

Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

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Dear Parents,

We have all been enjoying the Autumn sunshine and it was wonderful to welcome so many grandparents last week. The children are all so proud of their school and couldn't wait to share all their learning. Many of the grandparents were sad to leave - especially when they found out that it was fish and chips for school dinner! My 'drop-Ins' to classes this week have enabled me to focus on phonics teaching in Early Years and Year 1 and whole class recorder lessons in Year 2. The KS1 music curriculum now encourages children to have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and it was fantastic to see everyone concentrating so hard with their left hands at the top! They were clearly enjoying the interactive whiteboard lesson which was full of tips and musical clips. Please encourage them to share their learning at home and enjoy the warm weather when you can.

Yours sincerely,

K J Leggett

DIARY DATES

| | | Harvest gifts into school Sign-up Sheets for Parents Evening in Classrooms |
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| Fri | 09.10.15 | Harvest Assembly—9.05-9.30am |
| Wed | 14.10.15 | Sleepy Story Night 5.00-6.00pm |
| Tues | 20.10.15 | Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm |
| Wed | 21.10.15 | Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm |
| Thur | 22.10.15 | Cake Sale 3.15pm |
| Thur | 22.10.15 | Last day school closes at 3.15pm |
| Fri | 23.10.15 | INSET Day - Staff Training |
| Mon | 26.10.15 | HALF TERM Holiday |
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| Mon | 02.11.15 | School resumes at 8.55am |
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| Fri | 20.11.15 | Mufti Day for Xmas Fair |
| Fri | 04.12.15 | Christmas Fair |
| Fri | 11.12.15 | Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse |
| Tue | 15.12.15 | Christmas Performance (1) 9.15am |
| | | (Surnames beginning A-K) |
| Wed | 16.12.15 | Christmas Performance (2) 9.15am |
| | | (Surnames beginning L-Z) |
| Thurs | 17.12.15 | Parent Helpers Coffee 9.00am |
| | | Christmas Lunch |
| Fri | 18.12.15 | Carols around the Tree 9.00-9.30am |
| Fri | 18.12.15 | Last Day of term school closes 1.15pm |
| Mon | 21.12.15 | Christmas Holiday |
| Tues | 05.01.16 | School resumes at 8.55am |

Gardening Club

The Year 2 children are continuing to enjoy Gardening Club in the good weather. Mrs Leggett's office has been sweetly scented with the lavender and sweet peas that they have been growing.





Tucasi On-line Payment System

All new parents and parents who have not previously registered, will have received a letter informing them of their log in details and access code. The registration process is very simple and once you have registered you will be able to pay on-line for uniform and school trips.

Children going home with other children

Following several mis-communications regarding collecting children at the end of the school day, would you please ensure you write in the 'Going Home Book' at the start of the day. The 'Going Home Book' is



located in each classroom. Emergency changes to collection arrangements must be phoned in by 2:45pm at the latest please. Please be prepared to give your CODEWORD which is listed on your child's admission form.

Parent Helpers and Safeguarding Children

We welcome parent (and grandparent) helpers in school. 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.

Jewellery



For reasons of safety, it is Surrey County Council policy not to allow children to wear jewellery for any physical activity. This ruling includes all pierced jewellery. There is no exception to these rules for stud

earrings, as they are equally dangerous in many cases. Please ensure that your child does not wear any of these items especially on PE days (every Wednesday) and we would appreciate your support if all jewellery could be avoided.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer

All Year 2 parents should have received a leaflet explaining how to apply for a place at Junior School. Please note the application deadline of **Thursday 15 January 2016.** Failure to make your application by this date will result in you being treated as a late applicant. Our Home-School Link worker is available to help any parents with applications and queries if required. Please contact the office.

Harvest Assembly Reminder - Friday 9th October

Just a reminder that our Harvest Assembly is on Friday 9th October at 9.05 am, and parents are welcome to come and join us in



the hall. Afterwards Elm and Lime class children will be going to sing at Dower House and the Clock House (Milford Day Centre). If you would like to bring in harvest gifts, please do so on Thursday 8th October so that we have time to arrange everything on the stage before the assembly. We will be donating to Dower House, The Clock House and the Godalming Food Bank which supports families at times of crisis or may be suffering hardship.

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2016-2017

If you have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note the application deadline is **Thursday 15 January 2016** (Surrey Admissions—not via school). www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

NEXT WEEK'S DELICIOUS MENU

Cheesy pasta bake with crusty bread and sliced carrots Bean burrito with potato wedges and peas **V** Fruity flapjack

Spanish chicken with wholegrain rice and vegetable medley Sweet potato and cheddar cheese whirls with ½ jacket potato and baked beans V Tropical fruit salad

Roast British beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, cauliflower and gravy Vegetable and bean loaf with roast potatoes, savoy cabbage and gravy **V** Fruit yoghurt selection

Organic pork meatballs in gravy with noodles and broccoli florets Quorn cottage pie with mashed potato nd carrot baton **V** Banana cake with vanilla sauce

Salmon fish fingers, county style potatoes and garden peas Mushroom ravioli in a tomato sauce garlic bread and sweetcorn **V** Coconut rice pudding with sliced peaches

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parents are welcome to meet with their child's teacher in the hall on either Tuesday 20th October

(4.30—7.00pm) or Wednesday 21st October (3.30—6.00pm). The appointment sheets will be in your child's classroom on Thursday 8th October for you to sign up. If you are unable to attend on either day, please contact your child's class teacher during the week before Open Evening, to make an alternative arrangement.

Medical/Dental Appointments



We have been advised by the Educational Welfare Officer that pupils attending medical/dental appointments during the school day, even if it is first thing in the morning, still impacts on their learning. Please try to arrange appointments after school or in school holidays, if at all possible.

Kerrpoww! Service for Children and their Parents/Carers

Our next service is 9.30-10.30a.m on 4th October at Milford Baptist Church, New Road, Milford. This service is for infant/toddler aged children and their parents/carers with games, video, craft, stories, refreshments and a lot more besides. This term we are also running at the same time 'FnF club' for children (and parents) in school years 3-6. And it's all free! You would be really welcome to join us. For more info www.milfordbaptistchurch.org.uk Tel: 01483 418 426



Baby News!

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Stirton recently had a baby boy. Both Mum and baby are doing well.

Donation Request

We would be delighted for donations of scrap paper, dressing up clothes (particularly Year 2 sizes) and board games and puzzles which can be used at wet playtime.

Staffing News

We are hoping that Mrs Ward, who recently injured her arm, will return to work shortly.

Grandparents Day

We were delighted to welcome more than 100 Grandparents into school last Friday. People had travelled from far and wide and it was wonderful to see all the Grandparents in the playground with the children at playtime, and then reading stories and playing games with them in the classroom. A big thank you to Karen in the kitchen for all her baking, and to The Friends for providing refreshments!



Sleepy Story-time—Wednesday 14th October 5.00—6.00p.m.

Children — do come along to school in your pyjamas for a lovely story (read by the teachers) before bed. Don't forget your teddy! Milk and biscuits will be provided and the cost will be £1.50 per child. (Milford School pupils only please sorry we are unable to accommodate siblings).

Cake Sale—Thursday 22nd October

You will shortly receive a plate for the cake sale which will be held on Thursday 22nd October. If you can bring your filled plates into the hall on the morning of the sale we would be very grateful. Volunteers needed for sale at 3.15pm and to price cakes from 9.00-9.15am.





