



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it is Spring term already, Christmas seems a distant memory. The children have settled back into the rhythm of school life well following the break and there has been exciting learning happening across the school. Year 2 have started their history focus on significant people, with some artefacts related to polar explorers. Ask your child to tell you about it!

I would like to say a massive thank you to Carol Lees for her years of service to Milford School. Carol was a volunteer and more recently worked tirelessly setting up and running the library for us. Our children have benefitted from weekly sessions, discussing books and choosing new ones. Her impact has been huge and she will be sorely missed.

This half term's theme in our PSHE (Jigsaw) assemblies and lessons is on 'Dreams and Goals'. The next couple of weeks will see the children focus on resilience and being able to recognise the small steps we need to take in order to move closer to meeting our goals.

Our Milford Value's assemblies this half term are all about respect. Remember to send in any values leaves where you have seen your child displaying our value so we can add them to their class values tree!

I wish you a fun but relaxing weekend.

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Fri 27.01.23	Year R to Brooklands Museum
Fri 10.02.23	Inset Day
Mon 13.02—17.02.23	Half term Holiday
Fri 31.03.23	Last day of term
Tues 18.04.23	First day of Summer term
Mon 01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
Mon 08.05.23	Coronation Bank Holiday
Fri 26.05.23	Inset Day
Mon 29.05—Fri 02.06	Half term Holiday
Fri 21.07.23	Last day of term

### **Primary School Admission for the academic year 2023-2024**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Spare Underwear and Socks**

If your child has borrowed any pance or socks from school can you please return them. If anyone has any spares that they no longer use please bring them into school.

### **Dogs on School Premises**

Please ensure that dogs are not brought on to the school premises. Please tie them up to the fence at the front of the school and away from the paths.

### **Updating Records/Information**

Please check the information, including contact details, we have for your child are up to date. This can be done via the Arbor app.

### **Parking**

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the school, by not parking in the lay-by, the zig-zag lines, and leaving enough access for local residents and emergency vehicle access.

### **Staff Car Park**

Please note that the staff car park is for staff use only due to limited capacity. Breakfast and After School Clubs are not permitted to use the car park for drop off or pick up. If you have a physical disability which requires parking access, please contact the School Office to discuss. Please do not use the car park to walk through to school as it is a hazard with cars parking etc

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

Please use the pedestrian crossing to cross the road to the school There have been a few near misses due to crossing in dangerous places.

### **Themed Lunch—Thursday 19th January**

Innovate are having a themed lunch on Thursday 19th January. The theme will be Superheroes and the menu is either a Burger in a roll or the vegetarian option of cheese and tomato pizza and a chocolate muffin. Children will wear their school uniform on the day. If your child usually brings a packed lunch and would like to have the school lunch please order on the Innovate website.

### **Star of the Week 06.01.23**

Beech: Isla and Emily

Lime: Yasmine and Olive

Cherry: Lev and Violet

Oak: Iris and Briana

Elm: Thea and Zachary

Willow: Gracie and Piper

## Learning together in Year 2

What a surprise when we arrived at school to find someone had been camping in our outside area. Year 2 used their detective skills to work out the gear must belong to an explorer...and used our geographical knowledge to discover they must have been to a polar region on an expedition! We will be finding out more about the life of this famous explorer over the coming weeks.



The Robot and Bluebird features travels across a cold place too. We have been learning through this beautiful story with the aim to be able to use dialogue in our own writing.



Our diamante poems featured a bird...but also a fish! We worked collaboratively to think of nouns, verbs and adjectives to describe these animals to use in our poems.



Year 2 have really enjoyed making arrays to help see the relationship between multiplication and division.

