



## Learning – Laughing – Achieving

**Dear Mill Rythe Family,**

### Love of Christmas Day

It was wonderful to see the MRJS family arriving at school on Thursday covered in glitter, sequins, tinsel and wearing their Christmas jumpers. They looked amazing and spent the day engaged in a wonderful range of Christmas activities. 6GR put their love of baking to the test as they baked and decorated their own miniature Christmas cakes whilst the illuminated Christmas scenes that were made in 5SH were truly stunning. Take a look at Instagram to see what your child's class got up to.



### Mr Price

Today was Mr Price's last day with us. Dan joined our school family in September 2019 to complete his teacher training and we were all delighted to welcome him back this term as a teaching assistant. I am really pleased to tell you that he has now secured his first teaching post at a school in Portsmouth. Dan is a smashing young man who has given so much to our school in the last four terms and whilst he is going to be greatly missed in January, we will all enjoy learning about the adventures that he and his first class get up to in the Spring and Summer term. I hope we will one day welcome Dan back to MRJS as a member of our teaching team.



### Christmas Wishes

The Autumn term should have ended with our Christmas Wishes assembly where we get to share our wishes for 2021 as well as singing together and playing a variety of games. The wishes are really important to us as a school so this year we would like to share them with you and hope that you will take some time to share them as a family this Christmas.

### 3MD Christmas Wishes

3MD would like everyone on our marvellous planet to have a lovely Christmas and a love-filled new year. They hope that the new year will bring much needed reconciliations with members of their families and that those who have had to self-isolate on their own for almost a year will be overwhelmed with hugs once a vaccine is rolled out. We hope the world will return to normal and we can play games, hold hands, hug and sing without fear. If only one good thing came out of this pandemic, it's knowing we can get through anything if we come together, share, support, understand with compassion and love. Roll on 2021!

3MD are already quite content with their lives and school, due in part to the demi-god that teaches them, however if they could have anything despite this, it would be that we would have a whole day each week to devour enough ice-cream and chocolate till we popped! That our classroom would be made of Lego and that we could come dressed up as our favourite superhero's each day. We would like a class unicorn that burped out jelly beans being ridden by our wondrous Head dressed in a pink, frilly tutu, with lots of lipstick and pretty little braids in his hair wearing a 'I love Mr Darby lots and lots' t-shirt. Merry Christmas everyone!

### **3AT Christmas Wishes**

We wish that on Christmas day, everyone has a home and at least one present under their tree and in their stocking to make them smile. We wish that everyone was kind and that there were no more wars. We wish that everyone looked after the environment and wildlife; mankind should stop cutting down trees as we and the animals need them. We wish that everyone was healthy and safe and that no one else becomes ill from coronavirus. We wish that everyone is able to see their family and friends over Christmas.

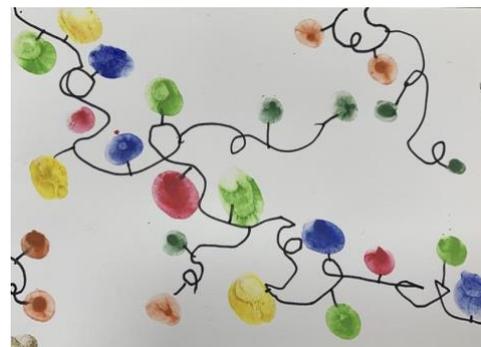


We wish that everyone in 3MD would wear funny elf costumes for the rest of the year. Mr Darby would look particularly fetching in stripy tights! We wish that the teachers would give us fruit smoothies at break time. HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas

### **4JS Christmas Wishes**

This Christmas we wish for nobody to be alone. We wish that homeless people all have a home to sleep in and that lost animals can find shelter. We all really wish that everyone could see their families and spend time with loved ones doing the important things together.

We also wish that Mr Bessant would ride a reindeer along the school roof, dressed as a snowman, sharing presents with everyone whilst Miss Vousden looks after the farm animals dressed as an elf.



