



Dear Parents

Happy Friday! As things start to settle down nationally, I feel it's important to keep you up to date on how things stand at Milford School re: restrictions. Currently we have no plans to make any immediate changes to procedures around drop off and pick up, but after half term, may start to reintroduce some familiar things (rear entrance to school as a possibility). We also hope to start to welcome back some of our volunteer readers. With that in mind, if you think you would like to come and help with reading in your child's class bubble, please ensure your Milford DBS is up to date and valid (most won't be), and let us know if and when you might be available.

The children enjoyed a live performance of 'Zoom' from the Pied Piper Theatre Company yesterday. Activities Day is next Friday which should be another rich and rewarding experience for the children. We would appreciate if you can make payment of £10.00 via our new parent portal.

A very brief one from me this time round! Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Andrew Stear

NEW - COVID Local Support Grant

Surrey County Council will ensure help is available for families struggling as we transition out of lockdown, through the Government's COVID Local Support Grant. It is designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, with the majority set aside to ensure children do not go hungry during school holidays.

The remainder of the funding will be given to the Surrey Crisis Fund and made available to residents who are struggling. This money will provide support towards food costs and utility bills, but also emergencies such as replacing broken white goods, to guide people away from long lasting debt.

Surrey County Council will administer the funds, which must be spent by 20 June 2021. Any eligible families should contact the Community Helpline: 0300 200 1008. More information can be accessed on the [government website](#) or the [Surrey Crisis Fund webpage](#)

Bump-Up Day—Wednesday 30th June

Please could parents of children who will be going to The Chandler make arrangements for your child to be dropped off at The Chandler school at 9.30am. We will arrange a coach to pick them up at 11am and bring them back to Milford School to continue their day. For any children going to other schools please let the office know what date/time your child will be going to their bump up day.

Screentime Safeguarding

Lots of parents worry about it, but we don't think you should worry about screen time - it's not how long they are online but what and when they are doing that counts (and the same goes for grown-ups, like in the Will Ferrell video below). You can use the control settings to regulate screen time in general. Follow link <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Diary Dates

Fri 21.05.21	Activities Day
Fri 28.05.21	Inset Day
Mon 31.05.21—Friday 04.06.21	Half term
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term (early closure)

Star of the Week 23.04.21

Beech

Faris: For working hard on your handwriting and the presentation of your learning.

Finn: What a super description of the dragon for our St George's Day learning!

Cherry

Jaxson: For excellent work in English and Maths and being helpful and kind in class!

Oliver: For brilliant work in Maths and English and some fabulous reading.

Elm

Arabella: For your enthusiasm when researching and presenting your work in English.

Jay: For showing super confidence to share your learning with Elm Class.

Lime

Bertie: For being a wonderful team player in our Group work this week.

Otylia: For wonderful ideas and working as a team in our world leader presentations.

Oak

Mateo: For a super week of learning. Participating at carpet time and doing his best in all activities.

Phoebe: For her excellent attitude to learning and always doing her best, especially number skills.

Willow

Amelia: For always being helpful and for her fantastic effort to learn her sight words and art.

Teddy: For trying his best in all of our learning activities, mastering all of his sight words and being a good role model and friend.

Star of the Week 30.04.21

Beech

Esther: For always trying your best in all of your learning and being a super role model in class.

Chloe: For a great attitude to your learning and always trying your best.

Cherry

Jessica: Excellent work in Maths and for outstanding work with Mrs Feasey.

Arlo: For brilliant work in Maths this week and for challenging himself in English

Elm

Sophie: For your perseverance in Maths and an understanding of addition and subtraction

Kian: For using your phonics in your writing and for helping your friends.

Lime

Millie: For being a super learning partner in

Science and always being very helpful in class

Phoebe P: For excellent, careful work in our poetry topic this week and great thinking in Maths.

