

# Milton Abbot Primary School



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A warm welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your half-term. We begin this newsletter with a congratulations to Mrs. Rofe, who having worked at the school for almost five years, and following a period of sickness absence, has decided to leave Milton Abbot School to take up a post in another school. The governors would like to thank Mrs. Rofe for her hard work and commitment to the school during her time with us and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs. Rofe has written a brief note which she has asked that we share with you:

I have enjoyed the time I have spent at Milton Abbot over the past 4 and a half years and am very grateful for the wonderful opportunities I have had and memories I have made. It has been a pleasure to work with some lovely colleagues, fabulous families and of course the children I have got to know throughout the school – I will miss each one of them. These experiences will no doubt be of use as I move into a new role in another school. It is unfortunate that I have been absent from school due to being unwell, as it has meant that I have missed being part of the learning journey at Milton Abbot School, however it has been important for me to take the time to get myself back to full health. Thank you to everyone who has sent their well wishes and messages – they have been very gratefully received. Enjoy the rest of the Summer Term and the exciting learning challenges you embark upon. Remember to aim for the moon, as even if you don't reach it, you will always be amongst the stars! Best wishes, Mikaela Rofe.

We will now begin the process of appointing a new teacher for September but wish Mrs. Rofe every success and have little doubt she will do a brilliant job.

**Term Dates for 2019/20** - please find below the term dates for next academic year:

Autumn 1: Weds 4<sup>th</sup> September (School starts) until Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> October (end of term). Friday is staff training day

Autumn 2: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October (School starts) until Weds 18<sup>th</sup> December (end of term).

Spring 1: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January (School starts) until Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February (end of term).

Spring 2: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February (school starts) until Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March (end of term).

Summer 1: Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April (school starts) until Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May (end of term).

Summer 2: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June (school starts) until Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July (end of term).

**Safeguarding and Personal development:** We encourage the children to take pride in their school uniform and would ask that smart school shoes are worn into school, which means no trainers even if they are black, thank you. However, we know that if shoes fall apart this time of the academic year it can make sense to buy new ones during the summer holiday, but we would ask that you let the class teacher know if this is the situation so we don't keep asking your child where their school shoes are! Also, please be reminded that every child needs a pair of trainers to change into if they wish to play on the MUGA at lunch times - this was requested by parents, long before my time as Headteacher, because the MUGA surface quickly scuffs school shoes.

**SUMMER DATES for your SUMMER DIARY: We sent these before half-term but have added a date\***

Non-uniform day to celebrate the start of the Women's football World Cup (see below) = 7<sup>th</sup> June. **NO DONATION** needed.

Transition day - pupils will spend the morning in their new class ready for September = Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Pupil Parliament: Moor Safety Filming = Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (letter will be sent out after half-term)

Heatree Residential for Year 6 = 17<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> June (please pay any outstanding money ASAP)

Year 5 camping adventure with horse-riding, kayaking and tree-surfing = 20-21st June (pick up from 14:00)

Sports day and Vintage Summer Fayre = Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 13:00pm (back up date: 11<sup>th</sup> July)

\*Class photographs with tempest = Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - please can children be in their smartest, cleanest, shiniest school uniform!

Eagle Owls Performance afternoon show = 16<sup>th</sup> July at 13:45 evening show = 17<sup>th</sup> July, 18:00 - 19:00 with raffle

Year 6 Graduation = Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 17:00 (TBC)

Annual Reports sent home = Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Beach trip - whole school trip as part of Global Citizen Week = Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)

End of term: Celebration assembly = 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 14:00, including a fond farewell to Year 6. **LAST DAY OF TERM.**

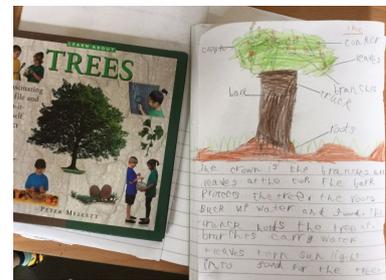
\*School returns on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please try ECOSIA as your search engine:** The Pupils' Parliament are keen to promote ECOSIA search engine as they plant trees the more people use them. Please check them out online, thank you.

## Snowy Owls News

This week we have started their new topic- Muck, Mud and Mess! This term we are looking forward to learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and observing plants grow in our garden. In science, we have labeled the different parts of a tree and written sentences about each part. On Thursday we welcomed our new Reception children into snowy owls who will be joining us in September. We had a lovely day sharing stories, games and songs together along with lots of outdoor play.

**Reminders:** This term the children will have dance sessions every Tuesday afternoon with our dance specialist, Jess Squire.



## Tawny Owls News

This week in Tawny Owls, we are very excited to start our new topic about Ancient Egyptians and have already begun thinking about Egyptian costumes, food, drink, decorations and the music that we will be having at our Egyptian banquet later in the term! Within Maths, Tawny Owls have been using the column method to add and subtract different amounts of money and in English we have started to look at newspapers and newspaper reports. Indeed, Tawny Owls will write their own newspaper reports about an Ancient Egyptian historical discovery! We have also started a new topic in Science, studying plants and different living things; we enjoyed a rather wet plant hunt around school and have assembled our own (rather large!) flower within class.

**Reminders:** This term, the Year 2 children will have dance sessions every Tuesday afternoon with our dance specialist, Jess Squire. All Tawny Owls will have Forest School on Friday afternoons too.



## Eagle Owls News

This week, and following the end of the SAT period, Eagle Owls have been getting back into sequences of work for both Maths and English. In Maths, we have been embedding our understanding of 'Position and Direction' with emphasis on coordinates, translation and reflection in different axis. In English, we have been watching a short animation called 'Alma' as a stimulus for some narrative writing. In Science, we are continuing with 'Forces' and today we have been exploring through investigating what friction is and how it affects forces on objects.

**Reminders:** Eagle Owls have one more week before Year 6 go to Heatree and Year 5 go camping. Please ensure slips and monies are sent in and then you might even start to think about what clothing you might be taking!