### **4IC Christmas Wishes**

Our biggest wish is for coronavirus to go away. We would love to be able to go back to our normal lives and be with all our friends. We miss being able to play with everyone at breaktimes and giving our friends big hugs. We would like to be able to have our friends round for tea and have fun sleepovers. We want to have birthday parties and celebrate special times with all our friends and families. We wish we could spend time with every member of our family and not have to worry about making them poorly.

We wish we could come to school in our pyjamas and play all day! We wish that our playground could be transformed into an amazing adventure play park with a rollercoaster and outdoor cinema area. We would be able to have go-kart races, play football and basketball, bounce on trampolines and have waterslides into the swimming pool. We would have an area for food where we are served by Mrs Chessell and Mr Price. They would bring us fresh doughnuts, ice cream and candy floss and let us have entry into a secret land made from sweets, where we could eat whatever we wanted. It would be heaven!

### **5SG Christmas Wishes**

In 5SG, we wish for several things: we would like to see an end to climate change so that us and our children can live in a beautiful world, we would like there to be no more racism with people being kind and nice to each other and it would be amazing if the vaccine for the coronavirus could be rolled out quickly so that no one else gets sick.

In 5SG, we would like Mr Bessant to buy our class a Slushy machine as we've worked really hard and deserve a treat. Jacob wants to have a cake fight with Mr Bessant and Ray thinks that he (Mr B) should wear a long blonde wig for this event! Everyone wants a class pet with the winning vote going to a giraffe. Our ceiling is high enough after all!

### 5MC Christmas Wishes

5MC wish that Christmas could be spent with loved ones who are no longer with us. We would tell them how much we love them, create fond memories and cherish special moments together.

We also wish that the kids could take over the school for the Spring term. We would boss the teachers around and making them work as hard as us! We also wish that we could make a special growth potion for Mr Bessant so that he was tall enough to finally put the star on the top of the tree all by himself.

### 5SH Christmas Wishes

5SH wish that everyone who has struggled with their mental health and wellbeing because of the pandemic would be able to get the support and love they need so that they can be happy again. We wish that hunters would stop hunting rhinos for their horn and that other animals that are endangered can be properly protected. We wish that everyone who is fighting cancer recovers fully.

On a lighter note, we wish that we could all become elves for a day and help father Christmas to make everyone's dreams come true. We wish that we could all come to school with water balloons and share them with our teachers! We wish that we could do the teachers make up – Mr Darby would look very fetching by the time we have finished his makeover!

### 5JH Christmas Wishes

On Christmas morning, we wish everyone could wake up with a roof over their head, food on their table and a gift under the tree. We wish everyone would be kind to one another and that we could end racism – we want to live in a world where everyone is respected and treated equally. We would also quite like to see Mr Darby dressed up as a Donkey – Donkey Darby!



### **6SB Christmas Wishes**

6SB wish for happiness for all people who are suffering this year. We hope that Coronavirus ends in 2021 and that everyone at Mill Rythe stays safe and healthy. We wish that the NHS had an unlimited pot of money to help save lives and make people better. We wish for all children to get a Christmas present this year and that poverty ends. We wish that all animals had a home, wherever that may be; whether it's the polar ice caps or the rainforests of Brazil, or the dogs and cats in rescue centres across the world.

We really hope our wishes come true. We also have some other wishes: Louie would like everyone to have a third leg so that they can walk faster. Mollie just wishes that Louie was a little bit quieter. Freya would like Mr Bessant to be taller because he's easily mistaken as an elf at Christmas time. We wish that

Father Christmas would come to our school and deliver presents to everyone. Most of all, we wish that we could all go to Calshot next year. Ideally, in a private jet.



### **6AF Christmas Wishes**

6AF wish that everyone had someone to spend their Christmas with this year and that no one was left alone. We wish that Covid 19 would end so we could all be together again. We wish that racism would stop and that everyone would learn to be kind to one another.

We wish that the boys' toilets would have air freshener because they're really smelly! We wish that Miss Furlong and Miss Lewis would dress up as Santa and take 6AF carolling around Hayling dressed as elves.



