



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week closer to Christmas break and another week of exciting learning across the school, with Year 2 working on their instructional writing with a twist. I'm looking forward to seeing their end product.

The children have been thinking of exciting stalls and games for our Christmas fair today too. Some creative ideas were shared and will be in the hall today. A big thank you to our staff, children and the Milford Friends for pulling together the fair to raise money for the school.

We are looking ahead to our Christmas performances too and can't wait to share them with parents and grandparents. The stage is up and the lights will be going up over the weekend!

I hope you have a good weekend.

Mr Stear and All at Milford

## Diary Dates

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| 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                                    |
| Fri 10.02.23       |         | Inset Day  |
| Mon 13.02—17.02.23 |         | Half term Holiday                                    |
| Fri 31.03.23       |         | Last day of term                                     |

### **Star of the Week 18.11.22**

Beech: Margot and Lewis

Cherry: Maggie and Oli

Elm: Ben S and Anna

Lime: Josh and Amelia

Oak: Phoebe and Marnie

Willow: Leo and Dennis

### **Star of the Week 25.11.22**

Beech: Sam and Pippa

Cherry: Eloise, Elva and Fin

Elm: Alice and Oliver

Lime: Marcus and Jack

Oak: Fern and Bentley

Willow: Erin and Hudson

### **Children In Need**

We raised £206 for Children in Need. Thanks for all your kind donations.

### **Library Books**

Can you please return all library books to the school by Wednesday 7th December. There will be a box outside the main doors in the morning for you to drop them off.

The children will not be bringing home any more library books until after Christmas.

### **Coats**

Please ensure always that your child has a coat with them for outdoor play, particularly during the cold weather.

### **Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 9th December**

Children can wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform on Thursday 8th December. Please bring a suggested contribution of £1 for

Save the Children.

### **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.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Squires Garden Centre for, once again, providing our Christmas tree this year. This will be up in School Hall for children to enjoy from next week onwards.

### **Christmas Cards**

There will be a red postbox outside the main entrance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends from Monday 5th December. Please remember to put the child's full name and class on the envelope. The deadline for posting is Monday 12th December.

### **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.

### Wonderful Year One!

This half term we have been learning all about castles, culminating in our magnificent Castle Day last Friday. The children took part in various activities at 'Milford Knight School' and everyone completed these tasks successfully so were officially dubbed as knights by Lady Bonser and Lady Heslop!





The children have built castles out of various materials including Numicon(!) and have even created a collaborative abstract piece called 'Castle and Sun' based on the work of artist Paul Klee.



In addition, we have visited St John's Church and explored how a church is different to other buildings and learnt about different religious symbols.





We have also been welcomed at Rodborough for a very successful Multi Skills Festival put on by their Year 10 Sports Leaders. Many thanks again to all of our lovely parent helpers for making these trips possible!



Finally, in Science this half term, we have been focusing on developing a sense of awe and wonder as well as developing our scientific skills. We have been observing closely, making predictions and testing our ideas. Here we were trying to see if playdoh would always sink... Please ask the children about the results (and not just the mess 😊!)

