



MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

During our last round of parents evenings, our governors gathered information from parents about our school values. Many were able to identify ready, respectful and safe as words that their children used at home when talking about school or commenting on their own behaviour. These character values are a fundamental part of our school ethos. In choosing our school, parents are committing to live these values and demonstrate them in all interactions on the school site and in any online forums. Families are also committing to discuss what respectful and safe behaviour looks like with their own child. Thank you so much for your support.

School Improvement

The roof is finally finished and the work to tidy the site has begun. We have met with the roofing company and Mountjoy and have collated a list of damages sustained by the school. These will be addressed and we will keep parents updated as this happens. We are hoping to start the process of scaffolding removal over the next few weeks as well.

Our School Council met with a representative from Suez Recycling last week. They are exploring how the school can recycle food waste. Kirsty Birmingham emailed afterwards to say *“Thank you so much for meeting with me today and allowing me to spend some time with the wonderful children on the school council. It was so lovely to engage with them and I hope they enjoyed our session.”* We will be setting up our new food bins after Christmas and the council are very proud of their impact.



A big thank you to staff who have decorated the school ready for the festive season. We would also like to say a big thank you to Helping Hands who donated the most beautiful tree.

Christmas Fun

On Monday 16th December all families are invited to come to Mill Rythe Holiday Park for an infant carol sing along! The event opens at 3.45pm with the children to take to the stage at 4pm. Tuesday will see the children enjoy a range of festive fun in school. Wednesday is our Christmas Dinner day – the menu looks delicious! Parents and carers are invited in to a festive craft afternoon on Thursday and our PTFA are running a school disco starting at 4pm. There will be dancing, face painting and glitter tattoos. If you can support then please contact the team via their Facebook page or mris.ptfa@yahoo.com On Friday the children may attend school in non uniform. The day will end as usual at 3.10pm.

Hayling Island Lions

On Saturday 14th December, the Lions are holding a free Christmas Drop In Event at the URC Church Hall between 10am - noon. There will be hot drinks and mince pies, a table for children to decorate Gingerbread Men, a child only shopping table for children to buy presents for their family all at 50p and Christmas entertainment. Pop along!

Whole School attendance: 81%



Best class attendance this week: Rainbowfish

Sickness

We have had an outbreak of sickness across the school and so take this opportunity to stress that children must be absent from school for a full 48 hours after their last episode of sickness. There are no exceptions. Handwashing at school follows the same routine as during the height of Covid and children are reminded to keep their fingers out of their mouths but it is very easy to transmit these germs. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary (including Christmas ❄️)

❄️ Christmas Postbox Delivery (full name on envelopes)	9 th December – 18 th December
❄️ Year R Nativity (Ticketed Event)	11 th December 2.15pm
❄️ Year R Nativity (Ticketed Event)	12 th December 9.15am
Sharing Together – classrooms open to visit	13 th December 3.10-3.20pm
❄️ Infant Christmas Carols – (All welcome at Mill Rythe Holiday Park)	16 th December 3.45pm (4pm start)
❄️ Christmas Activities (Children only)	17 th December
❄️ Christmas Dinner Day (Children only)	18 th December
❄️ Parent and Child Craft Activity 2pm	19 th December
❄️ Whole School Disco and Activity Evening (Pupils only) 4.00pm-5.15pm	
❄️ Non Uniform and Last Day of Term	20 th December

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