



Milford News

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Hi everyone – firstly I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the Milford community for their kind words and support during my first half-term as Headteacher at this wonderful school. I've enjoyed every minute of it and cannot wait to move the school forward! It has been a whirlwind so far but I have plenty of ideas for the near future to make us the very best school in Clifton!

Mr Turner.

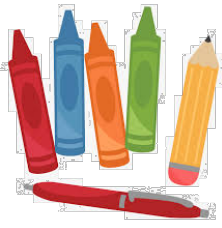
Staffing updates

I am delighted to announce that from September, we will have a new **Deputy Headteacher - Kieran Matthews**. Kieran has worked in Clifton for around 5 years now at another local school, so he has a great understanding of our community and will be a great asset to the team.

We also have a new **SENDCO** that will be joining us, to replace Mrs Wallace who left us at Easter. **Laura Hardy** will be taking on her role. Laura has a fantastic knowledge of special educational needs and will be vital in ensuring all our children get the support they are entitled to.

However, it is with a heavy heart that we must say goodbye to members of staff too. **Mrs Clarke**, who worked with our Year 6s, has left to take on an exciting teaching role at another school. **Mrs Hickling**, who has been at Milford for over 10 years, will also be leaving us on the 1st July. Although we are sad to see her leave, she has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at another school. This is a fantastic opportunity for her; good luck to both from everyone at Milford!

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School Hours

Due to recent government changes, we have to alter our school opening hours to ensure we comply with the legal requirements.

From **Monday June 3rd 2024**, please see the hours below (thankfully, it has not affected us too much!)

08.35 – school gates will open

08.40 – classroom doors will open

08.45 – start of the school day

08.50 – doors will shut.

Anyone arriving after this will be given a late mark and will need to go to the main reception.

The school day will continue to finish at 3.15.

MOOSE After-school club

Due to rising costs, from June 3rd we will be increasing the cost of our MOOSE after-school club from £8 a session to £10 a session. Whilst we do not want to do this, we will still be making a loss on the sessions but it is unsustainable to keep it at the current price. This is still cheaper than other, local alternatives. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Mr Turner, Mrs Walker-Jones or Mrs Butler.

Reminders

- Please remember **we a dog-free site**. This is for the safety of all on site, as well as some members of our school community having allergies. **This includes carrying dogs too**
- Please do not ride scooters or bikes on site, we have already had numerous accidents which have resulted in us already shutting the gate on the playground
- Please do not walk down the main drive towards the school reception. The barrier is there for the safety of all, not to walk under!
- Our new Arbor app will be coming into force from the 3rd June. This will replace the current School Gateway app. Please speak to the school office if you have any issues with this.



Important Dates

We have a busy half-term coming up. It is definitely my favourite time of the year! Please see below important events that will be taking place during the last 8 weeks of term.

Tuesday 11th June – Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Year 3 and 4) – AM

Tuesday 11th June – Upper Key Stage 2 Sport Day (Year 5 and 6) – PM

Wednesday 12th June – Reception Sports Day – AM

Wednesday 12th June – Key Stage 1 Sports Day (Year 1 and 2) – PM

Tuesday 18th June – Class photos

Friday 21st June – MESU and Nursery Sports Day – time TBC

Thursday 27th June – Summer Fayre

Friday 28th June – **INSET Day – SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

Week beginning 1st July – Year 6 transition days (days vary for each secondary school, please check with them for specific dates)

Tuesday 2nd July – Milford Class Swap Day – meet new teachers etc.

Thursday 11th July – EYFS Family Trip to Twycross Zoo

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th July – Y4 Residential trip to Castleton

Tuesday 23rd July – Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 23rd July – Year 6 End of Year Performance (PM)

Wednesday 24th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

Wednesday 24th July – End of Year Reports handed out

Friday 26th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 26th July – **End of the school year**

Specific dates for events will be shared closer to the time.



School activities

Over this half term, **Year 4** have been learning about leading a healthy lifestyle and the importance of eating a balanced diet. It's been a busy few weeks whilst we've: planted and tasted our own leafy greens, taste-tested the ingredients for our frittata, practised our cutting, slicing and chopping skills and baked our very own frittata. Great work Year 4!



Year 2 have been learning about The Stone Age this half term and all really enjoyed taking part in our Stone Age Day. Some of the activities of the day included: painting using berries, mud and grass (just as they would have done all those years ago!), having a drumming workshop using Djembes in our den (which we turned into a cave!) and pretending to be archaeologists by excavating chocolate chips from cookies. We had a brilliant day and everyone looked fantastic - thank you to all families for your amazing effort!



Year 6 have completed their SATs tests this half-term. It is a really challenging week for our children (and staff!) but we are so proud of all of our Year 6s. They pushed themselves, gave it their all and had a few nice treats to celebrate at the end of the week. They have definitely earned their half-term break! Well done guys!

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