



Dear Parents,

We made it! Another successful half term is complete. It has been wonderful to see the learning taking place across the school and I have been impressed with the resilience seen in Year 1 this week with some fairly tricky problem solving activities (it took me three attempts!) The children just wouldn't give up until they had found the solution. Year 2 have been wonderful and produced some excellent 'Troll' writing - do ask your child to show you if you have time! Reception, as part of their 'Pets week' had the opportunity in person and via video conference, to meet a wide variety of pets. What impressed me most when in Oak Class was the number of thoughtful and articulate questions that were posed. Mrs Heslop's curiosity cube impact at work!

Thank you to all of you for supporting our 'Activities Day' - I hope the children came home with lots of excitement about the different things they got to experience! It may be something we do again in future....

Finally, today is a joyful but also sad day. Miss Alice Andrew, who has been with us as an LSA for a number of years is due to complete her teacher training very soon. She has been successfully appointed as a teacher at St. Mark and All Saints and will be completing her placement there to help with transition. Over her time at Milford, Alice has always put the children first. She has shown kindness, compassion and humour to all she has encountered. St. Mark's are incredibly lucky!

Congratulations also go to our other trainee - Miss Phoebe Dove, who has also been successful in securing a position for September at St. Mark and All Saints. I have no doubt that both will be very successful and wish both the very best for the future.

Once more, thank you for being a part of our school and community and helping us all to 'Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve'.

Andrew Stear

## **Diary Dates**

Fri 28.05.21	Inset Day
Mon 31.05.21—Friday 04.06.21	Half term
Tues 29.06.21	New Entrants Stay for a Story 3.45—4.15 (Surnames A-K)
Wed 30.06.21	Year 2 Bump up Day
Thurs 01.07.21	New Entrants Stay for a Story 3.45—4.15 (Surnames L-Z)
Tues 06.07.21	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Wed 07.07.21	New Entrants Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm
Thurs 08.07.21	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Sat 10.07.21	Community Day - Friends of Milford (details to follow)
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term (early closure)

### Star of the Week 14.05.21

#### Beech

Arla: For always trying your best in school and with your home learning every week. Super role model!

Stephen: For super Maths learning this week and excellent diary writing in English.

#### Cherry

Phoebe: For amazing work in English and always being ready to learn.

Freya: For amazing work in English and always being ready to learn.

#### Elm

Sophia: For your positive attitude to learning this week. You have really impressed us all!

Alex: For your awesome Maths this week! You've also been a great team member by helping others.

#### Lime

Phoebe A: For being resilient in class and at play-time, despite her broken arm and writing with her other arm

Millie: For being a kind, supportive friend and helper and doing some amazing reading and writing.

#### Oak

Ben: Ben had a fantastic week of learning, participating in every class activity. His handwriting practice was excellent and he has been a good friend.

Jack: For his brilliant phonics this week, and also concentrating and joining in well at carpet times especially 'Talk for Writing' about chicks.

#### Willow

Ava: For her incredible non-fiction Talk for Writing fact file about piglets and beautiful self-portrait.

Joshua: For being ready to learn and trying his best in all activities including neat writing, chick story and piglet 'home learning'.

### Star of the Week 21.05.21

#### Beech

Freya J: For always trying your best and sharing your super ideas in Maths.

Isaac: For always approaching our learning with a smile and being a caring, helpful member of our class family.

#### Cherry

Albie: For all his hard work with Mrs Feasey and working very hard in English and Maths.

Ivy: For amazing work in English and especially all your hard work with writing.

#### Elm

Harrison: For your positive attitude to learning and for always being a conscientious member of Elm.

Jessica: For your awesome Maths this week and your all-round positive attitude!

#### Lime

Maddie: For being such a super mathematician and working hard to extend her problem solving skills.

Ronnie: For being such an amazing role model for our new rule of being ready and amazing fluency in Maths.

#### Oak

Isaac: For his fantastic efforts in controlling his emotions and for fabulous participation at carpet times and asking our pet visitors good question.

Alice: For her brilliant independent learning. Alice has been busy writing books, creating models and drawing wonderful pictures.

#### Willow

Savannah: For her excellent talk about her pet Shetland Pony, being a kind friend and super writing.

Theo: For his good questions about pets and for a great job hearing more sounds when writing.

### Staff Car Park

Please do not park in the staff car park unless you have specific permission to do so. There appears to be increasing numbers of parents using the car park for school drop off and pick up which is causing issues with our limited number of parking spaces. Also, when driving in and around the school area please take extra care, mind your speed and ensure you are looking out for children and families.

### Meal Ordering

If you have not already done so please ensure that you have ordered meals for your children for the next half-term.

### Jewellery

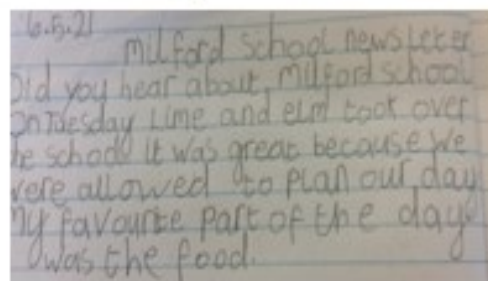
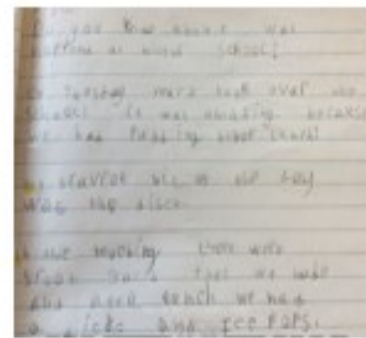
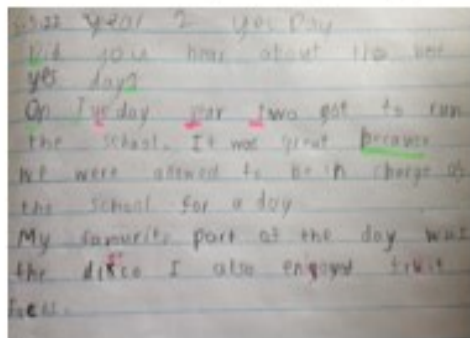
For reasons of safety is it SCC's policy not to allow children to wear jewellery for any physical activity. This includes all pierced jewellery including stud earrings.

## Year Two News

What a busy half term we have had in Year Two! We started off our summer term in the sunshine under the cherry blossom tree next to our classrooms, where we sketched the beautiful but short-lived blooms as part of our topic on Japan. We learned that in Japan the blossom is called Sakura, and even learned to write this in Japanese katakana. Here are a few examples of our lovely work.



In English, we have been studying the poem 'If I were in charge of the world', by Judith Viorst. At the end of the unit, we had a 'Yes Day' where the children were allowed to be in charge of what they did all day. The children had a fantastic time! Here are some reports explaining what fun it was.



In science, we have been learning all about living things and their habitats, carefully observing the mini beast and pond habitats we have at school. In RE, we have investigated Islam, including examining a real Qur'an and prayer mats. Finally, in PE, when the rain has allowed us to, we have been practicing our athletics skills, using Olympic athletes to inspire us. We can't wait for next half term - sports day here we come!