



# MILL RYTHER INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Nurture – Inspire – Challenge*

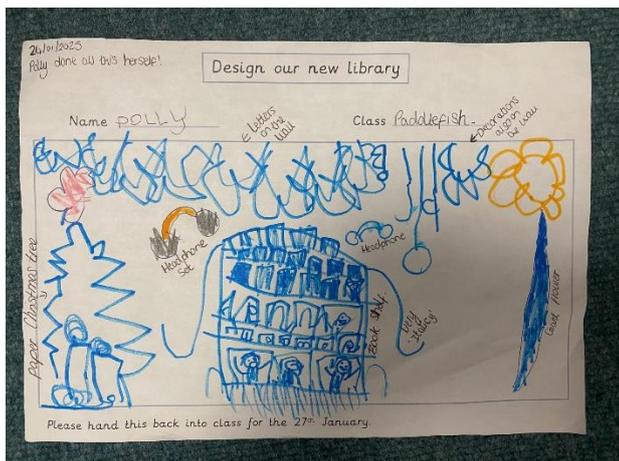
I would like to thank all of our community for supporting their children to be ready, respectful and safe on the infant site. It is lovely to see the children playing so inclusively before school opens. A gentle reminder that we do finish before the junior school and so children should not be playing outside the junior school office or the classroom doors. If you peer closely you will see that we have the first green shoots on the grassy area by the exit gate...fingers crossed it will be lush again soon!

## School Improvement

The School Council met with two members of the School Library Service on Tuesday to judge the finalists in the library design competition. Lily in Year 2 has had her design chosen as the winner. Her design has a great sea theme. Runners up were Polly in Year R and Ruby in Year 1. Parts of their designs will be incorporated as well.



**The winning design**



**Our Runners Up**

Our PTFA have launched a readathon “1000 books for £1000” which runs from now until World Book Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The money raised will go towards the library. Every child has brought home a letter with a sponsor form and bookmark. The school were very excited although some children thought that they would have to personally read 1000 books! Mr Loris is going to be working alongside the designers and the School Library Service to create the new space. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Unfortunately, Mr Loris has found that the gazebo roof is no longer stable. He has cordoned it off until it can be taken off. Please do not enter it for any reason.

The remedial work following our school roof replacement begins on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, which is also an INSET day. We are looking forward to being able to get the school looking smart the whole way through. Mrs Ford is particularly looking forward to losing the gaps in the ceiling tiles!

The school governors have sent a questionnaire out to all parents and carers. Please submit your views so we can celebrate what is going well and make plans to address any areas flagged for development.

### **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. There will be an assembly for the school in the afternoon. Below is a link to tips and advice for the parents of 3-7year olds that can be used at home.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

### **Inclusions Support**

Currently we have several therapeutic interventions running in school. Access to these services is discussed during the weekly Inclusions meeting with Mrs Ford, Mrs James, Mrs Bettsworth and Miss Garner. We also have resources that can be sent home such as Zones of Regulation packs, bereavement support and toileting support. We are currently working to recruit a new therapy dog as Tilly has moved house with her owner and is too far away to visit weekly. If you need support then please speak to your class teacher, Mrs Ford or Mrs Tighe during drop off or pick up.

**Whole School attendance:** 94%



### **Volunteers**

Are you great at art and design? Do you love gardening? Do you enjoy organising and creating resources? Would you like to support children to develop a love of reading? We are seeking volunteers to join us. If you have an hour a week and want to make a real difference then contact Mrs Ford via [adminoffice@millrythe-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@millrythe-inf.hants.sch.uk) Parents, grandparents, carers, aunts and uncles – all are welcome!

## Hayling Holiday Lunches



We have a new donation station by the front door. This is for long life foodstuffs to be donated to Hayling Holiday Lunches. So many people are facing hardship - every donation makes a difference.

## Parking

The way that cars are being driven around the front of the school site and on the track leading to the holiday village is going to result in a serious injury or worse. Cars are depositing children out into traffic, cars are failing to give way as required and cars are being left rather than parked with consideration. Both schools have received ongoing complaints and concerns from the local community including other parents. This information has been passed to the local police, councillors and Hampshire Highways. Your child could be the one hurt.

## Dates for your diary

Safer Internet Day	11 <sup>th</sup> February
Parent and Carers Coffee Morning	13 <sup>th</sup> February 8.40-9.40am
INSET Day	14 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 School Trip to Weald and Downland	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 School Trip to Winchester Science Centre	4 <sup>th</sup> March
World Book Day Dress up and 1000 books for £1000 deadline	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Non uniform Day for Easter Rainbow Hampers	14 <sup>th</sup> March
Hamper Tickets go on sale	24 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents Evening	25 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 6.30pm
Parents Evening	26 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30 - 6.30pm
Mothers Day Event	28 <sup>th</sup> March 9-10am
Hinduism Learning Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Sharing Together at pick up and break up for Easter	4 <sup>th</sup> April