

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! What a wet and windy start to the second half of the autumn term. We have certainly not allowed the weather to dampen our spirits!

Storm Ciaran

On Wednesday evening, the headteachers of the schools on the Island collectively made the decision to close their schools due to the severe weather warnings that had been issued by the Met Office. This decision was not made lightly. It was driven by the safety of the children, alongside the safety of the staff, many of whom travel from off the Island, alongside the information to hand, at the time.

The storm was, in fact, less severe than predicted and I fully appreciate how frustrating the situation may have been. Some of our staff are also parents and were also affected by their own child's school closure; trying to balance working from home and childcare too. Therefore, thank you for your understanding.

INSET Day

Our INSET day on Monday was a busy one. We started the day with health and safety training. This was followed by some moderation of writing and identifying the next steps. It was good to be able to look at writing across the school and the work your children have been producing. The remainder of the day was spent focussing on how we can make adaptations for our learners and assessment at the point of learning; with a focus on questioning. And of course, a little more on The Art of Brilliance and building a school of brilliant learners. Our next INSET day is Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Thank you to The Hayling Lions

We have been very fortunate to receive a significant donation from The Hayling Lions which has paid partly for our school playground. Thank you! Please may I ask that if you pass the charity shop on the island that you pop in and if you are having a clear out, that you donate your goods to The Hayling Lions.

Official Opening of The Trim Trail

On Tuesday afternoon, after school, please join us for the official opening of the Trim Trail. We are hoping that as many of you can join us for a short ribbon cutting ceremony. All welcome!

Winning House

Well done to Victory House for collecting the most thumbs up last half term. I wonder who it will be this half term?

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.'** Programme this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. All year groups will receive a virtual assembly with Year 5 and Year 6 participating in a face to face workshop. A letter will be sent out on Monday with further details.

Maths Workshops – new date

These workshops will now take place on **Thursday 16th November 9:00am and 4:30pm.** Please come along to find out how to support your child at home.

Great News!

I am delighted to inform you that we have successfully recruited a School Business Manager to join the senior leadership team at Mill Rythe Junior School. Mrs Farrelly will lead our existing office team from mid-December and brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Maxwell

Friday 3rd November 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7 Nov Trim Trail Opening
- 8 Nov 9am Phonics Workshop
- 10 Nov Y5 WW1 Day
- 13 Nov Y2 Open Day 9am & 5pm
- 16 Nov Maths Workshop 9am and 4.30pm
- 23 Nov Pastoral Coffee Afternoon
- 11-15 Dec Year 6 Residential to Calshot
- 11 Dec Y3 Stone Age Day

AWESOME ATTENDANCE
Week : 6C

INSET DAYS

~~1st & 4th September 2023~~
~~30th October 2023~~
2nd January 2024
3rd Jun 2024

House Points For the week

Hardy: 647
Nelson: 510
Trafalgar: 648
Victory: 723