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# MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Nurture – Inspire – Challenge*

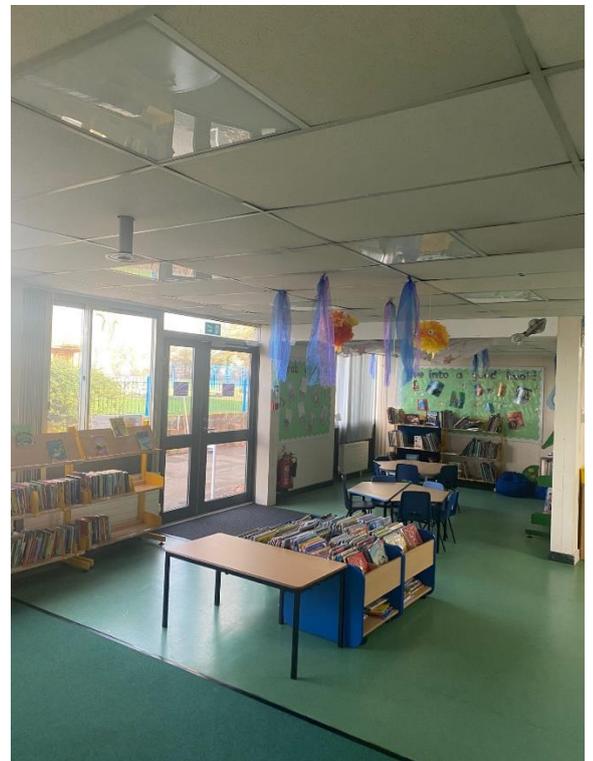
Happy new year to all our families and friends. We spent our INSET day receiving training from an Educational Psychologist and then Mrs Ford delivered training on attachment and trauma, supporting all children to be successful. On Tuesday, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces on the playground as the children returned. We hope you enjoyed your break!

## **School Improvement**

Mr Ben Loris has started in his role as our new site manager. Mr Loris will be meeting with our roofers and county representatives on Friday so that plans can be drawn up for the repair and making good of all damages caused by the roofing works. Obviously, Mrs Ford is most upset at her lovely grass becoming a bog but we have been assured that all will be made right!

This term there will be an opportunity for the children to design the new library. This is the focus for our fundraising. If you can help in any way then let us know. The School Council and librarians will be launching a design competition with details to follow.

The focus for after Christmas will be the revamping of our school library. Look out for updates from our librarians and the School Council.



Our current library needs a revamp!

## **Staffing**

We are looking to recruit a Year 2 teacher to join us. We are committed to finding an empathetic individual with high expectations and a love of teaching. Our children deserve the best! The advert is linked below.

<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Class-Teacher-Mill-Rythe-Infant-School/3331>

In the interim, Ms Rowlings and Mrs Upton are going to continue to job share to give the children consistency.

I am also delighted to share that Mrs Harris is expecting a baby. Her class are absolutely over the moon!

### **Flu**

We have had several reported cases of flu within our community. There is a nasty strain going around. The NHS has lots of guidance which you can access via the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>

It is also useful to look at the differences between a cold and the flu.

<b>Flu</b>	<b>Cold</b>
Appears quickly within a few hours	Appears gradually
Affects more than just your nose and throat	Affects mainly your nose and throat
Makes you feel exhausted and too unwell to carry on as normal	Makes you feel unwell, but you still feel well enough to do your normal activities

The children have been shown the correct way to wash their hands. Tissues are binned immediately after use. The crook of the elbow should be used to catch a sneeze if no tissue is available in time. All the children in school are instructed to wash their hands at all transition points. Please encourage them to do so when they arrive home.

**Whole School attendance:** 92.78%



### **Parent Governor**

We are seeking nominations for the role of parent governor. A full induction programme is included. Governors play a vital role in setting the strategic direction of the school alongside the headteacher. Meetings are held on Monday evenings once a month from 6-8pm. If you are interested in this role then please contact Mrs Ford.

### **Healthy Eating Workshop**

The Mental Health Support team are running a workshop for parents on healthy eating. This will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2-3pm. It would be useful to know numbers in advance so please email [adminoffice@millrythe-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@millrythe-inf.hants.sch.uk) to book a place.

### **Holidays and Days Out**

Term time holidays or days out will not be authorised. Children are legally obliged to be in school every day that it is open to them. Please work with us by ensuring that all appointments are made for outside school hours and that days out happen in the holidays, at weekends or on INSET days.

### **Parking**

Please ensure that you are not parking in any disabled space or on the double yellow lines outside of school. We have parents and carers who have blue badges who are unable to park near the gates due to others parking there.

### **Dates for your diary**

Year R & Year 3 2025 Application Deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> January
Healthy Eating Workshop for Children in Year 1 and 2	17 <sup>th</sup> January
Healthy Eating Workshop for Parents	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2pm
Children's Mental Health Week	3-7 <sup>th</sup> February
Low Mood in Children Workshop for Parents	5 <sup>th</sup> February 9am
INSET Day	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 School Trip (details to follow)	4 <sup>th</sup> March
Non uniform	14 <sup>th</sup> March