# MILFORD SCHOOL SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER NO. 13: 15.05.2015



**Dear Parents** 

The children all enjoyed a visit from Graham at Hydestile this week. He brought a selection of birds and animals for the children to look at and helped them to understand the importance of taking care of our wildlife. Willow and Oak classes were excited to discover they would be having new Clevertouch screens fitted in their classrooms to replace our old SMARTboards. These will enhance our learning environment and will be used to support all areas of the Early Years curriculum. Clive Potter from St John's Church came to visit the children in assembly last week and talked about Christenings. The children were able to share their experiences, and enjoyed singing some of their favourite songs.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

#### Whole School Visit to The Lookout Discovery Centre

Our whole school visit next half-term, is a visit to The Lookout Discovery Centre on Thursday 4th June. The cost for this visit will be £12.50. Please return all Consent Forms with payment by Tuesday 19th May at the latest.

#### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place on Monday 22nd June at 9a.m. on the school field and should finish at approximately 10.30a.m. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



## **Happy News!**

We are delighted to share the news with you that Mrs Stirton is expecting her first child in September 2015 and I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Stirton well with the rest of her pregnancy.

## Volunteer Needed for Second-hand Uniform

A big thank-you to Mrs Anderson for managing our second-hand uniform for the last few years. Unfortunately, she is unable to continue due to other commitments so we are looking for a volunteer to wash and label uniform. If you can help please contact the School Office. Mrs MacFarlane will run the Second-hand uniform sales where uniform is sold at 50p per item.



## **Seeds and Plants Needed**

The Gardening Club would appreciate any seeds, plants etc. that you are not using. Please contact the office if you can help with this. Mr Watteridge (Willow Grandparent) has kindly offered to come and work with some of our children on this.

## **Photographs**

You should have received a copy of the Order/Payment envelope for your child's class photograph. If you would like to see a copy of the photograph before ordering it is available to view in your child's classroom. Can you please return all orders by noon on <u>Wednesday 20th May</u> at the latest.

## **Stop Press!**

Elm and Lime class have had three unbroken weeks of full attendance—no lates, no holiday, no medicals, no illness, well done to all the children in Year 2!

#### **Raffle Prizes**

If you have links to a company or if any family would like to donate a prize for the Summer fair it would be greatly appreciated. Please hand any donations into the School Office.



## Reading in the holidays - Top Ten Tips

Many parents worry about continuing to support their child's reading progress during the school holidays. The holidays can be a juggling act and fitting in encouraging your child to read the books they have brought home from school can be difficult. It is important to keep up their motivation and enjoyment of reading as much as possible during this time.

Here are our top ten tips;

- Visit your local library
- Use the internet (BBC schools, Oxford Owl)
- Read signs out and about.
- Read to other members of the family.
- Read menus at restaurants.
- Read postcards and cards.
- Create a holiday scrapbook.
- Cook together and read a recipe
- Build a den and read books in there Don't forget the torch.
- Play word games outside.

Make a note of anything you do in your child's reading record.

# Luke Bozeat—Governor



**Type of governor:** Parent Governor **Sub-committee:** Finance and resources

**Background:** I moved to Milford from London with my wife and daughter, then only 8 months old, in 2011. The Godalming/Milford area was everything we were looking for when moving out of the big smoke and since then have settled in to the community and expanded to 4. Still working in London as Joint MD of MediaCom, a media planning and buying agency, I join the herd on the SW Trains trip to and from Waterloo but, delays aside manage to make it back for the Governors meetings!

Why I became a governor: I became interested in becoming a Governor as a way of using the skills I have developed at work to help support the school. This is from the perspective of being a parent but also a member of the local community as I believe the school plays a critical role in making Milford a wonderful place to live.

Term Dates	(Current Academic Year (2014—2015)
Summer Term 2015	13th April— 17th July (Half-term 25th—29th May) (1.15p.m. finish on 17th July)
Staff Training Days (School closed for children)	29th June and 20th and 21st July
Term Dates	(Next Academic Year 2015—2016)
Autumn Term 2015	2nd September—18th December (Half-term 26th October—30th October)
Spring Term 2016	5th January—24th March (Half-term 15th—19th February)
Summer Term 2016	11th April—21st July (Half-term 30th May—3rd June)
Staff Training Days (School closed for children)	23rd October, 12th February, 6th June, 4th July, 22nd July

