



# Milford News

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## Happy New Year!

We are now two weeks into the Spring term but I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year once again. The children have returned to school this term brilliantly – the attitude to learning and behaviour across school has generally been excellent – well done to everyone for this!

## COVID-19 update / impact

With the very high number of positive cases across the country we are experiencing positive cases within school – we inform families if there is a positive case within a class confirmed and ask that you use lateral flow test devices to support us with identifying further cases. The government are again changing the isolation requirements from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature, from Monday, 17 January.
- Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.

We have also had some positive cases confirmed for staff members so, like all schools, have been challenged by this – we are using supply staff where needed and being flexible with our own staff to ensure we can keep all classes / areas of school open. For children isolating we have prepared learning packs and these are available on our Seesaw learning platform / app – please speak to a staff member if unsure about how to access Seesaw.

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[www.milfordacademy.org.uk](http://www.milfordacademy.org.uk)

### **Reading reminders!**

Please ensure your child has their 'reading diary' with them every day in school and encourage them to make sure they bring their school reading book home each day to share with you.

KS2 (Yr3-6) library books are now coming home and these also need to be brought back into school regularly- books are changed or renewed weekly/fortnightly. Each year group has a named library day...

Library days are: Yr3 Monday Yr4 Tuesday Yr6 Wednesday and Yr5 Thursday.

**Finally, can we please ask that you have a good look at home for any school / library books – they will be stamped ones and return these to school.**

### **Spring term Sports clubs**

The Spring term Sports clubs running are listed below and began this week. These club will be running until the Easter holidays, there will be no clubs on the week commencing 28th March.

Monday- Year 5/6 Mixed Football

Tuesday - Year 3 Me vs Me challenge

Year 5 handball

Wednesday - Year 2 Multisport

Thursday - Year 4 Athletics

Year 5 'This Girl Can'

Friday - Year 6 'This Girl Can' -

KS2 Boccia and New Age Kurling

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### **More sports news!**

On Wednesday, 15 children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school at the City School Cross Country event. Girls and boys ran separately, all finishing in the top 60 of their category.

A special mention to Jaya (Yr 6) who finished 11th in the girls' race, sadly missing out on qualifying for the next round as the top ten go through. A huge congratulation to Joel (Yr 5) who finished second in the Year 5 and 6 boys' race. This is amazing and even more impressive as there were well over 100 children in this race! Joel has qualified for the next round, which is the county championships, taking place in February.

In Spring 2, we have lots of football fixture for both our boys and girls team. If you are in Year 5 and 6 and would like to begin playing football please seek out Mr Woodward and Miss Robinson for a letter to join the club.

Our Sports Leaders are running lunchtime activities for LKS2 children on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The activities are designed to be fun and active.

Just to remind families that children who have their ears pierced should remove piercing before PE or should bring tape/coverings from home to cover them. Long hair should be tied up, bobbles and clips to be brought in from home. Where possible and when appropriate, lessons or part of lessons will be outdoors. Please ensure that children have appropriate warm clothing in school – joggers, hoodie, trainers etc...

### **Bagel breakfast!**

We have recently signed up to a partnership with the National School Breakfast Programme which is funded by the Department for Education and run by Family Action to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day. As part of this programme, we are trialling offering all children in Year 5 and Year 6 a bagel before they start the day to set up our children to succeed and give them the very best chance to learn. The children are certainly enjoying starting their school day with a warm bagel!

### **Behaviour system changes**

Mr Turner and Mrs Butler have been working hard in the Autumn term to make changes to our behaviour policy and systems that we use in and across school – keep an eye out for a separate letter explaining all of this to you – many new exciting rewards and systems will soon be in place!

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