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# Milford Mail



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, MR STEAR!

A very big THANK YOU to our "Local Hero" and fantastic Headteacher for all you have done for Milford School, its' children, families and staff. We wish you all the very best in your new school.  
Love from everyone at Milford School



Dear Parents/Carers,

My final Milford newsletter!

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support, encouragement and kindness I have felt every single day at Milford. It seems only yesterday that I began here (September 2016!) I am so proud of each and every child and staff member that has walked through the doors of this special place over the years and have made an imprint on the lives of the community we serve. I'm incredibly grateful to our Governors, both past and present for their contributions and most of all for giving me the chance to be the custodian of the school. Milford will always hold a special place in my heart and I will continue watching from afar at how things keep moving forward and on to bigger and better things over the coming years.

The appointments of Mr Gavin Dutton for the Summer Term and Mrs Sara Cox as substantive Head from September are fantastic news for the school and both are of a high calibre and have significant experience of Headship between them. I know the staff are excited to begin the next chapter for the school and both Gavin and Sara are eager to begin their work with the whole community.

I wish you a brilliant Easter break.

Thank you.

Mr Stear and All at Milford School

### **Start of Term Arrangements**

School will re-open at 8.55am on Tuesday 18th April.

### **Innovate**

Please sign up on Innovate for meals for the Spring term by Saturday 15th April.

### **Bookbags**

We have noticed that some children are bringing their reading books in a backpack to school. Unfortunately we do not have room to accommodate large bags and we ask that children use their school bookbag to transport their books as these fit in our storage. We have some second hand book bags available for £1 should anyone require one.

### **Clubs for the Summer Term**

Multi Sports (360 Sports Education):

*Mon 24 April—Mon 17 July (3.10-4.10pm)*

Boogie Pumps

*Tuesday 18 April— Tuesday 11 July (3.05—4.05pm)*

Football (360 Sports Education)

*Thurs 20 April—Thursday 20 July (3.05—4.10pm)*

Please see website for links on how to book these clubs.

### **Safety on the School Grounds**

Can we please ask that you supervise your children at all times when on the premises. This includes not climbing on walls, staying off the bank and play equipment in the playground. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

**Star of the Week 17.03.23**

Beech:	Lewis and Lily
Cherry:	Alby, Florence and David
Elm:	Jack and Holly
Lime:	Marcus and Charlie
Oak:	Phoebe and Ben
Willow:	Albie and George

**Star of the Week 24.03.23**

Beech:	Nell and Henry
Cherry:	Indie and Violet
Elm:	Louis and Karolina
Lime:	Jack and George
Oak:	Florence, Flynn and Bea
Willow:	Thomas and Daphne

**Star of the Week 31.03.23**

Beech:	Millie and Isla	Lime:	Emilia and Theo
Cherry:	Dexter and Oli	Oak:	Marianne and Fern
Elm:	Malachi and Freddie	Willow:	Annie, Cali and Imogen

**Diary Dates**

Mon 03.04.23—14.04.23	Easter Holidays
Mon 17.04.23	Inset Day
Tues 18.04.23	First day of Summer term
Tues 25.04.23	Class group Photos (Year 2 to wear school uniform, not PE kit)
Mon 01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
Mon 08.05.23	Coronation Bank Holiday
Mon 22.05.23	Year R to Bridworld
Fri 26.05.23	Inset Day
Mon 29.05—Fri 02.06	Half term Holiday
Tues 13.06.23	Year 2 to Marwell Zoo
Wed 28.06.23	Year 1 to Bluereef Aquarium
Tues 11.07.23	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Thurs 13.07.23	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Mon 17.07.23	Lime Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Wed 19.07.23	Elm Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Fri 21.07.23	Last day of term
Fri 01.09.23	Inset Day

## **Governors Update**

Dear Parents

This has been a busy term.

We say goodbye to Mr Stear and wish him well and every success in his new school. We would like to thank him for his energy and commitment that he has shown to our school. He has kept us up to date on the advances in education and the new government strategies.

We welcome Mr Gavin Dutton as our interim Head teacher and look forward to working with him.

Next term there will be vacancy for a parent governor and the ballot will be announced in due course.

There are other vacancies within the governing body. Our roles include monitoring the finance, curriculum, safeguarding, staff welfare, SEN and recruiting. Please contact us if you would like to support our community school.

Should you not want to be a governor you could help in other ways, such as listening to children read.

We would like to thank all of the staff who helped us through this hectic term.

Mrs Maureen Holland and Mrs Melanie Isherwood ( Co-Chairs of Governors).

## **Thank You to Chris Berry—Chair of The Friends**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Berry our fantastic Chair of the Friends (PTA).

Chris has been Chair since 2020 and has been instrumental in some amazing fundraising efforts, through lockdowns and then bringing us all back together again with the very successful Summer fair last year. He's kept a community spirit alive within our school as well as raising much needed funds. We also have Chris to thank for the refurbishment of our Library when it moved in to the Hub, as well as setting up an online shop for ticket sales and purchasing things like Christmas cards and tea towels. The impact of all of his work and the support he received from you all, has been huge and we are thankful for all of the energy, organisation and commitment brought to the school.

Chris is soon to be stepping down so we're in need of another parent (or parents) to take on this exciting and rewarding role. Please pop in to the Office if you're interested, there is a great team of Reps and Staff in place to support you.

Kind Regards

Mr Stear and all at Milford School



## Year R News

Wow what a 'super' ending to our Superheroes topic! Today our little Superheroes graduated from our Superhero School.

This term in Year R we have been busy learning through some fabulous texts. We have had some real-life Superheroes visiting from the emergency services to talk about how they help people.



This week we have been talking about the importance of friendships and working together, sharing and negotiating. We read 'On Sudden Hill' by Linda Sarah and Benji Davies. We empathised (our value this term!) with how the characters were feeling and what we could do to help them.

Here are some photos of Oak and Willow creating their amazing box designs.

