



Dear Parents,

I have been asked to write this week's newsletter introduction and it is a great pleasure as this week has been one for reflection and commemoration. Our Year 2 Remembrance Assembly paid tribute to all those who fought in the wars. It also reflected upon the great work of Florence Nightingale and her contribution to nursing and hospitals. The children's confidence, enthusiasm and team work are an absolute joy to watch. Their singing of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' is also incredibly moving. If you haven't watched the assembly yet, I would encourage you to view it on Google Classroom. Well done Year 2 and thank you for such a fantastic assembly.

On Tuesday the school became a 'Knight School' as Year 1 held their infamous 'Knights Day'! It was great to see the children all dressed up and in character learning about castle buildings and the people who lived and worked in and around them. I saw some superb jesters hats and shields being made too!

I have also been incredibly impressed by the knowledge of Reception children about what happened to the Gingerbread man this week. They have been learning the story through actions, story maps, sequencing and retelling. Great work Reception!

Thank you for your support for Children in Need mufti today. We are counting the donations so we will announce the total raised in the next newsletter.

Wishing you all a happy weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Miss Jones (Deputy Headteacher) and the Milford Team

Funtime Theatre Pantomime

The Milford Friends have arranged a variety of unique events for the coming weeks. Hopefully you will have received and seen their newsletter sent out recently via email. A big thank you to all that are putting themselves forward and taking things on to benefit our school. We will have access to a pantomime performance between 7th to 18th December and are very excited about it! Thank you!

Parking

Please **do not** park in the staff car park at any time. We have very limited space for our staff currently. As a school, we have worked with Surrey and Waverley Borough Council to secure parking permits for the public car park opposite Co-op (next to the doctors surgery) so there is no excuse for using the school grounds to park. If you need a permit, please request one. Please also refrain from using the zig zagged area at the front of the school.

Diary Dates

Tues 17.11.20	Year 1 parents maths workshop (tbc)
Fri 11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day (Christmas jumper + normal uniform)
Fri 18.12.20	Last Day of term early finish t
Mon 04.01.21	School re-opens

Thurs 14.1.21	Pied Piper Theatre performance
Mon 15.02.20—Fri 19.02.20	Half-term
Fri 26.02.21	Inset Day
Mon 04.04.21— Fri 16.04.21	Easter Holidays
Fri 28.05.21	Inset Day
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term

Year 2 Junior School Transfer 2021-2022

Please note that, as from Monday 2nd November, you are able to apply for Year 2 Junior School Transfer application by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. and the deadline is **Friday 15th**

January 2021. 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.

Primary School Admission for the academic year 2021-2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you will need to apply for a place for him/her to start school.

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School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears our school uniform each day. Lots of children do this and they look really smart and show great pride - look smart, feel smart! Recently though quite a few children have not been wearing appropriate footwear. Please ensure that your child wears footwear in line with our policy as follows: The most important item of our school uniform is the school sweatshirt or cardigan. Children are permitted to wear the grey, school logo sweatshirt or cardigan only. Other items are:

white blouse, shirt or polo shirt

grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

green and white checked dress

grey or white socks

black shoes of a sturdy, sensible style for safety at play times (no logos or trainers).

For PE the children should wear a green Milford t-shirt and navy or black shorts with plimsolls or trainers. During winter it would be a good idea to send in a jumper or hoodie in case the children are doing outdoor PE.

Pantomime—Godalming Borough Hall

Surrey's only pantomime this year, Beauty and the Beast will be held in Godalming's Borough Hall from 12 -26 December (various show times) Full information at GodalmingPanto.com

Class Home Learning E-mail addresses

Please use the following e-mail addresses to share home learning when isolating or otherwise.

Lime: limehomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Elm: elmhomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Beech: beechhomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Cherry: cherryhomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Oak: oakhomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Willow: willowhomelearning@milford.surrey.sch.uk

Lockdown Procedures—School Office

Please avoid coming to the school office to drop off waterbottles, PE kits, hats etc. during the day. Any letters, correspondence etc. may be posted through the letterbox next to the main door. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Gaming

It has again come to my attention that many of our children are accessing games that are not age appropriate outside of school. Many of these games include language and social features that pose a significant risk to our children. Some games such as Minecraft have privacy settings that can make them more safe relatively simply. The themes within this game can be wholly appropriate for our children if monitored and set up correctly. Other games such as Fortnite/PUBG do have such safeguards in place, hence why they have a much higher age rating. Your children can and probably will, be exposed to inappropriate themes and language within these games, so I urge you to find an alternative with more child friendly elements. As a parent myself I do understand that many youtube videos, toys and items of clothing are promoting these games and it can be difficult to say no when children believe their friends may also be accessing such content. If we all take the line that we will follow age guidance and choose to keep our children safe from such games, the argument will already be won.

Some links to help you provide a safe internet experience for your children are:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-safety-guide/>

Star of the Week 23.10.20

Elm

Stanley: For being an excellent learning partner who is kind and thoughtful; a true role model

Saskia: For always showing respect to others by listening.

Lime

Ava: For showing amazing resilience in her learning and wonderful creative ideas for her mixed up fairy tale.

Ronnie: For being such a keen learner and for making excellent choices. A super member of the Lime Team!

Beech

Stephen: For sharing your ideas and asking great questions when Derek Redmond visited our school.

Mia: For fantastic, multi-coloured spellings in Beech Class!

Cherry

Stanley: For his fantastic vegetable pebble.

Albie: For showing respect for his environment.

Oak

Alfie: For always being enthusiastic in everything he does. We are especially impressed with his progress in phonics and reading.

Malachi: For always being an excellent role model. Also this week Malachi made really good progress in reading.

Willow

Anneliese: For showing amazing resilience, listening carefully to next steps and being a kind, respectful member of Willow Class.

Lachie:

For being a heroic helper, a keen learner and for making excellent choices and contributions at carpet time.

Star of the Week 05.11.20

Elm

Jessica: For awesome maths and for challenging yourself!

Esme: For your excellent writing this week.

Lime

Lauren: For always doing her best, being a good listener and making great contributions in class.

Jack C: For always being hard working, enthusiastic and ready to accept the challenge.

Beech

Faris: For super effort in your reading and writing leading to great progress.

Arla: For always trying your best in everything that you do.

Cherry

Ashley: For his wonderful firework painting.

Harper: For working hard to improve her Reading

Oak

Anna: For always trying her best in all she does and excellent learning in phonics

Oliver: For being an excellent role-model and good friend and for always participating well at carpet time.

Willow

Esther: For great effort during our phonics game and writing her name beautifully on her super shape firework rocket

George: For practicing his sight words and trying hard to be the 'boss of his pencil' during our Pen Pals handwriting session

Year 2 News

Year 2 have been learning about what life was like in the war.

They performed respectfully in the remembrance assembly, sharing their learning about Florence Nightingale. They moved us all by singing the song 'Keep the home fires burning'. In class they have been learning about other famous nurses Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.



After the assembly Year 2 had a 'War time Rationing' cookery lesson from Miss Jones and Mrs Ward. They helped make and tasted potato cakes. There was a mixed reaction from the children some loved them while others thought they tasted disgusting!

