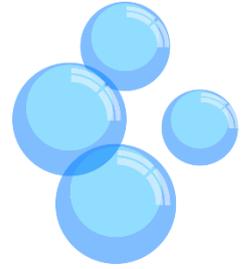




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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

Message from Mrs Tighe

What an action-packed half term we have had! I hope you all enjoyed our parent events – from Christmas decorating to making baubles and Phonics lessons it has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school more often. We will continue to offer parent sessions throughout the Spring term so please keep an eye on our Important Dates listed below.

After the Christmas break I will be seeking your views on our school values as we will be building our behaviour approach around them. It is important that our values represent who we are as a school and community!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful break with your loved ones over Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support over the last term. Working within schools is an absolute privilege and we really do appreciate your openness and backing. I look forward to welcoming you all back to MRIS in January.

Whole-school improvement

I am pleased to report that 100% of teachers in our school report that MyHappyMind is having a positive impact upon pupil wellbeing! Our children are becoming more confident in discussing their emotions and using strategies to support them 'in the moment'. Year 2 vocabulary has been very impressive this half term and I have also been fortunate to see some fantastic Year 1 sentence writing too. Our Reception classes have settled into school routines very well and their Drawing Club work is showcasing their understanding of letters and sounds.

From January I will be inviting a group of 6 children per week to bring their books and other learning they are proud of to 'Mrs Tighe's Lunch Club'. This is an opportunity for the group to eat lunch in the Head Teacher's Office and for them to discuss how amazing their learning is and share their progress through the year so far! I am very excited to get started – an invitation will go out to the first group in January.



Attendance

In January we will be sending out further attendance and lateness letters. Mrs James and I will be holding meetings throughout January to support children and families who are persistently late or persistently absent. This is not to 'tell off' or shame parents who have found it challenging to meet attendance and punctuality expectations but rather to find a way for us as a school to support your individual circumstances and needs better.

We can offer a range of support including School Nurse and Mental Health Support Team referrals, check-ins with a class teacher amongst other external and internal support. I do hope that anyone offered a meeting takes up the opportunity for us to help.

Site and safety news

Last week our Governing Body invited two advisors from the Local Authority to visit our school and review our latest actions to improve our site security and safeguarding. I am pleased to share it was a very positive visit! Our children did a fabulous job explaining to our advisors how the adults at home and school keep them safe. They talked positively about our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' assemblies and what to do if they have a worry.

Our DSL team will continue to track and enhance our safeguarding systems within school with the only change at the moment being signage around school to make it clearer which adult you should speak to if you have a safeguarding concern.

Allergy Awareness

Please do not send nuts, peanuts, nut products or peanut products into school in any form. We have strict allergy management processes in place for all our pupils and staff and this is one way you can help!

If your child has an allergy or intolerance, did you know that you can work with our lunch provider to create a bespoke menu that is safe for your child? Just contact Dolce via <https://www.dolce.co.uk/> or your SchoolGrid account.

Year R applications

Don't forget to submit your application for a Reception place in September 2026 -

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

Our open evenings and days have been incredibly well-attended! It has been lovely to welcome so many new families into our school. If you have any questions about the application or transition processes then please email our office.



Supervision on site

Once you have collected your child you are responsible for their safety and supervision on site. We have sadly seen an increase in children behaving unacceptably or being unsupervised by our site, the Pre-School and Junior School. This is a safeguarding concern as this a busy campus with moving vehicles and lots of adults – there is opportunity for a child to become lost or seriously hurt. Children should not be climbing fences, buildings or gates. Please ensure your child remains with you at all times – if we have a concern about your child’s safety on site a member of our Safeguarding Team will be in touch.

Whole School attendance: 96%

Class attendance winner: Rainbowfish 98%

Important dates

5th January	Back to school – start of the Spring term	All year groups
10th February	Safer Internet Day – ‘Smart Tech, safe choices’	All year groups
	Year 1 performance – doors open 2.15 for a 2.30 start	Year 1
11th February	Year 1 performance – doors open 9am for a 9.15 start	Year 1
13th February	Inset day – school closed to pupils	All year groups
16-20th February	Half term	All year groups
2nd March	MyHappyMind lesson for Year 2 parents and children	9am
3rd March	MyHappyMind lesson for Year 1 parents and children	9am
5th March	MyHappyMind lesson for EYFS parents and children	9am
27th March	Last day of term	All year groups
30th March-13th April	Easter holidays	All year groups

