



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the latest Milford newsletter! Over the past week the Governors have been in school to hold our full governing body meeting, where finance, the school development plan and other important statutory matters were scrutinised in depth. The Chair's of Governors have visited the school and walked round lessons and an external consultant has been in too. The children have been amazing and governors and the consultant all commented on how engaged and well behaved the children were across the school. Similar feedback has been given on our prospective parent tours - lot's of children demonstrating our Milford Way of being 'ready, respectful and safe'.

The website continues to be updated now that the new layout and design is in place, so please bear with us as we make it as user friendly and as easy to navigate as possible over the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend.

Andrew Stear

Gardening Club

We are hoping to restart the Gardening Club which was a very popular club before the pandemic. Please contact the Office if you could help in running this club. We have lots of new tools and revamped beds for the children to use.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home and they would like to have the Christmas lunch please order on the Innovate website.

Diary Dates

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
	1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 2
Wed 07.12.22	9.15 am Christmas Performance Year 1
	1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 1
Thurs 08.12.22	9.15 am Christmas Performance Year R
Fri 09.12.22	9.15am Christmas Performance Year R
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
Tues 03.01.23	First day of term

Star of the Week 04.11.22

Beech: Hunter and Alice

Cherry: Alby and Eva

Elm: Mateo and Zachary

Lime: Zac and Heidi

Oak: Freddie M and Florence

Willow: Albie and Daphne

Star of the Week 11.11.22

Beech: Hope and Elliott

Cherry: Arthur and Lulu

Elm: Logan and Malachi

Lime: Esther and Billie

Oak: Birdy and George

Willow: Colby and Cali

Year 2: For a fantastic Remembrance assembly

Christmas Performances

Tues 06.12.22

- 9.15 am Christmas Performance Year 2
- 1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 2

Wed 07.12.22

- 9.15 am Christmas Performance Year 1
- 1.45pm Christmas Performance Year 1

Thurs 08.12.22

- 9.15 am Christmas Performance Year R

Fri 09.12.22

- 9.15am Christmas Performance Year R
- There are two performances for each year group and we are inviting one parent/carer to attend each performance. This is due to fire regulations and the logistics of fitting everyone into the hall. Siblings are welcome and if one grandparent wants to come along with a parent, this is also possible. If two parents would prefer to come to one performance together, two grandparents can go to the other performance.

There won't be a booking system, but we will count everyone in on the day in order to ensure number control. Having one parent from each family per performance should hopefully give everyone the opportunity to see their child.

School's Policy on Videoing/Photography of School Events

Governors have agreed that parents and carers can take photos and videos at the school performances. Please note the School's policy below:

- Parents and carers can use photographs and videos taken at a school event for their **own personal use** only. Such photos and videos **cannot be sold and must not be put on the web/internet** due to Data Protection legislation, which in such circumstance is likely to be contravened.
- Recording or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of all the other parents whose children may be included in the images.
- Parents and carers must follow guidance from staff as to when photography and videoing is permitted and where to stand in order to minimise disruption to the activity.
- Parents and carers must not photograph or video children changing for performances or events.
- If you are accompanied or represented by people that school staff do not recognise, they may need to check out who they are if they are using a camera or video recorder.

However, we live in an age in which technology has vastly increased the use, and potential misuse, of photographs. In the recent past there has been concern about the possibility of a child being identified by a photograph in the Press, or in the filming of a school event, in case they are put at risk of being targeted for abuse. Having taken advice from Surrey Police, Surrey County Council (the Local Education Authority) and other organisations, we believe that the risk of a child being identified by a stranger is so small that, provided reasonable steps are in place to limit the publication of their names and addresses, photography of children at the school should continue, in line with the policy set out above.

Year 2 News

Thursday was a day of physical activity for Y2! As well as our weekly swimming lesson in the afternoon, we were lucky enough to participate in the Year 2 Multi-skills Festival at Rodborough School.



The children enjoyed a variety of fun activities to develop not only their physical skills, but developing those values of team work, independence, resilience and for some courage!



The activities were run by the Rodborough sports leaders, who were fantastic in supporting our children and making sure they all had fun, so a big thank you to them.





Godalming & Villages Community Store

providing food and household supplies for those in need

Godalming & Villages Community Store,
(Grounds of) Farncombe Cricket Club,
GU7 3BE

November 7th 2022

*Pupils, staff + parents,
Melford School -*

Please accept our enormous thanks for your Harvest donation to the Community Store.

For a second year you've been extremely kind in gifting your collection to us. You may have seen our social media lady described your lovely picture as 'a tabletop of treasures' which was perfect.

The store relies entirely on donations to help those in the community who need support. Our collection boxes in Waitrose, Sainsbury's and other establishments are well supported. But the gifts we received for Harvest were a huge boost to our dwindling stocks.

We're currently supporting nearly 70 households with most 'customers' visiting the store to choose what they need. We make deliveries to those who are housebound.

Thank you on behalf of our team of volunteers and, more importantly, the people who will be helped by your generosity.

Yours sincerely

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Our PSHE curriculum continues to flourish with our Jigsaw assemblies and lessons helping our children to reflect, calm and learn a variety of different and important skills. The overall theme this half term is 'Celebrating Difference' and this week we thought about Anti-Bullying. Our focus for the next two weeks is:

- Week of 21st November - Try to solve problems (e.g. disagreements, friendship issues)
- Week of 28th November - Using kind words (e.g. saying nice things to people about their learning, asking how they are)

If you are able to discuss these themes with your children each week, it would be a really good way of supporting us and your child.

Thanks again!
Mr Stear