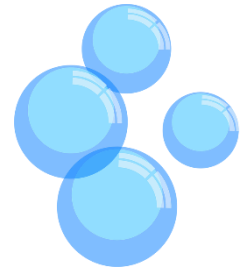




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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

Message from Mrs Tighe

Welcome back!

While the weather hasn't quite been on our side it has been lovely to welcome the children back into school. You may hear about some of the following changes within school from your children. During Golden Envelope assembly the chosen children now have the opportunity to sit at the front of the hall while receiving their envelope so they can see the huge rounds of applause they are getting! Lunch Club in the headteacher's office has started and invitations are sent out weekly.

There will also be some small changes to site access outside of school hours. If you attend AAA Coaching breakfast club, please come to the front office and ring the doorbell as the one-way system will not be open. During Parent's Evenings you will be 'checked in' at the office before attending your appointment.

These changes should have a positive impact on our children's engagement with learning and keeping our site safe and secure.

Whole-school improvement

Our staff are continuing to work hard to provide the best educational experiences for your children. The teaching team have been working together to identify pupils in reading who would benefit from further challenge. They have also been proactive in identifying where further evidence is needed to secure an assessment for children before our next Pupil Progress meetings. The conversations between staff have been purposeful and will have impact on all our pupils across school.

We are also exploring and refining our school values so that we can explain more clearly to our children how their actions and behaviour impacts upon others in a positive way!

Please consider responding to our survey on the school values overleaf – I would appreciate as many responses as possible so we can ensure the school values are right for our community.

Home learning

Please ensure that you are reading with your child every day as it really does make a huge difference to their progress in Reading and Writing. If you are unable to access Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars then please speak to your child's class teacher. These apps support your child in developing number fluency and the ability to recognise and visualise number.

Thank you for your support.



Site and safety news

The children have learned the golden rules for fire safety – if you discover a fire you need to **Get out, Stay out and call 999**. The children also learned about the school's Fire Marshalls – members of staff who check everyone is out of school safely.

We are looking forward to a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer next week - the children have lots of questions to ask!

If you spot something on our around our school site that you feel is unsafe, broken or would just like to ask a question about our site please speak to Mrs Tighe or Mr Loris.

Mrs Tighe's Lunch Club

I have had lovely lunches this fortnight with:

Rupert,	Renesmee,	Amelia,
Jamie,	Frankie,	Tudor,
Carter,	Bodhi,	Prabhnoor,
Kobi,	Adeline	Cali.

The children showed me their Writing and Maths books and we talked about their favourite subjects. They were all so kind to each other and were proud of everyone's accomplishments.

I look forward to welcoming more children to lunch club next week!

School values

This half term the governors, staff and I would appreciate feedback on our school values. We currently have 3 behaviour values (Ready, Respectful, Safe) and 3 overall values (Nurture, Inspire, Challenge) which we would like to streamline and refine to make sure they reflect our children as well as our adults.

Please do have your say on our values by clicking the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGKZ38G>

Staff cover

As you may know, schools are very busy places! Our first priority is ensuring that our teachers remain with their classes as much as possible but as a small school, our teachers often hold multiple roles which require them to liaise with parents, external agencies and other schools. We are fortunate to have an experienced team of support staff within our school who cover teacher release and development time. In every instance we want your children to feel confident and happy with the member of staff in their classroom which is why we always try to cover release with Mrs Cooper, Miss Garner or Miss Grainger and inform the children in advance. In exceptional circumstances or unplanned absence a supply teacher may be used if no staff member is available, delivering learning set by the teacher.

With Mrs Merriman taking on part of the Assistant Headteacher role, we have been fortunate to take on Mrs McDermott. She is an experienced teacher who has already formed good relationships with Kingfish class, where she will be covering on Thursdays.

If you have any questions about cover in your child's class please speak to your child's class teacher.

Whole School attendance: 94%

Class attendance winner: Rainbowfish 95%

Important dates

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
16th March	Parents evenings 3.30-6pm	All year groups
18th March	Parents evenings 3.30-6pm	All year groups
24th March	New values information session and Springtime decorating 2.15-3.10	All year groups
27th March	Last day of term	All year groups
30th March-13th April	Easter holidays	All year groups