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# MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Nurture – Inspire – Challenge*

Welcome back! We have felt very proud this week with the respectful attitude of the children and how hard they are trying in class. It is always exhausting getting back in the swing of school but we have seen plenty of resilience and determination. There are always lots of communications from school at the beginning of the school year so please ensure that your email address and mobile numbers are up to date. Medical forms are to be returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

We are also in the final stages of creating our brand new website so watch this space.

## **School Improvement**

After a good few years of waiting, the school is in the midst of having the entire roof replaced. As you can imagine, this is a huge job. The work began in July and is scheduled to be over around half term. Unfortunately, we have been beset with issues including quite a few leaks. The staff have found their summer holiday preparations have been damaged due to water ingress and we have buckets all around school. I did chuckle whilst taking the project team around to look at the damages as one of our Year 1 children told them that they had made a mess! As you are aware we have had Hampshire County out to look at our drainage system as the water table is so high that we get very boggy. We should be supplied with heavy duty matting to support you as you walk around the side of the school and then after the roofing is complete we will press ahead with the surveys required to look at a long term solution. The disruption will be worth it though so thank you for your patience.

Our new behaviour policy has been finalised and is attached for you to read. Being ready, respectful and safe is key!



The leaks are stopping us holding a full school assembly!

## **Staffing**

Welcome Miss Benwell who is teaching in Year R along with Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Tighe. Miss Maguire is teaching in Year 2 and Kingfish Class have made her very welcome. Mrs McFarlane is not quite fit enough to phase back yet but Mr Jones and Mrs Cooper are looking after Parrotfish Class until her return.

## **Uniform Expectations**

Trainers are not to be worn as school shoes. Please speak to the office or Mrs Ford if you are suffering financial difficulties. A big thank you to parents for remembering that metal water bottles are not permitted as they are too heavy to be safe. Earrings should be small, discreet studs if worn as these are least likely to be accidentally pulled out during playtimes. Wellington boots should be brought into school as we are out in all weathers. Please label everything.

## **Reading**

Your child will have brought home their ruby bookmark ready to earn the badge. Every day that they read counts for a space on the bookmark. I'm looking forward to seeing the children visit me for the badges.

## **School Governors**

Don't forget that we are looking to elect parent governors this month. Governors work with the school to set strategic direction, working to hold leaders to account and help to support the school to be the best it can be. If this sounds of interest then feel free to speak to Mrs Ford or Mrs Tighe to find out a little more.

## **School Day**

Classroom doors open from 8.40-8.50am. Pick up from classrooms between 3.10-3.20pm. Please use the year group email addresses or the admin email to contact staff. The front office is also open from 8.30am. Between 8.40 and 3.20pm staff need to be with the children. Medical appointments should not be booked during the school day. Children are expected to be in school for the entire day and early release for weekend travel etc is not permitted.

## **Clubs**

Monday – Friday AAA run a breakfast club in the school hall. Active8 run breakfast clubs and after school clubs on the junior site, picking up the infant children as required. Letters are available in the front office.

After School:

Monday – still free so let us know if you have ideas for clubs that could run!

Tuesday – Magical Maths

Wednesday- Dance

Thursday – AAA Coaching

Friday - Dance

**Whole School attendance:** 98.17%

**Best class attendance this week:** Kingfish 100%



## Dates for your diary

New Year R Autumn Born Start School	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
New Year R Spring Born Start School	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Swimming for Year 2	<b>Thursdays</b> starting 12 <sup>th</sup> September
New Year R Summer Born Start School	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Year R Open Classrooms	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 3.10-3.20pm
Year 2 Welcome Meeting	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 3.20pm
Year 1 Welcome Meeting	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 3.20pm
PTFA AGM	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Year 1 Harvest Celebration	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2.40pm
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Parents Evening	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 3.30-6.30pm
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Open Morning for September 2025 Starters	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 9 -12noon
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Vaccine administration
Last day of the half term for children	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET Day	25 <sup>th</sup> October