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# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Nurture – Inspire – Challenge*

We have been so impressed with how the children have conducted themselves over the last two weeks. The Year R nativity performances were fantastic with many parents commenting on how well the children had learnt Makaton for the songs. Our older children have been busy with Christmas singing and crafting so everyone is now ready for a rest! Thank you for all the good wishes. We hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## **School Improvement**

The scaffolding has been taken down over the course of this last week. The last of the builders' units and fencing will be removed over Christmas. It will be great to have the site back to ourselves again.

We are delighted to share that we have recruited a new Site Manager. Mr Ben Loris will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. He will get to know you all on the one-way system so please say hello!

The focus for after Christmas will be the revamping of our school library. Look out for updates from our librarians and the School Council.

The school is having a new fire alarm system fitted in the New Year. Regular fire drills are carried out so that all staff and children know what to do. Each area of school has a trained fire marshal and different scenarios are practiced to ensure procedures are fit for purpose.

We will be recruiting for a parent governor after the holidays. If you want to find out more then please speak to Mrs Ford or email the office.



Look – no scaffolding!

## **Staffing**

We are looking to recruit a Year 2 teacher to join us. We are committed to finding an empathetic individual with high expectations and a love of teaching. Our children deserve the best! The advert is linked below.

<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Class-Teacher-Mill-Rythe-Infant-School/3331>

In the interim, Ms Rowlings and Mrs Upton are going to continue to job share to give the children consistency.

## **Uniform**

We have seen an increase in the numbers of children wearing trainers into school. We understand that sometimes shoes vanish or get eaten by the dog but our uniform expectation is that all children wear black shoes. If you are in financial difficulty then please do speak to Mrs Ford or the office. All communications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Reminder – please do not send rucksacks in place of book bags. Bookbags can be stored in children's trays. Rucksacks have to be hung on coat pegs which makes access for children difficult. The exception is for clothing or items required for after school activities.

## **Reading Badges, Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars**

So many children have been reading regularly this term. We have reached amethyst so far with lemon quartz the next badge. 75% of our children have accessed Numbots and/or TT Rockstars since we introduced it.

The 18 stages in story mode are: Rust, Iron, Tin, Brass, Copper, Steel, Chrome, Glass, Tungsten, Aluminium, Kevlar, Carbon Fibre, Titanium, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond.

TT Rockstars and Numbots are great for a few minutes of calm and concentration over the Christmas period. The next round of stage certificates will be sent out after Christmas.

**Whole School attendance:** 92%



## **PTFA**

A huge thank you to our PTFA who sourced the tableware for the Christmas Lunch and ran a successful disco for the children last night. A big thank you to all who bought tickets for the raffle. We hope that all the prizes have been enjoyed.

## **Holidays and Days Out**

Term time holidays or days out will not be authorised. Children are legally obliged to be in school every day that it is open to them. Please work with us by ensuring that all appointments are made for outside school hours and that days out happen in the holidays, at weekends or on INSET days.

## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

## Dates for your diary

INSET Day (Staff Training on Attachment and Trauma)	6 <sup>th</sup> January
First Day Back for Children	7 <sup>th</sup> January
Final New Year R Starters Open Morning	10 <sup>th</sup> January
Whole School Song Performance	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm
Year R Application Deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> January
Healthy Eating Workshop for Parents	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2pm
Low Mood in Children Workshop for Parents	5 <sup>th</sup> February 9am
INSET Day	14 <sup>th</sup> February