



Dear Parents and Carers

Goodbyes

Mrs Cox

After 25 years dedicated service to the families and staff of Mill Rythe Junior School, Mrs Cox has decided that the time is right to finish working full time and to enjoy some much deserved time for herself, family and friends. Next week will be Sue's last with us and I wanted to make you aware now as I am sure lots of people will want to call into the office to thank her for her hard work, commitment and the care she has shown to so many families during this time. We are going to miss her hugely but will also make sure that we enjoy the next four days with her.

Mr P and Miss P

Today we have said goodbye to both Roberto and Sharone who have been working in 5RV and 3CW respectively since the start of the Spring term. We couldn't have wished to have worked alongside two more dedicated or humble people and we have loved having them as members of the Mill Rythe Family. They are both going to be huge assets to the schools that are fortunate enough to employ them in September. I hope they remain in the teaching profession for many years to come as they both have so much to offer.



Learning – Laughing – Achieving

Maths Challenge

On Monday I had the pleasure of taking four girls to a Maths Challenge day at Portsmouth High School for girls. Our team competed against nine other schools in six rounds of maths challenges. They had to problem solve, complete logical reasoning puzzles, find 'countdown' solutions and solve arithmetic challenges all under timed conditions, and finally after a speed round against the clock with mini maths puzzles they were crowned the overall winners! I was very proud of their commitment, attitude and perseverance throughout the day and they certainly deserved their 1st place award. Well done girls.

Mrs Howard



Raging Rivers

It was 5RV's turn to go to Chichester Harbour this week as part of their Geography unit 'Raging Rivers.' Starting at Fishbourne, the children got to walk through the reed beds and learn about the birds that fly all the way from Africa just to nest there. They then got to study a section of river that flows from the South Downs all the way to the sea and sketch its meanders, tributaries, vegetation and discover what a confluence is. When we were in the river we also discovered that some wellies just aren't tall enough to stop the water getting in! The children loved splashing in the river, carrying out experiments on water flow speed, depths, rock deposit sizes and looking at the effects of erosion.



Once we all had dry socks and trousers on, we hiked through mud and slush for 40 mins to Dell Quay, and on to our last part of the day where we had discussions about what we had learned, labelled maps, and finally we discovered the dangers of building too close to a river – by watching a model rainstorm wash away a river bank and some houses we had built too close to the banks! Dell Quay staff were brilliant as were the parent helpers who joined us. Thank you.

Miss Vousden



School Clubs

School clubs are now finished for this term, there will be no clubs next week. We will be sending out club information for the summer term when we return from the Easter holidays.

PTA Events Non-uniform Day—Thur 29th March

We have a non-uniform day on Thursday to support the Hi-5 Family Fun Day which is taking place on Saturday 28th April. Children can come into school in their own clothes with a £1 donation, a bottle or chocolate (bottles to be brought into reception by parents please). It is also Year 3 Roman Day, so they may be dressed in costume, however we would really appreciate your support and hope you would like to participate in making a donation.

Volunteer helpers needed! If you would be interested in supporting this event please contact the school office, the PTA would be very grateful for any time you are able to offer.

Learning Behaviour Stars

Don't forget to look on our school Instagram account to see who the Learning Bee Stars were this week as well as keeping up to date with what our children have been doing. If you would like to follow us please search for 'millrythejuniorschool.'

Have a lovely weekend.

David Bessant
Headteacher

Diary Dates 2017/18

26th Mar	Year 3 and 4 Maths workshops 2.00pm or 7.00pm
27th Mar	Year 3 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
28th Mar	Year 5 visit to Marwell Zoo
29th Mar	Winning House cinema and popcorn day
29th Mar	Non-uniform Day £1 donation please
29th Mar	Year 3 Roman Day
29th Mar	Non Uniform Day - donations of £1, any bottle or chocolate
29th Mar	Last day of term
16th April	Inset day
17th April	First day of summer term
28 th April	Family Fun Day at the Hayling College
14th May	SATs Week
18 th May	Film Club
26 th May	Abseiling Challenge at Gunwharf
18th June	Non Uniform Day, £1 donation for PTA
20th July	Last day of the school year
23rd July	INSET day