MAC Assembly

MAC the squirrel will be visiting us on Monday 23rd January along with our new Educational Welfare Officer, Sarah Ellis. The children will learn about how attendance counts and the importance of getting to school on time.

Treasurer - The Friends

The Friends are looking for a treasurer to take over the role when Bridie Reilly steps down. We would like to thank Bridie for all her hard work over the last three years. If you would like more information please contact Friends at milfordschoolfriends@gmail.com.

Playground Project

The School Council met last Friday to discuss the new playground project. Unfortunately a chocolate swimming pool and water park might be ambitious, but the school have some exciting plans to work with. These are being discussed with Friends at their meeting on Friday 13th January, and we will be launching some exciting fundraising events this year. More news will follow soon.



Star of the Week w/e 6/1/17

Willow

Lucy - For sharing some wonderful home learning with the class

Sebastian N - For always trying hard to improve his reading skills

Oak

Harry - Returning to work on using the counting stick and then writing numbers enthusiastically up to 88 independently

Christopher - Amazing progress with reading and writing and having a go independently

Cherry

Charlie - For super home learning during the holidays and excellent Maths

Ellie-May - For always wanting to help, showing empathy for her classmates and trying hard to have a go!

Beech

Ellie - For settling in well to Beech class

Harrison - For working super hard sorting phonics words

Lime

Alice - For persevering with tricky maths

Freya - For always trying your best in class and sharing our school values

Elm

Lily - Exceptional observational drawing

Connor - Great observational drawing.



Lunchtime Supervision - Short-term Help

We are looking for some short-term help with lunch supervision. If interested please contact Mr Stear or the School Office. The work will be paid at Surrey Pay Grade 3.

Donation Matching

Some other local schools have received donations through parents' workplaces matching donations if the employee helps with PTA events. If your workplace offers this type of scheme then we would love to hear from you.

Music Works - Assembly

On Tuesday, The Music Works came to school to deliver a really lively and fun assembly. The children got to find out a little bit about rhythm, dynamics and composition of music. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to create some music and have a dance to Music Works version of Uptown Funk! We hope you enjoy looking at the photos.



School Grounds Safety

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. Children should ride to school, then walk their bikes or scooters to the parking areas. Please also be aware that the playground area may be icy in the mornings and it is difficult to grit the entire area so please be careful!

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.

Film Night - 3.00-5.00pm Thursday 26th January

Flyers will be in bookbags early next week with Further details about the film night.

SCL Holiday Clubs

SCL will be running holiday clubs in all school holidays including half-term. Bookings can be made via their website.

Clubs - First half of Spring Term

Breakfast Club: Wednesday 4th Jan - Thursday 9th Feb

Tennis (Monday): 9th January - 20th March (excl. 13th February)

SCL Football (Tuesday): 10th January - 7th February

SCL Dodgeball (Wednesday): 4th January - 8th February

French (Thursday): 12th January - 23rd March (excl. 16th February)