Oak

Oliver: For being a brilliant role-model to his friends and reminding the class of making good choices at school

Violet: For making good choices, listening to instructions and trying her best with all activities.

Willow

Billie: For her excellent progress in learning her sight words, and for trying her best in all areas.

Ellie: For mastering lots more sight words and confidence and progress in her reading this week.

Star of the Week 07.05.21

Beech

Fred: For being ready to learn, listening well and sharing his ideas when asked

Mia: For her fabulous effort in English resulting in a super Traction Man story.

Cherry

Jake: For superb reading and working so hard on his handwriting this week.

Harper: For writing an amazing Traction Man story.

Elm

William: For using your phonics knowledge in your writing and believing in yourself

Finley: For your all round positive attitude to learning and for your fantastic contributions.

Lime

Layla: For being ready to learn, listening well and being keen to share her ideas with the class.

Maddie: For being a helpful and hard working member of the class who is always ready to learn

Oak

Freddie: A brilliant week of learning. He can write his name and great with phonics and sight words.

Ruby: For being an excellent role model at carpet times. Also fantastic art work.

Willow

Esther: For fantastic effort with phonics, her great goat sock puppet and super subitising Numicon!

Jack: For his enthusiastic 3 Billy Goats Gruff story telling and for always being ready to learn.

Reception Chicks

As part of our Paws, Claws, Feathers and Fins topic, Reception are currently learning all about different farm animals, their young and what they produce. We are eggstremely excited as we have had our very own chick eggs incubating and patiently waited for them to hatch. Last Thursday morning, we began to see some cracks on the eggs and slowly the chicks began to hatch! We learnt that the chicks use their beaks to break free of the eggs and this is called 'pipping'.



Once they had rested we moved them into a cage where we have been carefully looking after the chicks – feeding them, keeping them warm and making sure they have plenty of water to drink. They are already beginning to grow little feathers on their wings.



Soon, a few of the chicks are going to be adopted to live with other chickens in a local free-range environment so that they continue to live their best lives. Milford School are going to keep the rest of the chicks where they will have a new lovely secure home in the hub garden. We are looking forward to continue watching them grow bigger and hopefully one day they will lay eggs for us.



Year 1 - How does your garden grow!

Wow! It's been a wonderful spring term for Year 1. The children have all been really engaged, enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed this term's topic 'How does your garden grow?'

We have done lots of fabulous learning outside in the sunshine. Investigating plants that grow around the school, looking closely with magnifying glasses and microscopes and recording our observations scientifically. We have also been growing and nurturing a wide variety of plants and seeds in and outside our classrooms.

In English, we started the term by exploring the story of George and the Dragon – to coincide with St George's day. The children really enjoyed retelling the story with puppets and drama activities and we wrote some fabulous sentences.

The children also enjoyed our English 'Traction Man' module. Based around a story about a boy and his adventures with his action hero toy, Year 1 worked really hard unpicking the text and illustrations, exploring character and setting, before planning and writing their own adventure for Traction Man.

Our new English topic started this week, with a special surprise left in the classrooms. We had some wonderful suggestions of who might own the wheelbarrow – ranging from Mr Macgregor to gold prospectors! However, once the children investigated a little further they found the remains of a picnic...along with Mrs Down's gardening diary...The children will be making their own gardener's diary over the coming week – and we can wait to read them.

We have also been exploring our school value for this half-term - Self Control. We have been sharing stories and discussing it in class.

Some wonderful work has been done in geography, we have been discussing human impact on the local area the common and ways in which we can help protect the countryside.

In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of shape and place value and we have also revisited addition and subtraction. We have also been looking at the facts we know within 20 and how they can help us to solve problems with small and larger numbers. The children have been having lots of fun all with maths games – including play your cards right!

The children have produced some glorious work in art. We have been learning about Claude Monet, exploring his paintings – especially his wonderful pictures of gardens, ponds and waterlilies - before producing some superb work of our own Milford School pond.

