MRJS News

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Mill Rythe Junior School | Headteacher – Mrs D Maxwell

Kindness
Aspiration
Honesty
Respect
Responsibility

Thursday 23rd October

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It is incredible to believe that we have reached the end of the first half term. The weeks have passed remarkably quickly, and I am extremely proud of the pupils and the way they have applied themselves over the past few months. Their positive attitude and commitment to their learning have been evident in every classroom, and it is a privilege to see them grow in confidence and independence. This does not happen by chance and is a reflection of the hard work of our teaching staff and support you give our school. Thank you.

I was delighted to see the children arrive looking so smart on Monday, ready for their photographs. Their pride in their appearance was clear. Order forms will be with you shortly.

I would also like to thank all of the pupils who entered the rocket competition, led by Mrs Chessell. The creativity, effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone who took part was impressive. Well done to all involved.

Our fund raising for the Royal British Legion Appeal has started. Poppies and other items are available for a donation. Thank you to Mrs Mott for organising this. Poppies will continue to be sold in the next half term.

Just a few reminders

- **No nuts!:** Please be reminded that no nuts or nut products should be brought into school.
- **Healthy snacks:** A healthy snack is welcomed for breaktimes. This should be fresh fruit or vegetables.
- **Year 6 secondary school applications:** Applications for secondary school places close on 31/10/2026. Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils are asked to ensure that applications are completed before this date.

School Reading Books

We would be very grateful if over half term, parents and carers could please check at home for any school reading books, including RWI Phonics books and library books.

We are currently missing several books from our school reading collections, and their return would help ensure that all children have access to the books they need.

If you find any books belonging to the school, please send them in with your child.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

I wish to remind parents and carers of the importance of being 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.

How Kids Bypass Content Filters

Please find below a link to information for parents about parental controls that may be useful for you.

How Kids Bypass Content Filters (And How to Stop Them)

Attendance by class for this week

3C: 88.9%	**3H:** 98.6%
4B: 99.1%	**4W:** 95.4%
5B: 99.6%	**5F:** 93%
6C: 94.9%	**6G:** 99.2%

Well done 5B!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term with your children. I hope that it offers an opportunity to rest, recharge and spend valuable time together, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed after the break.

Donna Maxwell
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

03.11.2026 Y2 Parents Meetings at 9am & 5:30pm
03.11.2026 Year 5 WW1 Day – parent assembly at 2:15pm
05.11.2026 Reading at MRJS and supporting your child at home at 9am & 3pm
06.11.2026 Non uniform day
09.11.2026 Hot chocolate sales start
10.11.2026 Year 2 Pupil Tours
13.11.2026 Non uniform day
17.11.2026 Year 2 Pupil Tours
23.11.2026 Y5 Space Explorer Dome
01.12.2026 Y3 Stone Age Day
04.12.2026 PTA Christmas shop
TBC Y4 Polar Express Day
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: 5B

INSET DAYS

23rd October 2026
4th January 2027
12th February 2027
7th June 2027

House Points For the week

Hardy:	1690
Nelson:	1637
Trafalgar:	2070
Victory:	2208