### **6GR Christmas Wishes**

For Christmas this year, 6GR would love for everyone to receive the gifts of safety, happiness, respect and equality of opportunity. We would like a vaccination to be available to everyone so that we can come together safely with friends and family and return to spending time doing the things that we all love. We wish that the paramedics, nurses, doctors, and care home workers could wake up to a 2021 without coronavirus. We wish that everyone who clapped the key workers throughout lockdown would now show them the respect they deserve through their actions every day. We wish that the World's leaders would come together and make the right decisions to tackle climate change so that, as children, we have a healthy planet to inherit.

Finally, we wish that Miss Gray would return to 6GR in January. Mr Bessant has done his best but six weeks has been long enough for us and Mrs Lewis!

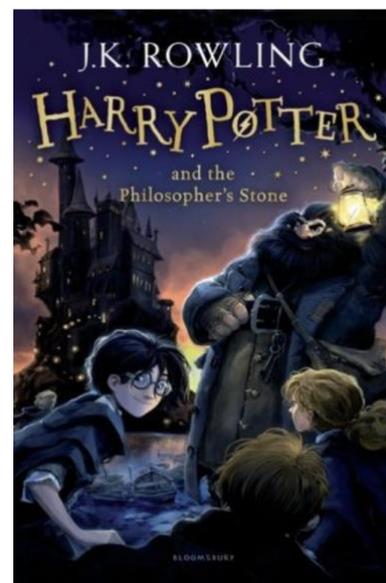


## Celebration

This week we have celebrated the achievements of children across the school who find aspects of learning more challenging than some of their peers. This group of children have worked incredibly hard both in the classroom and during their targeted interventions. We are extremely proud of the progress they have all made this term. One example of this progress, is the number of children who have increased their reading age by more than a year in just three months; a fantastic achievement! It was lovely to see their beaming faces when they were given their certificates and to hear the congratulations they received from their peers. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve next term.

## Winning House

Autumn 2's winning house is **TRAFALGAR**, congratulations. Trafalgar house can come to school in non-school uniform when we return on 5<sup>th</sup> January and will have iced buns that day. You will receive a text during the holidays to remind you.



## 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.** We also have a lost property Instagram page which can be found at **MRJS\_lost\_property**. We will hold all lost property until the end of a half term at which point it will be donated.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday and we will see you back on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January.

David Bessant

Headteacher

## Key dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021 confirmed so far:

### Spring 1

4<sup>th</sup> January Inset day

5<sup>th</sup> January Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform day

7<sup>th</sup> January Yr 5 parents Calshot Meeting

**8<sup>th</sup> January Yr 6 Ancient Greek Day**

20<sup>th</sup> January Yr 6 Parents evening 4-7pm

21<sup>st</sup> January Yr 6 Parents evening 4-6pm

4<sup>th</sup> February Yr 6 Parents SATs information evening 4pm, 5pm and 6pm

12<sup>th</sup> February Love Day

### Spring 2

22<sup>nd</sup> February Inset day

23<sup>rd</sup> February Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform day

4<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March Practice SATs week

12<sup>th</sup> March Mother Day Shopping

15<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening 4-7pm 3AT, 4IC, 5SG and 5SH

16<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening 4-6pm 3AT, 4IC, 5SG and 5SH

17<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening 4-7pm 3MD, 4JS, 5JH and 5MC

18<sup>th</sup> March Parents evening 4-6pm 3MD, 4JS, 5JH and 5MC

31<sup>st</sup> March Intervention Celebration Assembly

1<sup>st</sup> April Winning house cinema and popcorn reward

### **Summer 1**

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May SATs week

14<sup>th</sup> May History of Art Day

### **Summer 2**

7<sup>th</sup> June Inset day

8<sup>th</sup> June Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform day

18<sup>th</sup> June Fathers Day Shopping

28<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 and 4 Sports Day

29<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 at Paultons Park

16<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Event

19<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Enterprise Day

22<sup>nd</sup> July Winning House BBQ and Waterfight

23<sup>rd</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Assembly