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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We've had a brilliant start to the term. The children have returned to school fantastically and have been working incredibly hard. It has been great to get in to the Year 3 classes this week and see some amazing diary writing and some super measuring in mathematics. We are looking forward to popping in to Year 4 next week and seeing their amazing work too.

Attendance awards

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually. I was delighted to be able to award 116 100% attendance certificates over the Autumn 2 term in assembly today. Very well done indeed!

Smartphone Free School

Thank you for your support to become a smart phone free school. The children have been amazing in ensuring they do not bring their smart phones in, if they own one.

Well done Victory House

Congratulations to Victory House for collecting the most points over the Autumn 2 half term. Today they've enjoyed coming in to school in their home clothes and eating a delicious iced bun. I wonder who it will be next half term?

Welcome to Mrs Lawrence

As you may be aware, Mrs Wintle and Mrs Mott are now teaching in Year 5. This means that they are no longer teaching PPA across the school. We welcome Mrs Lawrence who will be teaching PPA across the school alongside Mrs Shergold.

Dates for your diaries

There are lots of upcoming events to pop in your diary. As ever, lots of lovely opportunities for you and your child. Parents' evenings are due to

take place towards the end of this month and beginning of next month. These are always very well attended so please do book your slot as soon as the dates are open. I know our teachers really value the opportunity to update you on your child's progress so far this academic year.

Clubs and Morning Mastery

After school clubs have started this week. We hope your child is enjoying their chosen club.

Morning Mastery letters have been sent out today and the sessions start on Tuesday 13th January. These sessions are valuable to your child and their learning and help to not only boost but also challenge.

Headteacher Hot Chocolate

This term marks the return of hot chocolate with the headteacher. This year, if your child receives the star values award, they will be invited for a hot chocolate and biscuit during the following week. Please make sure your permissions are up to date on Arbor so that your child does not miss out.

Morning Snacks

At Mill Rythe Junior School, we encourage the children to bring in a mid-morning snack of fresh or dried fruit or fresh vegetables. Please do not send your child in with crisps, biscuits or cereal bars for their mid-morning snack – these can be enjoyed at lunchtime instead. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Year 3 in 2027

Just a reminder, the closing date to apply for a junior school place is Thursday 15th January 2026. If you have a child currently in Year 2, please ensure you apply for a junior school place. Please do spread the word if you have any friends, relatives and colleagues with children in Year 2 so that their application arrives on time.

Friday 9th January

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

05.01.26 After school clubs begin
13.01.26 Morning Mastery begins
19.01.26 Y5 Final Straw Foundation Workshop
27.01.26 Parents Evening
04.02.26 Inter house sports morning
05.02.26 Parents Evening
12.02.26 Maths workshop for parents at 9am and 5pm
12.02.26 Morning Mastery ends
13.02.26 Inset day
16.02.26 Half Term
23.02.26 Morning Mastery begins
26.02.26 Y6 Ancient Greek Day
12.03.26 Y3 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip
19.03.26 Y4 Butser Ancient Farm
25.03.26 Inter house sports morning
27.03.26 Morning Mastery ends
30.03.26 Easter Holidays

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Class: 5F

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13th February 2026

1st June 2026

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Attendance by class for this week

3C: 94.1%	3S: 96.6%	
4B: 94.8%	4H: 97.7%	4W: 98.6%
5B: 95.7%	5F: 100%	5MW: 94.1%
6C: 96.5%	6G: 96.8%	

Well Done 5F!

Maths Workshop Thursday 12th February 2026 9am (in school) and 5pm (online)

We are holding another maths workshop for parents and carers on Thursday 12th February. This workshop will be aimed at upper school maths and will include how we teach mathematical skills and concepts in Years 5 and 6, as well as ideas on how you can support your child at home. The 9am session will be held in school and the 5pm session will be online via Microsoft Teams. A link for the online workshop will be sent out nearer the time. The presentation will also be made available on our school website.

And finally...

Thank you to the PTA for their generous donation of £2,000 which was used towards the upgrade of the computing suite. The donation has been used to purchase new desktop computers which were installed on the last day of the Autumn term. The computers have already made such a difference to the learning of children. They are faster, more modern and are already helping to deliver our computing curriculum.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Kindest regards,

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