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Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school over the last few months, particularly the cake sale and quiz night, which have helped us to buy our additional staging (it arrived Tuesday - just in time for Christmas!) It has been lovely to have been approached by a number of you to give some positive feedback about the school. There's one piece in particular I would like to share with you this week. It was from a parent talking about how their child has been really happy and enthusiastic coming into school recently and how keen the child is to talk about their learning ("something that he didn't used to do!") This is one of the things that we are very keen to promote because getting children to reflect on and discuss their learning has been proven to help accelerate progress. We will continue to be working on this in class with the children over the coming months. In terms of wider feedback, I held a Parent forum with representatives from each class on Monday 21st November. It was an extremely positive meeting with some excellent suggestions from the school community. If you wish to look at the points raised and my responses, please look under the 'Parents' section of the website.

The classes are all gearing up nicely for Christmas with lots of singing and learning of words happening across the school. As if that wasn't enough to be contending with, Year 2 have also been holding an Enterprise week where they have been planning their class stalls for the Christmas Fair and pitching their ideas to me (a 'dragon' apparently....!) Year 1 have launched their 'Big Write's' following training provided to all teachers by Mrs Ward. I had the privilege of walking around the classes when it was happening - every child sitting in silence, thinking, concentrating, producing their best writing! I was then fortunate enough to observe some 'conferencing', where the children talk to their teacher one at a time about their learning, including strengths and areas to develop. It should be an interesting and exciting climax to the week - I can't wait to see what they all produce! Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Stear

DIARY DATES

Fri	02.12.16	Christmas Fair
Tues	06.12.16	Elm/Lime to Dower and Clockhouse
Fri	09.12.16	Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.30am
Mon	12.12.16	Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Toddlers 9.30am
Tues	13.12.16	Christmas Performance 9.30am
Wed	14.12.16	Christmas Performance 9.30am
Thurs	15.12.16	Parent Helpers Coffee 9.00am

Fri	16.12.16	Carols around the Tree 9.00-9.30am Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children' Christmas Lunch
Tues	20.12.16	Class Christmas Parties (afternoon)
Wed	21.12.16	Last Day of term school closes at 1pm
Tues	03.01.17	Inset Day
Thurs	19.01.17	Pied Piper Theatre Co - 'Burglar Bill'
Fri	10.02.17	Inset Day
Mon	13.02.17 - Fri 17.02.17	Spring Half-term
Fri	31.03.17	Last Day of Spring term
Tues	18.04.17	First Day of Summer term
Mon	01.05.17	May Bank holiday

Christmas Fair Collection Time—Friday 2nd December



Children should be collected at the normal time on the day of the Christmas Fair i.e. 3.15p.m.

Tuesday 20th December- Class Parties



Class parties will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December. Children can bring party clothes to change into. Please make sure they are in a named bag and that they can change into them easily!

School will finish at the normal time of 3.15p.m.

Staffing Update

We are sorry to say good-bye to both Mrs Susannah Bibby (Office Assistant), who will be leaving us on 29th November and Mrs Cara Stirton, Classteacher in Beech class, who will leave us at the end of this term. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the School. Mrs Lyndsey Hendry, who is well know to the class and school and is a very experienced teacher, has been appointed to replace Mrs Stirton. Mrs Steph Millard will replace Mrs Bibby. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them both to Milford School.

After School Clubs - Finishing dates for this term

Monday 12th December - Last Tennis session

Tuesday 13th December - Last Football session

Wednesday 14th December - Last Dodgeball session

Wednesday 21st December - Last Breakfast Club session

After School Clubs - First Half of Spring Term

Tennis (Monday): 9th January - 20th March

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

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

The Friends of Milford - CHRISTMAS FAIR SECRET SANTA SHOP

The ever popular Secret Santa Present Room will be open at the Fair where all children can choose and help wrap a present for Mum, Dad or any other special adult for £1.50 per present.

Thanks to those who have brought in donations for the Secret Santa Shop. If you are able to contribute anything we would be most grateful. Please put them in the bag outside Reception.



BOTTLE TOMBOLA

*Please can you also remember to bring in any bottles you can find for the bottle tombola. **Boozy bottles especially welcome!***

Help Needed

During the fair we need lots of help manning the stalls. We would really appreciate it if you could sign up with your Class rep over the coming week. Stalls will include Hoopla, Bottle Tombola, Sweetie Tombola, Tattoos, Knock the Elf off the Shelf, Get the Snowman in the Pan, Cakes, Santa's Grotto, Craft area and many more.

Christmas Performance

We would like to invite Grand parents and younger siblings to attend our special performances on Friday 9th December for Lime, Cherry and Willow classes and Monday 12th December for Elm, Beech and Oak classes at 9.30am. This will enable the performances on



13th for Lime, Cherry and Willow classes and 14th December for Elm, Beech and Oak classes to be adult only. You will have received two tickets for the correct day which were distributed during the week. Tickets will **not** be issued for the Grandparent/young siblings performance, however, you

will need to e-mail the office on parents@milford.surrey.sch.uk to let them know the names of people attending.

School's Policy on Videoing/Photography of School Events



Governors have agreed that parents and carers can take photos and videos at the school entertainment afternoons. Please note the

School's policy below:

- Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event for their **own personal use** only. Such photos and videos **cannot be sold and must not be put on the web/internet** due to Data Protection legislation, which in such circumstance is likely to be contravened.
- Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.
- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, they may need to check out who they are if they are using a camera or video recorder.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse, of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse. Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out above.

Governor Ballot

Please note that the closing date for the Governor ballot is Sunday 27th November at midnight.

Star Of the Week w/e 11th November

Willow

Edith - For listening carefully at carpet time and answering questions in full sentences

Brody - For being a very helpful member of Willow class especially when tidying up and working as a team to keep our class tidy

Oak

Tilly - For being helpful and always listening carefully

Olivia - For super listening and always following school rules

Beech

James Cu - super reading of new vocabulary in guided reading

Vivienne - Writing interesting labels and captions

Cherry

Lillie S - For being braver at carpet time and at the multi-skills event

Using letter sounds in her writing

Max - Increased resilience within the classroom

Lime

Robin - Independent learning and challenging herself in her writing

Joe - Making progress towards his target to work independently

Elm

Tom - Positive attitude to learning and working hard in writing

Oliver Poole - Recognising different emotions and making good choices all of the time.



Decorating the Christmas Tree at Squires

A number of our Year 1 children went to Squires Garden Centre to take part in the Christmas Tree decorating competition. The Y1 children made the decorations at school, following a 'woodland theme'. The other schools in the competition are Moss Lane, St Hilarys and Barrow Hills. Please visit Squires to vote for the Milford School tree.



Quiz Night

It promised to be fun, fiercely competitive and tasty and it delivered! Last Friday's quiz night was a great success with an incredible 77 tickets sold!

Thanks to everyone who took part and helped make it such a fun night.

Congratulations to the winning team "Life's a Beech" and congratulations to everyone for helping raise over £500 (after food costs) for the school fund. "

