

Milford Mail



Dear Parents,

Spring Term is complete! It really does feel as though the children have never been away and they did so well to settle down to some really excellent learning across the school. I have been impressed by what I've seen going on in each and every classroom and want to thank the whole staff team for the kind, nurturing care they continue to give to our children each and every day.

As we approach the Summer Term, I feel it appropriate to thank the Milford Friends team for all their hard work with fundraising, planning and generally supporting the school. The money that has been given to the Friends so far means that we are now in a place to begin 'phase 1' of our library project. I know you will all have received an email from Chris Berry, Chair of the Friends with some further information, including some designs of what the space will look like when complete and hope you all feel as excited as we do about having such an amazing space to utilise to continue to instil a real love of reading in our children. The new fundraising challenge The Friends have set should help to foster this too!

Behind the scenes at Milford, throughout the pandemic there have been regular meetings between the School Leadership Team and our wonderful band of Governors, who I know have been in touch with some of you over the past few months. The support and challenge they have provided has been invaluable in helping to shape our thinking and planning throughout this time and is greatly appreciated. Once this is all over (!) I hope to be able to give you the opportunity to meet them all in an informal way and I know they are incredibly keen to get into the school building a little more to meet the staff in person (and most importantly the children too!) With that in mind, hopefully you will have received a 'Parent Governor' application/nomination form along with some sought after skills. If you think you fit the bill, please do complete it and send it in.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter, especially seeing what Year 2 have been getting up to recently.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stear and the Milford Team.

Good luck Mrs Szczepanski!!!

It is with a sense of sadness and excitement that we bid a 'see you soon' to Mrs Helen Szczepanski as she embarks upon her journey as the new Head at Witley C.E. School. We are grateful for all she has done over her time at Milford and know she will do great things with Witley. It has been a privilege to work with you Mrs Szczepanski and we know that although you are leaving, you will always remain a part of our Milford family. In the future we hope to see you around the place as we work together as part of the GLP. Well done and the best of luck for the future!

Diary Dates

Thurs 01.04.21	Last day of term (early closure)	Fri 28.05.21	Inset Day
Mon 04.04.21— Fri 16.04.21	Easter Holidays	Mon 31.05.21—Friday 04.06.21	Half term
Mon 03.05.21	Bank Holiday	Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term

Star of the Week 12.03.21

Beech

Olivia: Voted by your friends as our first Star of the Week back at school after lockdown.

Charles: for excellent explanations of your knowledge and ideas in Science Week.

Cherry

Harry: For his fabulous work in Science especially the raisin experiment and a great week back at school.

Maddie: For her wonderful work in Science especially her butterfly life cycle drawings and a fab week back in school.

Elm

Harrison: For your scientific understanding and being able to observe, predict and record—a superb scientist.

Sophia: For your positivity, independence and willingness to have a go at everything! Keep up the fabulousness!

Lime

Rafferty: For an outstanding start back to school, with superb listening and always being ready to learn.

Chloe: For always being ready to learn and being first to two tallies on our lovely listening board.

Oak

Logan: For a great start back to school. Great listening and following instructions, contributing well at carpet time and trying really hard with his sight words.

Holly: For her excellent learning every day and always doing her best. A great role model.

Willow

Josh: For his excellent predictions, observations and explanations during Science Week.

Billie: For her enthusiasm and great predictions during Science Week and for being a kind and

Star of the Week 19.03.21

Beech

Gabe: For a fantastic attitude to learning, demonstrating his Milford mindset in everything he does in class.

Zac S: For challenging himself in his learning and being a great role model to his friends.

Cherry

Yoann: For great story mapping in English and some lovely writing in Geography.

Oscar: For brilliant work in English and for taking real care and pride in all of his work..

Elm

Bea: For your super work in Maths and for being a fractions whizz!

Millie-Mae: For your fabulous Great Fire of London knowledge and puppet show.

Lime

Emma: For remembering our Milford values, being a kind, thoughtful friend who is always respectful and safe.

Alfie: For sharing and explaining his reasoning in Science and RE with the class. Fascinating Alfie!

Oak

Oliver: For his fantastic instruction writing for how to make a bus. Three completely independent sentences with perfectly formed letters.

Presley: For his super independent learning, which includes beautiful colouring, careful cutting and fabulous writing with perfect letter formation.

Willow

Lucinda: For her impressive return back to school and greater confidence speaking with her peers and class adults.

Joshua: For being enthusiastic and pushing himself in all areas especially his effort in phonics and writing this week.

Inset Days 2021-2022

Wednesday:	1st September 2021
Friday	22nd October 2021
Monday	21st February 2022
Tuesday	19th April 2022
Friday	27th May 2022

Covid tests for families of school children

Please find link to SCC news bulletin on how to access covid tests for families of school children.

<https://surreycountycouncil.newsweaver.co.uk/SchoolsBulletin/1pyndahcj3miz726vafjtz?email=true&lang=en&a=1&p=58986281&t=20022785>

Star of the Week 26.03.21

Beech

Arthur: Showing super confidence and effort in English and helping your friends with their spelling.

Erin: Fantastic effort with your writing this week. Your Lazy Lion book is fabulous.

Cherry

Dillon: Brilliant reading and wonderful work in phonics

Carolina: For working really hard on your Lazy Lion English and some super art work. Well done!

Elm

Ella: For approaching your learning with a super duper positive attitude! Keep it up!

Alex: For your awesome ideas for our Great Fire of London diary writing! Well done!

Lime

William: For wonderful work in Maths using his measuring skills. Well done!

Martha: For being a great role model and very independent. Well done!

Oak

Frank: For an excellent week of learning. Really good concentration at carpet time and answering questions. Great effort in all learning

Charlie: For good reading this week, blending cvc words. Excellent listening at carpet time and contributing to class discussions.

Willow

Marcus: For his Maths mastery, showing a deep understanding of number and great reasoning in explaining how he knows.

Lachie: For his amazing Naughty Bus story sentence writing, use of tricky digraphs and excellent letter formation.

.A note from The Governors

As another term closes, we are so pleased that there is a degree of normality with the school being open to all and a return that is close to normal service.

As a Governing Body, we have been so impressed with the progress of the children, the dedication of the Parent body to home-school and to the team of staff for their handling of Covid processes whilst managing to deliver the curriculum.

Each Governor has undertaken elements of monitoring to ensure we are meeting our requirements as a School. I spoke to some of you following our 'open-door' request for information and was simply blown-away by the feedback and praise I heard of how you believed Milford was coping with pandemic teaching methods.

We are recruiting another Parent Governor and another external Governor soon and continue to have a strong team with a range of skillsets to address and monitor all areas of school management.

Whilst there are benefits of our video-based meetings, we cannot wait to be able to come into School next term, meet face to face, feel the energy and see and hear the children at work and play.

Best wishes for a happy and sunny Easter Break

Melanie Isherwood, Co-Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

TERM DATES 2021-2022

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19 th April	First day of term
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half term holiday
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of term

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1 st September	Inset Day
Thursday 2 nd September	First day of term
Friday 22 nd October	Inset Day
Monday 25 th Oct – Fri 29 th Oct	Half term holiday
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4 th January	First day of term
Monday 14 th Feb – Fri 18 th Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 21 st February	Inset Day
1 April 2021	Last day of term

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19 th April	Inset Day
Wednesday 20 th April	First day of term
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27 th May	Inset Day
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half term holiday
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term