



Dear Parents and Carers

## Learning – Laughing – Achieving

### Future Olympians

Before the Easter holiday our school represented Havant at the County Indoor Athletic Finals for the first time. On the day, the best 24 schools in Hampshire gathered in Eastleigh to compete across a range of track and field events. Personal best after personal best saw our school finish in a brilliant 4<sup>th</sup> place. An incredible achievement and one that was made even more remarkable as we lost two athletes on the day of the competition. The moment of the day came from our youngest team member who ran an amazing 3 lap race – time and again athletes from opposing schools threatened to pass him but he just dug a little deeper to ensure that he wouldn't be passed. All of the athletes involved today have committed to training twice a week since September and today was a well-deserved reward for that dedication.



### School Environment

Mr Miles had a really busy Easter holiday overseeing the installation of a new hall floor and lockers for a number of classes in school. Both projects have made a real difference to the appearance of our school. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying using their lockers for the first time and I know year 3 and 5RV are excited about their lockers arriving later this term.



### Recycling

This young lady arrived at school on Wednesday carrying this amazing watering can which has been made from whiteboard pens that we have recycled since Christmas! TerraCycle are able to recycle over 97% of each pen that we send them. Miss Green has been instrumental in helping us to become a greener school and community and this is just one of a number of projects that we are involved in. Thank you for your support.



### Swimming

During the first half of the summer term years 3, 5 and 6 are having a break from swimming but will return to the pool following half term. Year 4 are swimming this half term on Monday afternoons with Mrs Howard and Mr Darby. Miss Harrison is updating her swimming qualification next week so year 4 will then be able to continue with their swimming in Summer 2. In PE this term all of our children will be doing athletics, cricket, tennis and rounders with our two Sports Days taking place at the end of the Summer term.

### Sunshine!

The weather has been beautiful this week and it has been lovely to see our children enjoying eating outside at lunchtime. Please can children come to school with sun cream already applied before they leave home. Children may also bring their own sun cream into school to re-apply as needed during the school day. If your child is unable to do this for themselves please bring a letter into the office which gives staff permission to apply sun cream for your child. I would also like to encourage all of our children to come into school with water bottles and hats so that they remain well hydrated and can keep the sun off their face and neck during the day.

## Assemblies

In assembly this week, we learnt about the Jewish festival of Passover which was celebrated over the Easter holidays starting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Passover is one of the most important Jewish festivals celebrated around the world. During Passover, Jewish people remember how Moses freed the Israelites from slavery under the reign of the Egyptian Pharaoh. We learnt about the ten plagues that were sent to the Egyptian people before the Israelites were finally released.



## Book Fair

Next Wednesday is the start of our Book Fair. We will have a great selection of books and stationery for sale at break time and at the end of the school day.

## All change

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Oliver and Mrs Hext to our office team this last week. They have brought a new set of skills to our school and are going to be great additions to the Mill Rythe Family.

## 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

28 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Fun Day at the Hayling College
14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Film Club
18 <sup>th</sup> May	History of Art Day
25 <sup>th</sup> May	House Cinema Reward Day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Abseiling Challenge at Gunwharf
4 <sup>th</sup> June	House Winners Non-Uniform Day
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Uniform Day, £1 donation for PTA
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day and ACE Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day and ACE Time
11 <sup>th</sup> &12 <sup>th</sup> July	Hayling College Transition Days
12 <sup>th</sup> July	MRJS Transition Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	History Day
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 and Parents Leavers Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET day