

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year.

What a super start to the term we have had. The children have returned to school full of positivity and determination - it's great to have them back! A special welcome to our new Year 3 pupils who have made a fantastic start to their junior school education. Well done to everyone.

Assembly focus: Expectations and Values

This week in assembly I spoke to the children about our school expectations of being ready, respectful and safe and the reasons behind those three simple expectations. Additionally, we have started to remind ourselves of our school values; the building blocks and foundations for our school. Do speak to your child about the value of kindness, what this means and how we can show kindness to others.

Great Citizen Award

In assembly today, I was thrilled to give out the first Great Citizen Award of the academic year. This was awarded to a child who wanted to make a change. He has tidied and swept the area outside his house and has, with the help of adults, looked to rebuild a wall that was in disrepair. Well done to Leo! What a Great Citizen!

If your child is actively involved in serving our wider community- please do get in touch. This could be through charity work, donations or perhaps something different.

Pupil Leadership

This year we are looking to further develop pupil voice and leadership. Mrs Brydon is leading on this and has

already made a super start. It has been wonderful to hear the children talk about their application for school councillor or school ambassador and, that so many children are keen to take on these roles. School Council elections take place next week - watch this space.

Key dates

We have a number of opportunities and events over the Autumn term. Please do look at the online calendar on our website and the key dates section on this newsletter.

Smartphone free childhood

You may remember in my last newsletter that I wrote about growing concerns around smartphone use and its impact on mental health. An important letter will be coming out week commencing Monday 22nd September regarding this. In the meantime, do have a look at the following website for more information on a smart phone free childhood www.papayaparents.co.uk.

Year Group Newsletters

You should have received your child's year group newsletter this week. I do hope you found it helpful to outline key information for your child and their learning over the next term. Any questions, please do contact the school office.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

It is imperative to reiterate that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We remain committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all our pupils, and we appreciate your continued support in this vital area. If you are concerned about a child, REPORT IT. You can do this via the [Hampshire Children's Service](#), [Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) or the [NSPCC](#) websites.

Friday 12th September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

15.09.2025 Clubs & Morning Mastery begin
19.09.2025 Y3 Harbour School starts
23.09.2025 Y4 Maya Day
23.09.2025 Meet the Teacher
24.09.2025 Phonics Workshop for parents
01.10.2025 Maths Workshop for parents
07.10.2025 Parents Evening
14.10.2025 Y4 MTC Information Meeting
20.10.2025 School Photo Day
21.10.2025 Parents Evening
04.11.2025 Y2 Parents Meetings
06.11.2025 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home
24.11.2025 Y6 Height & Weight Checks
26.11.2025 Y3 Stone Age Day
27.11.2025 Flu Vaccinations
02.12.2025 Y5 Space Wonderdome
03.12.2025 Y4 Polar Express Day
04.12.2025 PTA Christmas shop – TBC
10.12.2025 Love of Kindness at Christmas - TBC
11.12.2025 Christmas Lunch
12.12.2025 Christmas Carols
12.12.2025 All clubs and Morning Mastery sessions end
15.12.2025 Y6 Calshot Residential
19.12.2025 Last day of term

AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Class: 4W

INSET DAYS

24th October 2025

13th February 2026

1st June 2026

House Points For the week

Hardy:	1197
Nelson:	841
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We have had a great start to the new term - thank you. It is very important that your child attends school and is on time so that they can make the very best of the opportunities on offer to them. We know that ensuring children attend every day in the first two weeks is an indicator for good attendance over the course of the academic year. If you need any support with this, please do contact Mrs Ginn, our Home School Link Worker, either via the office or by email: hslw@millrythe-jun.hants.sch.uk. We are here to help.

A gentle reminder, please do not book term time holidays as it will be unauthorised. Thank you.

Clubs

Our after-school clubs start on Monday. Club applications have been extremely popular and we are looking to add to our extra-curricular offer over the next academic year. You will have received an Arbor message if your child has a place. Please ensure prompt payment so that you can secure the space.

Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 23rd September

Please pop in and meet your child's class teacher between 3:30pm and 4pm. There is no need to book for this, please just meet them at the class door after collecting your child.

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 97.6%	3S: 95.9%	
4B: 99.6%	4H: 99.1%	4W: 100%
5B: 99.1%	5F: 99.5%	5M: 92.7%
6C: 98.1%	6G: 95.6%	

I do hope you have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

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