



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope the parent consultations in October were valuable and gave you a good idea of how your child is getting on and what they need to do next. I have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back in this week. When walking around I have seen some fantastic learning across all year groups; with firework paintings and poems in Reception; active Maths in Year 1 using numicon, picture cards and number sentences; and finally, in Year 2, where there has been some great vocabulary building as part of their History lessons about Florence Nightingale.

It has also been a busy time with prospective parent tours for next year's Reception classes - if you know anyone that has a child due to start school in September, don't forget to let them know about Milford and all that it has to offer!

I hope you have a great weekend.

Andrew Stear
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 07.11.22	Whole School Flu nasal immunisation
Fri 11.11.22	Year 2 Remembrance Assembly (Parents invited) 9.05am
Fri 18.11.22	Children in Need—Spotty Mufti and bring a contribution
Fri 25.11.22	Mufti Day—bring a bottle for Christmas Fair
Fri 02.12.22	Christmas Fair 3-5pm
Tues 06.12.22	9.15 am Christmas Performance Year 2 (details to follow) 1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 2 (details to follow)
Wed 07.12.22	9.15 am Christmas Performance Year 1 (details to follow) 1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 1 (details to follow)
Thurs 08.12.22	9.15 am Christmas Performance Year R (details to follow)
Fri 09.12.22	9.15am Christmas Performance Year R (details to follow)
Thurs 08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 14.12.22	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 15.12.22	Parent Helpers 'Thank you' Refreshments 2-3pm
Fri 16.12.22	Carols Around the Tree 9.15—9.45am (Parents Welcome)
Friday 16.12.22	Last day of term—school closes 1pm

Star of the Week 14.10.22

Beech: Kash and Millie

Cherry: Ava and William

Elm: Thea and Jack

Lime: Lucas and Billie

Oak: Kayra and Jack

Willow: Annie and Clara

Star of the Week 21.10.22

Beech: Heyan and Nell

Cherry: David and Florence

Elm: Louis and Matilda

Lime: Ava and Lachie

Oak: Callie and Megan

Willow: George and Austin

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2023-2024

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school. Please note you are now able to apply as from Monday 31st October and the application deadline is Sunday 15th January 2023.

Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2023-2024

Please note that you will be able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer from Monday 31st October and the application deadline is **15th January 2023**. Failure to make your application by this date will result in you being treated as a late applicant. Our Senco is available to help any parents with applications and queries if required. Please contact the office if you require a form which explains how to make your application.

Children in Need 'Spotty Mufti'

Children can come in 'spotty' mufti for Children in Need day on Friday 18th November. Please bring a suggested donation of £1 to your child's classroom.

Year 2 Remembrance Assembly

We are delighted to welcome parents of Year 2 children to the Remembrance Assembly on Friday 11th November at 9.05am. This should be finished at approximately 9.35am

360 October Holiday Camp with **15% discount** for Milford School pupils

This December, Mr Cosser and his team will be delivering their 360 HYPE and Football Holiday Camps at the school on the following dates and times:

Dates: - Monday 19th December– Wednesday 21st December

Timings: - **Extended day** - 08.15am to 17.45pm – **Standard day: 09.30am to 16.30pm**

Prices: - **Standard day** - £27.00 **Extended day** £32.00

15% Milford Pupil discount has been applied to these prices

Hype Multi-Activity Camp includes – A wide variety of games & activities, Team sports, Themed team games and Timetabled outdoor free play.

Football Camp includes – 360 World Cup Tournaments, Specific Skill Sessions, Fun Football Related Games and much more.

Booking will be available at the end of next week via our user-friendly, secure online booking system at <https://360sportseducation.com>

A Sizzling Start for Reception

Wow—we have had an awesome Autumn so far in Reception. The children have settled in remarkably well and have already enjoyed so many fun activities. Willow and Oak classes have been exploring our colourful natural surroundings, reading cosy tales, coming to school in pyjamas to eat a delicious breakfast with our friends and creating fabulous firework and seasonal art. We can't wait to get stuck in to even more fun! Roll on Christmas!





Raising funds for The Friends

Like any charity, The Friends of Milford School need to raise funds to support our activities. Here are some of the ways you can help, some of which have no extra cost for you.

Shop online

Wherever you choose to do your online shopping, the chances are that there are some free donations available to the school. You can find us on Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, which have raised the school thousands of pounds over the years, for free. It's as close to guilt-free shopping as you can get.



Amazon Smile is the same as your usual Amazon shopping experience, only you shop via smile.amazon.co.uk instead of the usual site. Once you have chosen a charity (we're "The Friends of Milford School") a donation is made every time you shop. You can also activate the donations via the Amazon App on your phone.

To set up go to: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1095906-0>



EasyFundraising is a platform that coordinates donations on behalf of more than 4,000 online shops, simply by referring you to that shop's website. It's easy to set up (we're "Milford School") and you can then shop via the EasyFundraising website, via the app or install a widget on your preferred

browser which will remind you every time a donation is available. Large donations are also available for everyday spending, such as changing utilities, buying car insurance or booking a holiday.

To set up go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/milfordschool/>

Donate

Not everyone can afford to donate, but where you can, please consider making a donation to The Friend of Milford School. Some parents choose to make a donation instead of feeling the need to engage with other events, and that's fine too.

Regular donations of even small amounts can generate a significant total for the school over the year, so please do consider this as a means of directly benefitting our children. Just 20 individuals donating £10 per month raises £3,000 per year with Gift Aid.

You can make donations via our JustGiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/friends-milfordsch>

Or via our Online Shop: <https://www.tfoms.co.uk/shop/>



Alternatively, you can text TFOMS followed by your donation amount, e.g. TFOMS 5, to 70085 to donate via text or TFOMSREGULAR and the amount, e.g. TFOMSREGULAR 10, to 70085 to donate via text each month.

Or if you'd prefer to make a donation of something tangible to the school, there is an Amazon Wishlist that you can buy from: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2WWWE7KML8IMO>

Ongoing fundraising

There are a number of fundraising events and initiatives that take place throughout the year, be it the Christmas or Summer Fair, sales of Christmas cards, trees and puddings, pizzas and curries. All of these will raise money for The Friends whilst hopefully giving you something in return. Keep an eye on Classlist and emails for details of these.

Our School Lottery runs throughout the year on a weekly basis. There are local cash prizes each week and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot. You can sign up for tickets at: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/milford-school%2C-church-road>

In the Summer Term we will be holding a 5k walk and picnic, where children taking part will receive a medal. There will be the option of raising sponsorship—many sponsors donating just small amounts adds up very quickly and you'd be surprised how much friends and family will happily offer for a good cause! The new school library was largely funded through sponsorship raised in a single year.