

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back!

Welcome back! I do hope that you all had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the gorgeous sunshine. I am sure the children have grown inches over the break! It has been wonderful catching up and hearing how they spent their week off.

INSET Day Training

On Monday morning, all staff received fire marshal training and essential first aid training. In the afternoon, teaching staff took the time to think deeply about the primary curriculum, the purpose of our current curriculum and what we aim for in our future.

I am really interested in hearing your views too. At the beginning of next week, you will receive a link to an online form. On it you will be asked your views on the purpose of primary education and the curriculum in the form of a few questions. I would be most grateful if you take the time to respond so that your views, as parents and carers, are considered. I have already met with the school council to seek their initial views and will be extending this to the whole school.

National Attendance Award

This week, I received a fantastic email in my inbox. We have received a National School Attendance Award. This award recognises that our attendance percentages are high and place us in the top 10% of similar schools in England. Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring your child attends regularly. It really does make a difference. Let's see if we can receive one for the summer term too!

Art of Brilliance

You may remember in my last newsletter I set the children a challenge in assembly to come up with 50 things they take for granted. Here is a snippet of their thoughts: life, family and friends, somewhere to live, living near the beach, clean water, education, fresh air, hobbies, pets and the emergency services. Some great things to have an attitude of gratitude about!

Class Lists for September 2023

Planning and preparing for a new school year is always a bit of a puzzle and there are lots of things that schools take into consideration when making decisions about classes. These decisions are never rushed and never made to negatively affect children, families, or staff and are always made with children and their needs in mind. When we start work on class lists for a new school year, we have to be mindful of many things. This includes enabling greater social interaction between children as they move through the school and ensuring that each of the classes remains balanced. We also consider friendship groups, friendship clashes but most importantly, that children are enabled to use their time in class for

learning. Playtimes, of course, will continue to be a time when all children can mix and socialise.

Teachers will be creating class lists this year with the best interests of the pupils' learning and wellbeing at the forefront. We will use our in-depth and well-rounded knowledge of the children across the year group, alongside our professionalism and experience, to sculpt classes that are balanced, happy and allow all children to achieve their very best.

We appreciate your trust and confidence in our professional decisions and thank you in advance for your support.

Hero Shopping Day

The PTA are offering all children the opportunity to purchase a small gift for a special male in their life. Children will be able to shop at lunchtime on Tuesday 13th June. There will also be a stall after school on Tuesday should you wish to take your child to purchase a gift. If purchasing something during the school day, please send your child in with £2.50 in a named envelope. Thank you for supporting this event.

Congratulations to Trafalgar House

Well done for collecting the most house points over the last half term! We hope you enjoyed your delicious iced bun! I wonder which house it will be this half term?

Sports Morning

Lower school: Tuesday 12th July

Please note: CHANGE OF DATE

Upper school: Thursday 14th July

Mrs Brydon and one of our parents, Mrs Brown, has kindly offered to help. They will be putting together a plan for the morning which will be shared shortly.

Sun Hats and Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a named sun hat and water bottle particularly as we move in to the warmer weeks of the summer term. Thank you.

Year 5 Newspaper Plea

Please could you save your newspapers for a Year 5 papier mâché project in July. Please can they come into school by the end of June.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Mrs Maxwell

Friday 9th June 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesdays : Ice Poles 30p

13 Jun PTA Hero Shopping Day

16 Jun Y6 Paultons Park

22 Jun Y5 Marwell

27 Jun Roving Book Shop

12 Jul Y3/Y4 Sports Morning

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14 Jul Y5/Y6 Sports Morning

14 Jul End of Clubs

AWESOME ATTENDANCE

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INSET DAYS

1st & 4th September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

3rd Jun 2024

House Points For this Week

Hardy: 897
Nelson: 784
Trafalgar: 813
Victory: 792