



Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning – Laughing – Achieving

At 7.30am on Christmas morning, whilst most of us were surrounded by family, this young lady set off on a 10 mile sponsored run for the Starlight Foundation. The run, which took 2 hours and 50 minutes, drew tremendous support from the Hayling community with friends shouting encouragement from their windows and gardens, firemen honking their horns, members of our armed forces joining the run and people leaving their houses to donate money. Joe Marler, England RFU prop, lent his support and in total £1707 has been pledged to the Starlight Foundation – money that will be used to brighten the lives of seriously ill children by granting them their wishes. This young lady should be very proud of the difference she has made to others I am sure her actions will inspire other members of the MRJS family to be great citizens in 2019.



House Winners – swimming reward

A great afternoon of fun was had by the children in Nelson House this week as they celebrated becoming house winners for the second time this year with an afternoon of water polo. The pool was full of laughter and Miss Vousden looked much drier at the start of the session than the end!

The scores have been re-set at 0 and everyone in Trafalgar, Victory and Hardy are determined to outscore them next time.

Victory Miss Gray	Trafalgar Mr Darby	Hardy Miss Gilchrist	Nelson Mrs Howard
399	405	507	637

Bee Independent	Bee Brave	Bee Ambitious
Bee Resilient	Bee Creative	Bee Caring
Bee Collaborative	Bee Thoughtful	Bee well mannered

Exciting News!

Mr Darby welcomed in the New Year cuddling his new son! He is treasuring every moment as he gets to know the latest addition to his family. It sounds like Baby Darby is taking after his Dad and wasting as little time sleeping at night as possible 😊



Swimming and PE

Please can all children have their PE kits and carrier bags (for dirty trainers) in school next week – we are looking forward to an exciting term of invasion games through tag rugby and developing different aspects of agility through indoor athletics. Swimming resumes for all year groups from Monday.

Joining the team

I am really looking forward to welcoming Mrs Coward back to school on Monday. She will be joining year 6 in the mornings and is looking forward to working with 6SE alongside Mr Erricker, Miss Gilchrist and Mrs Tondeur.

Online Safety – Fake News

Attached to the email with this newsletter is an online safety guide for parents and carers about Fake News.

Fake news can be false information, photos or videos purposefully created to confuse or misinform. It is important for our children to learn how to distinguish between real and fake news and I hope this guide will be helpful in developing conversations at home.

Please do come and see me or contact me if you have any concerns about online activity involving our children.

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 **millrythejuniorsschool**. 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 on next page.



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

Spring 1

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

Spring 2

25 th February	House Reward for Spring 1
28 th February	Yr 6 Weigh & Measure
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
5 th April	House Reward for Spring 2
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