

SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new School Year at Milford. I hope you all enjoyed your Summer and found some sunshine somewhere! We are all looking forward to having another successful year at Milford.

Reading & Diaries

Our children did brilliantly with their reading last year so we know what we are doing is working. I know that completing the reading diaries everyday with your children is a challenge at times but it really does work! Please keep encouraging your children to read, write and talk about their books.

Parental Feedback

Thank you to all of you who completed questionnaires at the end of last year. While there was a high degree of satisfaction from you, there are still areas for us to work on; like notice of events, communication, after-school clubs and safety which are always areas of concern.

- Information - Please look out for details of events and information in our newsletters, website (www.milfordprimary.org.uk) and Sharon Ford's board at the back of class 3. Each class also displays useful information for Parents.
- After-School Clubs - Please see attached list of clubs for your information. We also have our new M.O.O.S.E. (Milford Out Of School Experience). Mrs Bell and Mrs Sanderson are running an out of school care club that is open to all of the children from Reception through to Year 6. Children attending will be charged £6.00 per session and the group runs from 3.15-5.45p.m. It is OFSTED affiliated and you will be able to claim tax

credits towards the child care. The children will be given a variety of activities and a meal. If you are interested in applying for a place, please contact Mrs Bell - telephone number 07791 976233.

- Safety - We will be working with our Governors to do everything we can to make our school as safe as it can be. Please help us by informing your child's teacher how they are to be collected and provide us with your up-to-date contact numbers. This would be a great help.

School Dinners

Please continue to help the office by paying for school dinners in advance with the correct money on a Monday (cheque or cash). Current costs are £7.50 for the week or £1.50 a day. Unfortunately due to rising costs the prices after half-term in November will be £1.60 per day or £8.00 per week.

School Uniform

School uniform is available from the school office. A price list is available upon request. Please ensure you label all items of uniform with your child's name and class.

Water Bottles

Please send children to school with a water bottle. It really helps their learning if they keep hydrated during the day. Please note that children from Year 3 onwards are not given milk or fruit at school, however children are welcome to bring fruit from home to eat at break-time.

Parental Support

Parental support makes a huge difference in our school. If you would like to be more involved in school or meet up with other parents please come to Sharon Ford's coffee mornings on Thursdays or our Parent and Toddler Group on a Friday afternoon in the Junior Hall.

School Improvements

UPVC double glazed windows have now been installed throughout the school and we also have a new ICT Suite in the Junior block. We have a school building to be proud of and we can give our increasing number of children the education they deserve.

Meet The Teacher Meetings

I hope you will have had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher at their meetings. If not, please arrange to see them at a time of your convenience. Your understanding of how we work with your children is really helpful for you and for them.

School Holidays and INSET Days

Please see attached list of holiday dates and INSET days for your information.

Productions

There are new arrangements this year for class productions at Christmas, Easter and the end of the year. Foundation Stage and K.S.1 will be putting on a Nativity play, K.S.2, classes 8 & 9 will be putting on a Christmas production whilst Lower K.S.2, classes 6, 7 and 8 will be performing a play at Easter and Year 6 will also be performing a leaver's production in the Summer. This will ensure that every child has the opportunity to be fully involved in a production.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher