

# MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Where has the Autumn Term gone? It seems to have passed by in the blink of an eye. The last week of term has been a very busy one and jam packed one.

#### Hampers of Happiness

A huge thank you for your very kind donations as part of our 'LOVE of Our Community at Christmas'. We have an incredible 18 Hampers of Happiness making their way across the Island to spread happiness and love from Mill Rythe Junior School.

#### Year 6 Visit to Calshot

Year 6s returned today after a five-day school journey to Calshot Activity Centre. I had the privilege of spending time with the children over the course of the week. They have been an absolute pleasure and credit to our school. They have pushed themselves to overcome their fears and have tackled all of the new experiences head on. Well done Year 6. Thank you to all of the adults who accompanied the children on this residential: Miss Cull, Mrs Tondeur, Miss Going, Miss Lewis and Mrs Wintle. Without you, it would not have been possible.

#### Year 5 Pizzas

Year 5 had an amazing day becoming chefs for the morning. They had to measure the correct amount of flour, sift it and mix in the yeast and water before kneading it into a fine ball of dough. From there, they carefully shaped their pizzas and selected their toppings based on their research (food tasting lesson 2). Some of them cut up peppers and mushrooms (under supervision) and the outcome was amazing! We are so proud of year 5!



#### Year 4 Polar Express Day

On Monday, Year 4 arrived in school wearing pyjamas and clutching their Golden Tickets as they eagerly awaited boarding the Polar Express. With tickets punched by the conductor, we were off! We made gloves to protect us from the cold, and then settled down to enjoy hot

chocolate with marshmallows and a biscuit as we watched the film. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their adventure to the North Pole.

#### Year 3 Stone Age Day

On Monday we travelled back in time to the Stone Age where our guide 'Flint' entertained us for the day. We began the morning by going on a woolly mammoth hunt, playing a hunting and gathering game and learnt about different animals. Later we completed a quiz, played a Bronze age board game and looked at a range of artefacts, including a real woolly mammoth's tooth! The children had an amazing day and loved seeing each other dressed up. Thank you to all parents for helping us to make it such a memorable day.

#### Lost Property

You may have noticed a pile of lost property on the table by the main gate. The vast majority of this is unnamed. Please do take the time to look through and claim items if they belong to your child. Remaining items will be donated in the new year.

#### Winning House

Congratulations to Victory for collecting the most house points over the half term. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, we invite members of Victory to wear their home clothes and enjoy an iced bun as a treat!

#### Inset Day

Just a reminder, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January is an INSET. Therefore, the first day back to school for children is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

#### Swimming

Swimming lessons recommence the first week back of term. Next half term Year 4 will swim every Thursday and Year 6 will swim every Monday.

On behalf of the staff and Governors of Mill Rythe Junior School, I would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support over the last academic year.

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Mrs Maxwell



**Kindness  
Aspiration  
Honesty  
Respect  
Responsibility**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February Half Term

#### AWESOME ATTENDANCE

5F

#### INSET DAYS

2023-2024

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### House Points for the last week

Hardy: 149  
Nelson: 181  
Trafalgar: 227  
Victory: 215