

# MRJS News

## Learning-Laughing-Achieving

Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers  
I can hardly believe that we are at the end of another half term. The days are getting brighter and it certainly feels like spring is just around the corner.

#### Children's Mental Health Week

The theme this year is 'Let's Connect'. Children have had the opportunity to think about what mental health is, how the power of connection helps improve mental health and where to seek advice about improving mental health. If you would like to find out more, please visit the Place2be website at [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk).

#### World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite children to come dressed as a word. I know it sounds a bit of an odd one but is linked to developing vocabulary. There are lots of good ideas online but here are a few to get you started camouflage, sunshine, sparkle, sporty, rainbow to mention a few. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's (and adults at school!) creativity with this idea. Please see letter attached.

#### Class Assemblies

Next half term, we would like to welcome you in once again to celebrate your child's learning. Assemblies will take place on the following dates:

3G: 31 Mar 9am  
3SB: 31 Mar 3.05pm  
4C: 22 Mar 3.05pm  
4B: 15 Mar 3.05pm  
5T: 13 Mar 3.05pm  
5H: 20 Mar 3.05pm  
6C: 23 Mar 3.05pm  
6G: 16 Mar 3.05pm

We do hope you can make it – we know how much the children love these assemblies.

#### Year 6 SATS meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. We really hoping that this will provide you with invaluable information about how we as a school administer the statutory assessments and what you can do to support your child further. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### T2P

There are two ways to receive text messages from our school- directly to your phone or via the Teachers2Parents app. If you use the app, please ensure that notifications are turned on, so that you can see when a message is delivered. You are able to reply to T2P messages, but we are unable to receive emojis or images via T2P messages. Please let us know if your contact details change.

#### Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents' evening again this week. Thank you for coming in to hear about your child at school and their

learning. We had a 93% attendance rate. If you have yet to make an appointment, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

#### Ambassadors

This year, we decided to open up the leadership opportunities across the school to children from Year 3 to Year 6. I am delighted that so many children applied and put themselves forward for this opportunity. We have ordered ambassador badges for our new Ambassadors which I am hopeful will arrive soon. This week and at the start of the next half term, Ambassadors will be receiving their induction so that they can fulfil their new roles. An exciting time for pupil leadership in the school.

#### Winning House

Congratulations to Hardy! You have collected the most house points over the half term. Hardy House are welcome to wear home clothes on the first day after half term and enjoy a delicious iced bun as a reward. Well done!

#### Playground Improvements

You may have noticed over the last few weeks, the playground is starting to look a little different. The shed on the perimeter and some of the benches have been removed as they had rotted away. This week, following a site walk, we made the decision to remove access to the boat and decking area. Please may I ask that if you collect at the end of the day with small children, that you do not allow them to climb on the boat or decking.

During the first couple of weeks back, Mr Miles and I will be meeting with playground equipment suppliers, the school council and ambassadors to decide what we would like for our playground and how this will look. Please do talk to your child about their ideas and encourage them to let their school councillor know their ideas.

#### Gentle reminder about uniform

We ask that children do not wear trainers as their school shoes. Children should wear black school shoes or plain black, flat, ankle boots which are appropriate for school.

**If you are unable to provide this, please do contact the school.**

I do hope you have a great half term break. Enjoy doing the things you love and spending time with those close to you. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.  
Mrs Maxwell



**Kindness  
Aspiration  
Honesty  
Respect  
Responsibility**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 Feb HARDY Non School Uniform and Iced Buns  
23 Feb Closing Date for Coronation Artwork  
28 Feb Y6 SATs Parents Meeting  
2 Mar World Book Day- Dress up as a word!  
7 Mar Roving Book Shop 3.30-4pm  
10 Mar PTA Non School Uniform – bring in a donation for the Rainbow Raffle  
17 Mar Mothers' Day Sale  
24 Mar Y4 Butser Hill  
24 Mar End of Spring Clubs  
28 Mar PTA Easter Bring & Buy Sale  
31 Mar Last Day Spring Term

#### AWESOME ATTENDANCE

**4B**

#### INSET DAYS

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### House Points For the TERM

Hardy: 678  
Nelson: 625  
Trafalgar: 648  
Victory: 666