



Milford News

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Hi everyone – we've made it! We are at the end of the academic year and what a year it has been. I would like to take a moment to wish all of our families a happy (and hopefully a drier) summer. It has been another busy year with lots of activities and events happening and I think that the children have earned a good rest! We look forward to the break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 2nd September**.

Mr Turner.

Staffing updates

As announced in the last newsletter, starting in September, we have our new Deputy Headteacher **Mr Matthews**. **Miss Barker** is also joining us as our new SENDCO.

We have two new teachers also joining the team: **Mrs Freeman** in Year 2 and Miss Morris-Oldfield in Year 5. **Miss Sneath** is also joining us in our Nursery unit.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some members of staff. **Mrs Paice** is leaving us after working at Milford for a long period of time – thank you for all you have done! **Mrs Janisse** who works in Year 2 will be leaving us, securing an exciting position at another school. We will also be saying goodbye to **Miss Wignall** in Nursery who is leaving to complete her teacher training. Good luck all!

Please see below a full staffing overview for next year.

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Senior Leadership Team	
Headteacher	Mr Turner
Deputy Headteacher	Mr Matthews
Assistant Headteacher	Mrs Walker-Jones
SENDCO	Miss Hardy
Achievement Lead	Mrs Butler

Year Group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
MESU	Mrs Lane / Mrs Faulks (mornings) / Mrs Ford (afternoons)	
F1	Mrs Smith (EYFS Phase Lead)	Miss Weatherall Miss Sanderson Miss Sneath
F2	Mrs Litchfield – Penguins Miss Wilcox – Whales	Mrs Barton Mrs Madden Miss Nyhani
Year 1	Mrs Koletzki (KS1 Phase Lead) –Apia Mrs Rowe (2days) – Wellington Miss Glowacka (3 days) - Wellington	Mrs Gibson Mrs Caswell (SEN) Mrs Ford (mornings)
Year 2	Miss Harrison – Athens Mrs Freeman - Warsaw	Miss Cutts Mr Smedley
Year 3	Miss Richardson (LKS2 Phase Lead)- Santiago Miss Haslam – Brasilia	Mrs Foote Miss Burrows Mrs Maund-Henson Mrs Hormell
Year 4	Mrs Barnes - Havana Miss Cassidy - Kingston	Mr Smith Mrs Williams- Raynor (SEN)
Year 5	Mr Goff (UKS2 Phase Lead) – Nairobi Mrs Morris-Oldfield – Cairo	Miss Vaughan Mrs Cooke (SEN)
Year 6	Mrs Grainger-Groves – Tokyo Miss Brennan – Jakarta	Miss White

Additional teachers	Julie Baggle (Teacher) Jordan Woodward (Sports Coach)
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Attendance

The Milford Academy is committed to ensuring our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes and good school attendance is key to achieving this aim. There is clear evidence of the link between good attendance at school and high levels of achievement. Good attendance takes teamwork between school and families so please speak to us if there are reasons impacting on your child's absence that we need to be made aware of.

At Milford, we are disappointed that our overall attendance of 93.3% is below the national level of 94.2%. If your child's attendance drops to 90% and below, they are then classed as having persistent absence. As a result, you may have contact from myself or from our Education Welfare Officer to discuss our concerns around your child's attendance.

I would also like to remind parents about the changes to penalty notice fines for school absence. We have shared these already and they start from 19th August. Please remember: these are issued by the Local Authority and the academy does not receive the money from these.

Uniform

As we come to the end of the academic year, there are a number of children not wearing their full uniform. We understand that children may have grown out of the school shoes etc. and parents are waiting for the summer before buying new items of uniform. Please check our school website for details of our uniform requirements. We also have a rail of free pre-loved uniform, washed and in excellent condition, in the main office. Please help yourself.

Important Dates

Friday 26th July – End of the school year

Thursday August 29th – INSET DAY

Friday August 30th – INSET DAY

Monday 2nd September – Children return to school

Tuesday 10th September – Individual class photos

Other dates for the new school year will be shared after the summer holiday.



School activities

Year 4 have just returned from their 3-day residential in Castleton. Many miles were walked, rock faces were conquered, zip lines were travelled, caves were visited and ice creams were devoured! We even managed to squeeze a few hours sleep. A great time was had by both the children and staff!



Year 2

Unfortunately, due to local authority cuts, Year 2 were unable to go on their usual camping trip to Wollaton Park. However, we didn't let that stop us and decided to put on an experience at school. We had a bouncy castle, disco, McDonalds, movie and even an ice-cream van came to visit! What a night!



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EYFS Trip

Our annual family trip to Twycross Zoo was amazing! It rained a little but it didn't stop us having lots of fun! The children's favourite animals were the snow leopard, giraffes, rhinos, Amur leopard and chimpanzees. We saw the Tiger from a far distance, it was kept inside and far away!



Year 6 have now left Milford! It has been an emotional few weeks for the children but they have dealt with the transition so well and created a fantastic end of year performance – 'Panto Pandemonium'... the songs are still in my head! They also left on a massive high with their leaver's performance. Good lucky, guys! Please make sure you come back and say hello.



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Dinner Money

From September, the cost of a school dinner will increase to **£2.80 a day**, which equates to **£14.00 per week**. This is in line with other local schools.

All monies must be paid on the Monday for that week (any credits will follow on for the next weeks). **Any non-payments will result in no dinners the following week.** Your child will therefore need to bring a packed lunch.

Nursery Dinners

Nursery dinners will be increased to **£2.00 per day (£10 per week)**. This is still cheaper than other local schools. All money again must be paid on a Monday for that week, with credits rolling on to the following week.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club needs to be booked and paid for 24 hours in advance. The fees have been increased to **£3.50 per session** in September, in line with local providers.

MOOSE Club

MOOSE club also needs to be booked and paid for in advance. This will remain at **£10.00 per session**. Late pick up fee will remain at **£5 per 5 minutes late**.