

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter of November. It is unbelievable to think that we are already planning Christmas events at school. With that said, I do hope that you found the overview of Christmas dates useful. We are really looking forward to celebrating this festive season with the children at school and with you too.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

This week the Year 3 children travelled back in time to the Stone Age. They had an amazing day looking at all kinds of artefacts from shoes, to drums, to bags. They investigated a range of bones and discussed what they could be have been used for and learnt how to make arrows using string, sticks and flint. In the afternoon cave paintings were completed on slate tiles and everyone had great fun learning to hunt using a bow and arrow! Thank you for helping the children with their costumes as it really helped bring our learning alive.

Year 2 Child and Parent Tours

This event was once again very popular with prospective parents and their children. It provided an opportunity to see school life in action at MRJS. Our school councillors and Year 6 representatives were amazing tour guides and fantastic ambassadors for our school. We are all so proud of them – well done!

Learning Walks

It has been great for Mrs Wintle, Mrs Mott and myself to get in to classes this week and see how well the children are progressing. The children are always keen to share their learning with us. Well done!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Are you concerned about a child? Perhaps you have overheard or observed something in the community that doesn't sit right? 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.

Transition

Myself and Mrs Mott met with Mrs Tighe from Mill Rythe Infant School to begin to plan and discuss transition opportunities for the current Year 2 pupils. Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback from our current Year 3 families regarding their child's transition this year. Your feedback and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Class assemblies

This week marked the class assemblies of 4B and 5B. Thank you for coming to celebrate your child's learning with us. It was lovely to see you there. Class assemblies coming up are:

3C	Tues 9th Dec	2:45pm
3S	Wed 10 th Dec	2:45pm
4H	Wed 17 th Dec	2:45pm
4W	Mon 8 th Dec	2:45pm
5F	Tues 16 th Dec	2:45pm
5M	Thurs 18 th Dec	2:45pm
6C	Tues 2nd Dec	2:45pm

Coats, hats and gloves

As it gets colder, please ensure you send your child in with named winter clothing.

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 93.4%	3S: 97.7%	
4B: 98.4%	4H: 90.9%	4W: 100%
5B: 96.1%	5F: 97.3%	5M: 95.9%
6C: 95.6%	6G: 97.9%	

Friday 28th November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

02.12.2025 Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium

N.B. CHANGE OF DATE

15.12.2025 Y4 Polar Express Day

04.12.2025 PTA Christmas shop

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

13th February 2026

1st June 2026

House Points For the week

Hardy: 980
Nelson: 1227
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Uniform

The overwhelming majority of our children are smartly presented and wear clothing that is in line with our uniform expectations. However, I have noticed over the last week that some of our pupils have taken a rather liberal approach to school uniform. Therefore, I felt it would be helpful to outline our expectations again. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Uniform:

- White polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with
- Dark grey trousers, skirt, culottes or shorts (not black)
- In the warmer month's pupils may wear a blue and white checked dress
- Black school shoes or plain black flat, ankle boots which are appropriate for school
- White, grey or black socks, or black, blue or grey tights

PE Kit:

- Plain or shadow stripe navy shorts
 - PE t shirt – plain white or navy blue
 - Trainer
 - Plain or navy-blue tracksuit
 - Plain PE hoodie – navy blue
- Make-up, false eyelashes, nail varnish or jewellery – must not be worn for school.

Hair – Shoulder length and longer should be tied back with a discrete hair band. Oversized bows and other accessories should not be worn.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

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