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# Milford Mail



Dear Parents,

It's been a privilege to be a small part of Milford Infants over the last term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time, getting to know children and adults, everyone has been so welcoming! I loved taking part in assemblies, seeing the class ones, being part of Sports Day and seeing the Year 2 show as well as welcoming our new parents to Milford for next year.

It has been a fabulous experience and there will be a little bit of me that will always be keeping an eye on you from afar.

However, today is the time to celebrate and recognise all the children - those that are moving on to pastures new (Good Luck), those that have completed their first year in school (Good job!) and those that are about to step up to the top of the school (Enjoy!). It's also a time to acknowledge all the effort that is poured into this fabulous school by everyone associated with it. Personally, and on behalf of everyone involved, I'd like to thank all the staff for keeping the good ship Milford on course and sailing during a difficult term.

I hope that your new headteacher will keep me in the loop next year and I might even get the chance to pop back, but otherwise it is thank you and goodbye from me. Have a wonderful summer break and I know that Milford will be going from strength to strength next year

Mr D  
Gavin Dutton  
Interim Head Teacher  
Milford Infant School

## Thank you to Chris Berry and The Friends

At Milford, we are very lucky to have such a supportive community and we are incredibly grateful to The Friends for everything they do for our school. Our Chair of Friends, Chris Berry, is stepping down from his role today and handing over the reins to Natalie Soden. On behalf of the Milford Team - children, staff and parents - we would like to say a huge thank you to you Chris. You have successfully led The Friends during your time as Chair to organise all manner of fundraising events particularly reinstating two very successful summer fairs post covid and the highlight being the refurbishment of the library. Best wishes to you for the future and welcome to you Natalie! We are looking forward to 2023 and beyond!

## Dates:

Fri 01.09.23	Inset Day
Mon 04.09.23	First Day of Term for Year 1 and Year 2
Mon 23.10-Fri 27.10	Half term Holiday
Mon 30.10.23	Inset Day
Fri 15.12.23	Last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Milford Infant School. It is a privilege to have been appointed by the school Governors and entrusted with the job of leading such a fantastic school.

Having worked as a school leader in the local area for many years I already know Milford Infants to be the wonderful school that it is serving its community, providing a good education which is underpinned by the values of grow, learn, believe, achieve; values which I whole heartedly adhere to.

Professionally I have amassed twenty-eight years of teaching across all Primary Phases; Early Years, Key Stage 1 and 2, in a wide range of schools from inner city London to small village infant church schools. For the last 3 years, I have been a successful Headteacher in a nearby Surrey Infant School. I am passionate about children's education and have specialist interests in science, mathematics and special educational needs. I sincerely believe in the benefits of children being up 'off their seats', active and preferably outside. I am ambitious for the school to continue its good work where the needs of children and families are at the heart. Mr. Dutton and I have been meeting regularly over the summer term to hand over school information and include me in decision making. I have met with governors and nearly the whole school team and I am looking forward to joining in September.

From my experience I know that a successful and happy school depends on excellent relationships between home and school. Milford Infants has an excellent reputation, and parents make an essential contribution to pupil achievement. I am keen to get to know you all and your children and look forward to meeting you, so please do come and say hello when you see me around the school.

Beyond the school gates I have two, now grown up, children and in my spare time I enjoy scuba diving and horse-riding and over the summer holidays, if the winds are right, I am hoping to learn to kite surf, wish me luck!

I hope you all have a lovely summer break with your families.

Warmest of wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Cox', followed by a period.

Miss Sara Cox  
Headteacher



## **Congratulations to the recipients of our Year 2 Awards!**

### **Morris Maths Award**

Zac and Marcus

### **Mindset Award**

Louis and Pip

### **Davidson Community Spirit Award**

Freddie and Charlie

### **Creativity Award**

Isaac and Ava

### **Mrs Lees Library Award**

Matilda and Yasmine



### **Star of the Week 30.06.23**

Beech: Elliot and Heyan

Cherry: David and Rae

Lime: Teddy and Ellie

Elm: Holly and Robert

Oak: Marnie and Callie

Willow: Finley and Leo

### **Star of the Week 07.07.23**

Beech: Lewis and Emily

Cherry: Ava, Riley and Aidan

Lime: Marcus and Chloe

Elm: Jack and Ben

Oak: Zephy and Flynn

Willow: Dennis and Isla

### **Star of the Week 14.07.23**

Beech: Miley and Lily

Cherry: Aaron and Elliott

Lime: Jack and Olive

Elm: Benjamin and Rory

Oak: Freddie M and Flo

Willow: Hudson and Cali

### **Star of the Week 21.07.23**

Beech: Ted and Penny

Cherry: Eva and Violet

Lime: Emilia and Lucinda

Elm: Karolina and Malachi

Oak: Jack and Ben

Willow: Grace and Imogen



## Maths Café

Thank you to everyone who came along and made our first ever Maths Café a great success. We hope to make this an annual event.



## Fruit Fun at the Farm!

Last week, both Reception classes spent a fun filled day at ~~Tuesley~~ Tuesley Farm. We had enormous amounts of fun being driven around the farm by a tractor! We picked loads of delicious fruit – strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. Our day was topped off by a trip to the playground where we had fun on the zip wire, swings and slides.





Both Elm and Lime had a fantastic day out at Henley Fort this week. They showed courage, teamwork and problem solving skills. Such a fabulous way to celebrate the end of their time at Milford School.

We wish all our Year Two children best of luck for the future.



## Year 1

What an amazing year we have had here in Year One. After a fun week of sea life dioramas, we ended the year with a day all about Mary Anning. The children loved hearing her story and found her discoveries very impressive. Throughout the day we had a selection of activities ranging from fossil collaging, sketching and colouring. There were matching activities and many dinosaur related projects. By far, the children enjoyed making their own fossils the most!

