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# Milford Mail



Dear Parents,

I wanted to begin by thanking everyone for the warm welcome I have received at Milford so far this term, especially the eggs gifted to me on my first day by Lucas in year 2! I have tried to get outside on the gates as much as possible in my first two weeks and say good morning, so if you see me do come over and have a chat.

I have spent lots of time meeting with staff who have helped me get to grips with the day-to-day aspects of the school, met lots of children who have shown me fabulous learning and led my first assembly last week. I shared 5 facts about me, perhaps you can ask your son/daughter if they can remember any of them?

I have also spent time this week with the governors and meeting the GLP Heads as preparations are made for transition of pupils for next year. My intention each week is to be in school for some time at least 4 days a week as I split my time between Milford and my other school Pirbright, but I am being ably supported by Mrs Ward and Miss Jones who between them have everything covered and they are being supported by all the other fantastic teachers.

This week sees the first of two Bank Holidays, so I hope the weather is glorious and that you have a chance to enjoy the outdoors! Tuesday sees the second of the two Industrial Actions Days by teachers, so I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

Have a good weekend

Mr. D

## Year 2 SATs

Year 2 will be taking the end of Key Stage 1 SATs in Maths and Reading during May. We will be referring to them as quizzes. They are short and will form a low-key part of our daily lessons in the familiar classroom setting. The results are designed to give us added insight into your child's progress and substantiate what we already know from their regular classwork. Please do not worry, you do not need to do anything at home beyond continuing to read daily and complete Home Learning activities. Our main priority is that the children are happy and relaxed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the Year 2 team.

## Free School Meals Eligibility and Armed Forces

Although all infant school children are eligible for a free school meal, it is still important to us that we are able to identify who would qualify for pupil premium funding. This would entitle you to school meal vouchers and access to free sports clubs throughout the holiday periods. You or your child's information is not given to anyone else but is used purely for the school to be able to claim the premium. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their pupils. Please request a form from the school office even if you are not sure whether you are eligible.

### Star of the Week 21.04.23

Beech:	Alice and Miley	Lime:	Joshua and Lucie
Cherry:	Indie, Joshua and William	Oak:	Freddie B and Isaac G
Elm:	Isaac B and Esmae	Willow:	Joey and Archie

#### Inset Days Academic Year 2023-2024

Friday 1 September 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023  
Friday 9 February 2024  
Monday 15 April 2024  
Friday 24 May 2024

#### Milford Village Fete—Saturday 10th June

We are delighted to be invited to participate in the Village Fete again this year. We are inviting the whole school to join us to sing and perform our dance together. If you can make it we'd love to see you there! Further details on timing will be sent to you in due course but please keep Saturday 10th June free!

Mon 01.05.23	May Bank Holiday
Mon 08.05.23	Coronation Bank Holiday
Mon 22.05.23	Year R to Birdworld
Fri 26.05.23	Inset Day
Mon 29.05—Fri 02.06	Half term Holiday
Sat 10.06.23	Milford Village Fete
Tues 13.06.23	Year 2 to Marwell Zoo
Wed 28.06.23	Year 1 to Bluereef Aquarium
Friday 30.06.23	Sports Day—1.15pm
Friday 07.07.23	Reserve Sports Day—1.15pm
Tues 11.07.23	Oak Class to Tuesley Farm
Thurs 13.07.23	Willow Class to Tuesley Farm
Thurs 13.07.23	Year 2 Leaver's Play 2-3pm
Fri 14.07.23	Year 2 Leaver's Play 9.15-10.15am
Mon 17.07.23	Parent Helper Afternoon Tea 2-3pm
Mon 17.07.23	Lime Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Wed 19.07.23	Elm Class to Henley Fort (Climbing)
Thurs 20.07.23	Party for Year 2 Leavers
Fri 21.07.23	Last day of term
Fri 01.09.23	Inset Day

## Year 2 News

Year 2 have kicked off our 'Wild!' topic with some pretty wild made up excuses in our Talk for Writing story 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. The children have been acting out the story, including making some wonderful props, which was great fun. They can't wait to make up their own wild excuses for how they 'got a bad knee' in their own action-packed story writing.



Our learning in science has been on Food chains. I always thought of humans as top of the food chain until the children reminded me I could be eaten by a shark!



In Geography we are comparing the UK to a non-European country. We have chosen to find out about Japan. Japan has inspired us in our art, where we are drawing and painting Sakura, which is Cherry Blossom. In Japan they celebrate Hanami, which means flower viewing. Viewing cherry blossom trees is an important part of Japanese culture.

