



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

School Council Elections

There was a real buzz in assembly on Monday as our School Councillors for 2018 – 2019 were announced. Mrs Wintle and I are really looking forward to working closely with them over the next three terms and are excited about the impact they can have in shaping different aspects of school life for all of our children.



Open Day

On Tuesday 16th October we are holding an open day for the parents and carers of current year 2 children. We are running three sessions during the day, 9am, 2pm and 6pm. It is a chance for parents to learn a little more about our Mill Rythe Family before being taken on a tour of the school with our year 6 ambassadors. Parents don't need to book in advance and can just turn up on the day to the session which suits them most. Please pass this on if you know friends and families that may be interested.



Mill Rythe
JUNIOR SCHOOL



TUESDAY
16TH OCTOBER
9AM, 2PM AND
6PM

Travelling Book Fair Has Arrived!

The Travelling Book Fair is here from Monday 8th October until Wednesday 17th October. They offer a wonderful selection of children's books and fun stationery items. The fair can be found in our library and is open after school from 3.30-4pm every day. The preferred payment is cash. We hope you enjoy the fair and help us to raise money for free books in our school.

Love of Being Healthy

Next Wednesday our children will be learning about different aspects of physical and mental health as well as considering how diet can affect this. During the day children will complete 12 workshops, each lasting about 25 minutes. **Please send your child to school in their PE kit, with a warm top, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and with a coat so they can be outside regardless of the weather.**

P4C - Mrs Wintle

After watching 'Drowning in Plastic' on Monday evening I wanted to get the children to debate the question '*should plastic be banned?*' I produced some background reading and pictures to promote our discussion which looked at various points of view on the topic. The children were brilliant at considering both the pros and cons; on one hand, plastic is cheap to manufacture, durable and recyclable, but the damage it is doing to our planet and its creatures is catastrophic. They came to the conclusion that we could not ban plastic altogether, but that we need to get much better at reusing and recycling what we do have, as well as researching alternative materials for some plastic products. Another thoughtful debate, well done P4C Club!

Great Reasoning

Well done to those children and parents who solved last weeks mathematical problem about the mean of three numbers. This week I would like to share with you a challenge that a young man in year 6 came to share with me. He showed a real sense of pride in what he achieved – can you solve it too?

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2018 Christmas Festivities – Hayley Warner

Our Love of Christmas Day and Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 6th December and in preparation we will be having 2 Non-Uniform days as follows:

Non-Uniform Day Monday 15th October - Donations of Toiletries

Year 3 - Men's Items (shower gels, unused toiletry and gift boxes, unused Secret Santa gifts etc)

Years 4,5 and 6 - Ladies Items (shower and bath toiletries, body creams, unused gift sets etc)

Non-Uniform Day Monday 19th November – Donations as below

Years 3 & 4 - Chocolates - Welcoming a generous donation of chocolate bars / boxes / selection packs etc

Years 5 & 6 - Unopened Bottles of any kind - Water / Wine / Soft Drink / Spirits

Last year's fair saw us trial a new format at MRJS, and it was a huge success enabling us to make significant contributions to the school which have made a real impact for our children. With your help and support we plan to repeat the event this year. There will be more information nearer the time, but for families who are new to our school, this day begins with a 'Secret Shopping' morning for the children to choose gifts for loved ones (no parents allowed!) followed by an afternoon where you can join your child for shopping, games and more!

Giant Pumpkins

With our building work drawing to an end, Mr Darby and members of gardening club have been able to return to the nature garden this week to harvest a vast selection of vegetables. Some very impressive pumpkins left school on Wednesday evening!



And finally...

We have an Instagram account for the school which will enable family and friends to follow on a regular basis different aspects of school life. The account can be found by searching for **millrythejuniorschool**. There is another account called millrythejunior but this **is not** the current account for our school. **The school account is not for children to follow on their own Instagram app as this is not meant for children under the age of 13.**

Have a lovely weekend

David Bessant
Headteacher

Key dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 confirmed so far:

Autumn 1

10 th October	Parents evening 4-7pm (booking available week before)
11 th October	Parents evening 4-6pm (booking available week before)
15 th October	Non-Uniform donations for Christmas Fair
17 th October	Yr 4 ACE time 2pm
18 th October	Yr 3 ACE time 2pm
18 th October	Spooky Disco
19 th October	Yr 5 and 6 ACE time 2pm

Autumn 2

29 th October	INSET day
9 th November	Film Club
12 th – 16 th Nov	Yr 6 Calshot Activity Week
12 th – 16 th Nov	Art Week
19 th November	Non-Uniform donations for Christmas Fair
6 th December	Love of Christmas Day and Christmas Fair
11 th December	Yr 3 Christingle Service at the Hayling College
15 th December	Hi5 Christmas Market
19 th December	Yr 4-6 Christmas Performance am
20 th December	School Christmas Dinner

Spring 1

7 th January	INSET day
23 rd January	Parents evening 4-7pm (booking available week before)
24 th January	Parents evening 4-6pm (booking available week before)
28 th January	Yr 6 SATs Parents Information meeting 2.30pm
1 st February	Film Club
14 th February	Love Day

Spring 2

11 th -14 th March	Yr 6 Practice SATs week
21 st March	Yr 5 Parents Calshot Meeting
29 th March	Mothers' Day Sale

Summer 1

3 rd April	Easter Disco
27 th April	Hi5 Family Fun Day
13 th – 16 th May	Yr6 SATs week
17 th May	History of Art Day
17 th May	Film Club

Summer 2

3 rd June	INSET Day
14 th June	Fathers' Day Sale
1 st July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day
2 nd July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day
17 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Disco
23 rd July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am