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Mill Rythe Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to what has been an exciting first full week following the summer holidays. It is great to see our pupils have settled well into the expectations and routines that define Mill Rythe Junior School. The transition from the summer break has been smooth and I am pleased with the positive attitudes and engagement demonstrated across the school.

Drumming and Poetry

This week we were treated to a special drumming assembly delivered by Paul Roebuck, which proved to be an engaging and enriching experience for all our pupils and so wonderful to see so many children perform. Well done to all of those involved and thank you to Paul Roebuck for taking the time to visit our school. Additionally, Miss Cull shared valuable information regarding an upcoming poetry competition, which presents an excellent opportunity for our pupils to develop their creative writing skills and participate in a broader educational initiative.

School Council and Ambassador Roles

In Wednesday's assembly this week, Mrs Wintle spoke to all children about the leadership roles on offer to pupils this year. The first opportunity is to run for class councillor. Any children who are interested in becoming a 2026-27 class councillor this year will have been preparing and delivering their speeches to their class with the hope of reaching the final 3. The top 3 candidates from each class will go through to the election next week! There is still time if you'd like to be in the running. Names from each class need to be decided by the end of the day on Monday! The winning

councillors for each class will be announced as soon as possible after the election morning has taken place next week. Good luck everyone!

Other leadership opportunities for our pupils are also underway, with children considering whether they would like to become our next set of TrickBox, Site, Play or Cyber Ambassadors, as well as a new Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO). Application forms will be available from Monday for any children who would like to apply for these important roles.

OPAL Play

Miss Going and I were pleased to share developments relating to OPAL Play and our evolving outdoor provision with the children. Our plans include the introduction of den building activities, which will enhance our pupils' opportunities for imaginative play and outdoor learning. A letter was sent this week requesting donations to support these initiatives, and we are grateful for your continued generosity in enabling us to enrich our pupils' experiences at lunchtimes.

Clubs and Mastery sessions

Looking ahead to next week, I wish to draw your attention to several important notices. Clubs and Mastery sessions start next week. Mastery sessions finish at 3:25pm. Please collect from the school office.

Should you wish to secure a place for your child to attend an after school club, there remain spaces available. Please contact the school office to enquire about availability and make arrangements. Clubs finish at 3:55pm with the exception of Drum Club that finishes at 3:45pm.

Friday 11th 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:

INSET DAYS

23rd October 2026

4th January 2027

12th February 2027

7th June 2027

House Points For the week

Hardy:
Nelson:
Trafalgar:
Victory:

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TTRS

A letter was circulated yesterday providing information regarding Times Tables Rock Stars and the timings for access to the application. The app remains available for children to use, and we encourage continued engagement with this resource to support mathematical fluency.

Contacts and Collection

Just a reminder, please ensure the contact details held by the school remain current and that end-of-day arrangements are kept up to date. These practical measures support our operations and ensure we can reach you should the need arise.

PTA AGM

We are so fortunate to have a very committed PTA team, which, as you are aware, you automatically become part of as a parent or carer of our school. The PTA is holding its AGM on Wednesday 23rd September straight after school in the Learning Lab. It would be great to see you there.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Finally, I wish to remind parents and carers of the importance of maintaining vigilant regarding child welfare. Should you have concerns about any child in our community, or if something does not feel quite right, perhaps you have observed or overheard something, please do not hesitate to contact the NSPCC or speak with me in my capacity as Designated Safeguarding Lead. Your observations and concerns are valuable in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 98.1%	3H: 95.2%
4B: 97.8%	4W: 99.3%
5B: 99.1%	5F: 96.5%
6C: 99.4%	6G: 97.8%

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

Mrs Donna Maxwell
Headteacher

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