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# MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Nurture – Inspire – Challenge*

A huge well done to our new Year R children who have settled in really well. They look so smart in their uniform and are exploring all the learning opportunities that are offered. It has been great to see many children take advantage of the playground opening at 8.30am. They have played safely and have been respectful, keeping off the play equipment and joining their parents when the internal gates open. Don't forget the weather is due to change so please send your child in with a coat and ensure it is labelled.

## **School Improvement**

The roofing works are continuing and the good weather has helped with the pace. We managed a whole school assembly on Monday although the buckets were still in situ at the front of the hall. Our new Inclusions space is looking fabulous and Miss Garner and Mrs Bettesworth deserve a big well done for their hard work.



Our new Inclusions Room

We have introduced new praise stickers throughout the school that celebrate positive learning and conduct choices. It has been lovely to see how proud the children are when they receive these.

## **Staffing**

We are really sad to say that Mrs Monk has secured a new post in Portsmouth. We have been lucky to have her enthusiasm and expertise for several years and we will all miss her. Beach Schools will be continuing with Mr Martin who is an accredited lead and Mrs Upton who will undertake her training as soon as it is available.

## **Communication**

A big thank you to the whole school community for following our communication guidelines. There is always a member of the leadership team on duty in the morning and afternoon who can speak to you and pass messages to staff. Year group email addresses are a great way to share non urgent information. Staff are more than happy to call or email you but between 8.40-3.20pm their primary responsibility is being with their class.

## **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. One read counts per day and we do keep an eye!

## **PTFA AGM**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September our PTFA are holding their AGM. All are invited to hear about the successes of the last year and plans for the future. Elections will also be held for the key posts but we would love to see you however much time you can offer. Every minute makes a difference to our children!

## **Reception September 2025 Events**

We are delighted to showcase the school to parents seeking a space for their child to start school in September 2025.

**Open Mornings** are being held on the following dates. Please call or email to book.:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Please call or email to book.

## **Open Evening**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 7pm. No need to book for the evening session. Turn up and look around with a member of staff!

## **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 and *Pompey in the Community (new)*

Wednesday- Dance

Thursday – AAA Coaching

Friday – Dance

There are spaces available in clubs so pop in to the office to sign your child up.

**Whole School attendance:** 96.29%

**Best class attendance this week:** Dragonfish



## **Uniform**

There are several stores that offer uniform designed for children with sensory difficulties. Asda stock an "Easy On" range in store with a greater range available online. Marks and Spencers stock an "Easy Dressing" range in store and online. These two ranges have hidden labels, wider collars and are designed to be less constrictive than regular uniform. Bamboo socks and tights and sensory aware items (with hidden seams) are available in Sainsbury's, Tesco and Amazon.

## **Dates for your diary**

PTFA AGM	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 9am
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 (Parental Permission)
Last day of the half term for children	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
INSET Day	25 <sup>th</sup> October
Individual School Photos	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November