

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

## **Learning – Laughing – Achieving**

### **A week in the life of 3CW**

To kick off the final half term in Year 3, 3CW have started some interesting and exciting new learning journeys this week. In English we have begun to explore pirate poetry, gathering pirate related words and phrases ready to use in our writing later on. We really enjoyed reading some pirate poems aloud and shouting, 'Ooh arrgh me hearties!' at every opportunity! We have begun to learn about multiplication in Maths, including how to use formal written methods to multiply two and three digit numbers. We have also begun our Geography unit which is a local based study where we get to learn more about Hayling Island and the surrounding area. So far we have learnt where Hayling Island is in relation to surrounding counties, England, the UK, Europe and the world-it turns out we are pretty small! And lastly we have been very excited about learning to play the recorder in music this half term-Mrs Chessell has been slightly less excited about it!

### **Well-being**

I was delighted to attend the first assembly of the half term on Tuesday, which was led by Mrs Wintle around pupil well-being. The assembly was delivered by Lucy and Lacee from year 6, and I was extremely impressed by how confident they were, and how clearly they were able to articulate the key messages to such a large audience. The children were asked to guess how many grams of sugar they thought would be in various popular soft drinks. Lacee and Lucy then produced a bag of sugar to demonstrate the actual volume of sugar in each drink. The children were thoroughly engaged in this activity and were all shocked at how much sugar was in both the energy drink (57g) and fruit based bottle drink (27g) they looked at! So was I! The children were then asked to guess what the optimum sugar intake was for children their age- which was an excellent way of them understanding the potential high volume of sugar in certain drinks compared to what they *should* be having every day. An average 7-10 year old should have 24g per day, which should come from both food and drink, so you can see there needs to be careful consideration to the volume of sugar in drinks as some can represent more than 2 days worth of the recommended daily intake. I could see that the message really resonated with the children - and is the basis for our wider well-being programme which encompasses both physical and mental health. Most importantly, the children were pointed towards the app which allows them to scan drinks for the sugar volume - a great way to keep them up to date and focussed on a healthy approach to life! **Clair Duffy – Governor**



### **Lunchtimes**

Lunchtimes at school are wonderful! It is lovely to see 312 children enjoying so much space whether they are eating on the island, playing 4 square, basketball, netball, football, selling or purchasing ice pops, sitting in the paddock and feeding the goats and chickens, singing and dancing on the stage, making bug hotels or playing tag with friends. The way our children interact with each other and adults during this time is lovely to see. Our lunchtime team provide lovely opportunities for our children and they thoroughly enjoy their time with your children.



## Young Farmers

I had the pleasure of announcing that these two young men would become our first young farmers next week in school. On Friday, they will receive their initial training from Mrs Gilmartin before taking lead in the care of our goats and chickens next week. They are going to do a super job and I am looking forward to announcing who our next young farmers will be next week. If your child is in years 5 or 6 and has the ambition to become a young farmer they can write to myself and Mr Darby or send an email to [farmschool@millrythe-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:farmschool@millrythe-jun.hants.sch.uk) Further information can be found on the Year 6 Letters page of our website.



## House Points

Congratulations to all of the children in Trafalgar on their victory in the house points competition last half term. They all enjoyed an ice bun and non-uniform day on Tuesday. As you can see, the total house points for the year is really close moving into the last 7 weeks of term and with a BBQ and water fight up for grabs I am sure we will see lots of house points earned in the coming week.



Victory	Trafalgar	Hardy	Nelson
Miss Gray	Mr Darby	Miss Gilchrist	Mrs Howard
1688	2261	2297	2348

**Bee Independent**  
**Bee Resilient**  
**Bee Collaborative**

**Bee Brave**  
**Bee Creative**  
**Bee Thoughtful**

**Bee Ambitious**  
**Bee Caring**  
**Bee well mannered**

## End of day arrangements and bees

At the end of the school day, it is lovely to see families staying and enjoying watching the goats and chickens playing in the paddock. As we are now locking the gate at the top of the playground at 3.35pm, families that would like to stay a little longer are welcome to leave via the gate by the swimming pool. Thank you for ensuring that this is always closed behind you. I would like to remind everyone that no one should be going into the nature garden without a member of staff present as this is where the bee hives are kept. Mr Darby and Miss Gilchrist had a first inspection of the hives this week and it was exciting to see the formation of honeycomb in such a short period of time.



## Father's Day Sale

The Father's Day secret shopping will take place during school time on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets must be bought in advance for £3. Please send the correct cash in a named envelope to the office by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets limited to 1 or 2 per child. Tickets will be handed to children on the morning of the sale.

## 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

## Items available in school:

Swimming hats	£1.20
Recorders	£2.50
Water Bottles	£1.50

## Inset days for the academic year 2019-2020

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

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

### Summer 2

13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5&6 Matilda
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day Sale
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Film Club
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 Portsmouth Schools Music Festival
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Paulton's Park
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr 3/4 Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 5/6 Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 5 Winchester Science Museum
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Enterprise Day
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Disco
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 10am