

MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to Mill Rythe Junior School for the start of the autumn term. I hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

The return to school has been truly impressive. In assembly this morning, I explained to the children that I believe this is the best start to the new school year yet! Our pupils have demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and engagement from day one, and I have been delighted by the manner in which they have settled back into school life. The energy and readiness they have brought with them has been a genuine pleasure to witness, and it speaks volumes about the positive relationships and sense of community we have cultivated at Mill Rythe Junior School.

This week, our assemblies have focused on establishing and reinforcing the rules and routines that underpin our school day. We have taken the opportunity to recap our three core expectations: be ready, respectful, and safe. Through these assemblies, we have explored what each of these expectations means in practical terms, both within the school environment and in the wider context of home and community life. I have also spoken with the pupils about a phrase I frequently emphasise: Doing it better than you have to. This concept is central to our approach at Mill Rythe Junior School, and I have encouraged our pupils to consider what this looks like across all aspects of their lives. If you can, do take the time to talk to your child about this.

New School Day Timings

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to parents and carers for their cooperation and support regarding the new timings for the school day. The smooth transition to these revised timings is a testament to your commitment to working in partnership with us, and this collaborative approach is invaluable as we move forward together.

Uniform

It has been particularly heartening to see our pupils arriving at school looking smart in their uniforms, arriving bright-eyed and eager to engage in their learning. The positive comments I have already received from staff across the school regarding pupils' attitudes and readiness have been wonderful to hear, and I was delighted to share these observations with the children during our celebration assembly this week. This early recognition of their efforts and achievements sets a positive tone for the term ahead. Well done!

Celebration Assembly

Our celebration assembly today provided an excellent opportunity to recognise pupil achievement at this early stage of the academic year. Well done to all of those who are members of the Always Club and to those who received a Star Values Award today.

Key dates

Please ensure that you familiarise yourselves with the key dates section of this newsletter, as there are numerous events and activities scheduled throughout the term that will be of relevance to your families. There is lots to look forward to over the autumn term. This section will be added to. Don't forget to subscribe to our online calendar which can be found on our school website.

Friday 4th September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

25.09.2026 Y3 Harbour School starts
02.10.2026 Y4 Maya Day
22.09.2026 Meet the Teacher
23.09.2026 Phonics Workshop for parents
30.09.2026 Maths Workshop for parents
07.10.2026 Parents Evening
12.10.2026 SATs information evening
13.10.2026 Y4 MTC Information Meeting
15.10.2026 Y6 Height & Weight Checks
16.10.2026 Flu Vaccinations
19.10.2026 School Photo Day
22.10.2026 Parents Evening
03.11.2026 Y2 Parents Meetings
05.11.2026 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home
01.12.2026 Y3 Stone Age Day
TBC Y5 Space Wonderdome
TBC Y4 Polar Express Day
TBC PTA Christmas shop
09.12.2026 Christmas Lunch
11.12.2026 All clubs and Morning Mastery sessions end
14.12.2026 Y6 Calshot Residential
18.12.2025 Last day of term

AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Class: 3C, 5B & 5F

INSET DAYS

23rd October 2026

4th January 2027

12th February 2027

7th June 2027

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Hardy:
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Year Group Newsletters

Year group newsletters will be sent to you no later than Friday 11th September. These newsletters will provide detailed information specific to each year group, including curriculum overviews, homework expectations and days, and other pertinent information relating to your child's class and year group.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a meet and greet session with teachers, which will provide an excellent opportunity for you to familiarise yourself with your child's new classroom environment and to meet their teacher for the year. This is an important occasion that allows us to strengthen the home-school partnership and ensures that parents and carers feel confident and informed about their child's learning journey. We hope you can make it!

No Nuts!

I must also draw your attention to us being an allergy aware school. We operate a no nuts policy at Mill Rythe Junior School, and this applies to all types of nuts and nut-based spreads, including chocolate spreads that contain nuts. This is a safeguarding matter of considerable importance, and we must ensure that our school environment remains safe for all members of our community. I would be grateful for your strict adherence to this policy.

Additionally, I would like to remind parents and carers about our expectations regarding break time snacks. Break time snacks must be healthy options comprising only fruit or vegetables. When providing fruit and vegetables, please ensure that grapes and other round fruits and vegetables are chopped lengthways, as this reduces the risk of choking. Pupils should not be bringing biscuits,

crisps, or chocolate bars as mid-morning snacks. Thank you.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me! Has had a rebrand and a refreshed app. A letter will be making its way to you regarding the changes and how to download the new app for Awards and Activities.

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 100%	3H: 98.2%
4B: 96.3%	4W: 92.6%
5B: 100%	5F: 100%
6C: 91.7%	6G: 96.9%

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