

**MILFORD SCHOOL
SUMMER TERM
NEWSLETTER NO. 15: 3rd July, 2015**



Dear Parents

Following our successful staff development training day on Monday when teachers and governors worked together on our new school development plan 2015-2016, we have had a busy week with children visiting their new classes. Our final 'stay and play' session for children starting in Willow and Oak classes took place on Wednesday afternoon, with parents meeting Sarah Dutton (Home School Link Worker), Sue Hatley (Surrey Commercial Services (School Meals), and Kate Wilkinson (Chair of Friends). Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and it was fantastic to see all the new children in their classes making new friends. With two more action packed weeks ahead, starting with Sports Day (Take 2!) on Monday 6th July at 9a.m. on the field and culminating with our Summer Picnic on Thursday 16th July from 3.30—5.00p.m. I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K J Leggett

End of Year Reports/'Share Our Success' Evening

Parents will receive their child's end of year report by Friday 10th July. This will provide detail of each child's progress throughout the past year. Parents are warmly invited to the 'Share our Success' afternoon at 2.45a.m. on Thursday 9th July, when the children will be able to share their learning with their parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Year 1 Phonics Assessment

As part of our on-going teacher assessment and in line with statutory government legislation Year 1 children have been taking part in a phonics assessment with their class teachers. The results of this assessment will be reported back to parents as part of their end of year report.

School and Library Books

Please can all library books be returned a.s.a.p.—(there won't be any more given out before the end of this term). Reading books need to be returned by **Wednesday 15th July** at the latest.

Please could you search at home for any books which might have been forgotten or mislaid. If everyone helps in this way, we shall be able to keep up our library facilities for the benefit of future readers. We are always pleased when books are found and returned, regardless of how long they have been missing—there will be a 'book amnesty' box in the School Reception area.



Friends Second Hand School Uniform

If you have any unwanted/outgrown **but good quality** school uniform, we would be very grateful to receive it to sell on to make some money for the school. Please leave the uniform at the School Office.



Easyfundraising for Milford School

This year we have only raised £19.69 through Easyfundraising (in 2013 we raised £122.23). Easyfundraising is an organisation where you can shop with your favourite on-line stores and at no extra cost and raise funds for the school. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using www.easyfundraising.org.uk each retailer will make a cash back donation to Milford School. You can shop with over 350 brand name retailers and raise funds at the same time. It is very simple to do. You can also access this website by going to the Milford School website which is www.milford.surrey.sch.uk and clicking on the Current News and Events page. Please note you will also find the current school newsletters on the school website.

Keeping Safe

We are always talking to the children about the importance of road safety and thinking of others. We would like your help in reinforcing our key safety messages by:

- Not parking in the school layby or on zig zag lines by the puffin crossing
- Not parking in the staff car park (even if late!)
- Using the puffin crossing at all times
- Ensuring you have hold of your child's hand well before you get to the end of the school drive
- Supervising your children on their bikes and scooters.

Please help us to keep your children safe!



Governor Profile

Name: Jackie Morris

Type of governor: Co-opted Governor

Background: I have lived in Wormley for 7 years, and Godalming for 9. I have two children, Eleanor who is 10 and Toby who is nine. I am a stay at home mum. Before the children I worked as a computer auditor.

Why I became a governor: I wanted to be involved in helping ensure all children get a good educational start. I am not a teacher, so being a Governor seemed a good way of using the skills I have to contribute to making my community a better place to be. I applied through the official Governor website SGOSS and was delighted to find Milford Infants were in need of a co-opted governor (ie: not someone with a child at school).

What I enjoy most about the role: Soon after I joined the Governing Body the role of Chair of Governors came up and I took it on. I enjoy meeting with Mrs Leggett every week and seeing how the school runs at all levels. My respect for all the teachers, and the senior management team, has grown immensely since I started being Chair of Governors as I now understand more fully the challenges they face. I especially enjoy walking round the school and seeing how confident and happy the children are and how engaged the staff are with them.

End of Term—Beginning of next term

This term ends at **1.15p.m.** on Friday 17th July (Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July are training days for staff). We re-open for Year 1 and Year 2 children on Wednesday 2nd September. New Entrants to Year R will be starting on either the 7th or 8th September, and their parents have received a letter informing them of the correct dates.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

This year we have again had a marvellous collection of these vouchers! As a result we have been able to order lots of playground and sports equipment which will be arriving at the beginning of next term.



Staff Training Days for Next Academic Year 2015—2016

Staff training days for the next academic year are as follows: Friday 23rd October, Friday 12th February, Monday 6th June, Monday 4th July and Friday 22nd July.

Gardening Club

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to Mr Steve Watridge and Mrs Chloe Bozeat for running Gardening Club this term. The children have really enjoyed growing plants and vegetables from seed.



Raffle Tickets

Please return all raffle tickets to the office by Wednesday 15th July. There are extra books at the school office if you need them.

Staffing

As the term draws to a close we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Elizabeth Butlin (Learning Support Assistant and Forest School Leader), Mrs Ellie Sedgwick (Oak Class Learning Support Assistant). We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the school and wish them all the best for the future. We would also like to say farewell to Mrs Cara Stirton who will be leaving us to go on Maternity Leave.

Milford Infant School is part of the Godalming Confederation of Schools—check out their website on www.godalmingconfederation.org.uk where there are lots of helpful links to activities and services for all the families in our schools.