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MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurture – Inspire – Challenge

The birds are nesting, the flowers are popping their heads up and the trees are sprouting. The children have been fascinated by the catkins on the playground and have been so careful near the hedges where the bluetits have made their home. It makes us all proud to see the children being so respectful of the environment. Our Eco Warriors have been updating Mr Loris on their thoughts about improvements to be made and we have taken delivery of our new food waste bins.

School Improvement

The new school meal provider, Dolce, started this week. The children have responded positively to the salad bar with beetroot proving to be quite a hit. Meals can be ordered well in advance so take the time to look at the menus. One of our Year 2 children did an impromptu dance when she remembered that she was having apple crumble!

Governors have met with Mrs Ford and Mrs Tighe to go through the outcomes of the parent and carer questionnaire. We will be including regular updates in our newsletter to show how we have responded. It was positive to hear so many parents and carers would like to know more about what their children are learning day to day and that there are some more willing volunteers out there! If you can spare an hour or two regularly then please email or call the school office. We would love to have you!

The school is to have some external cleaning and decorating carried out which will start over the Easter holidays. Work will not disrupt the running of the school. The school kitchen is also being painted.

We are looking to move the Music Room into the Rainbow Room, which is currently used by the PTFA for uniform sales and by Beach School. The large end classroom by Year R will then be transformed into a community hub where our Inclusions Team will work with parents and where the PTFA will be able to fundraise and run the uniform sales. We would love to have the walls of the Rainbow Room painted with musical motifs – if you are arty and can help then speak to Mr Loris on the gate!

Staffing

Mrs Harris is off on maternity leave at Easter. She is excited to meet her new baby and we are excited trying to guess what she is having! Mr Webb will be joining us as Dragonfish class teacher and will spend next week getting to know the children whilst working alongside Mrs Harris.

Thank you and farewell to Mr Martin who has been supporting with Beach Schools since he left us in November. Mrs Upton and Mr Loris will be running Beach Schools from next term.

Zones of Regulation Coffee Morning

Miss Garner and Mrs Bettesworth will be running a coffee morning on Thursday 3rd April where they will be chatting about the zones of regulation if you would like to pop in between 8.40-9.40am.



Whole School attendance: 94.4%

Playing and Screen Time

Screens are all around us and children are tech savvy from an early age but there has been a lot in the press recently about campaigning for a smartphone free childhood. The negative impact on children's mental and physical health is becoming more obvious. Why not try some different activities over Easter? The children love den building and climbing at school – maybe you could have a go at creating a den using the contents of your recycling bin or with sheets or sticks. We would love to see photos! The article below talks about learning risk through play...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/znpwkty>

Personal Belongings

Just a reminder that toys should be kept at home and school toys should remain in school. Please chat with your children about not taking things that do not belong to them and return any items promptly. Year R have lost over £100 of resources since Christmas. Fidgets are only used by children who have been referred to our Inclusions Team and where this has been identified as an effective support during teaching inputs. Cuddly toys are for snuggling with at bedtime not sitting with on the carpet in class.

Communication

Year group emails are available for parents to share information. Don't forget you can also pop a note in your child's bookbag (just let us know it is there!)

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Sally-Ann Lane

Many of our families will have known Mrs Lane who was a valued member of our Inclusions Team for many years. Mrs Lane has been living with a long term illness for several years and passed away last week. We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to her family at this sad time.

Learning Update

Year R have been doing plenty of writing...ask them about Drawing Club and they can tell you all about it. They are also trying their best to form their letters correctly.



Language on Site

Please refrain from using offensive language when waiting for the gates to open before and after school. There are always children around and they tend to repeat what they hear.

Dates for your diary

Sharing Together at pick up and break up for Easter	4 th April 2025
First Straw Beach Clean – behind the Esso garage. https://w3w.co/dormant.gong.padlock	16 th April 2025
Bank Holiday Monday	21 st April 2025
First day back after Easter	22 nd April 2025
Hinduism Learning Day	2 nd May 2025 (Change of Date)
Sports Morning	Friday 11 th July 2025
Inset Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Inset Day	Thursday 4 th September 2025
Inset Day	Friday 24 th October 2025
Inset Day	Friday 13 th February 2026
Inset Day	Monday 1 st June 2026