

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

Thank you for coming along to support your child at Sports Day this morning. The weather remained settled for us and we have been really lucky this year having sunshine for most of our annual summer events. Many thanks too to FOMS who helped out by serving much needed drinks to the children.

### Leavers' Picnic - Friday 10 July

Year 2 parents are invited to share a lunchtime picnic with their children - please remember if your Year 2 child has not ordered a school picnic that they need to bring their own. Parents may bring their own packed lunch. Lunchtime starts at 12.00 noon. It is expected that you will take your child home for the afternoon to rest before the barbecue in the evening.

### Leavers' BBQ 6-8pm Friday 10 July

Just a reminder to Year 2 parents that the Leavers' party will be held inside school if the weather is bad on Friday. Please bring your child to the front entrance door - the volunteers doing the barbeque will be able to do the cooking under the year R courtyard cover. If the weather is fine then please bring your child round to the Year R playground for games and dancing.

### Classroom Organisation for 2009/10

At their meeting on Monday night the governors confirmed the organisation for next year. We have a smaller number than usual coming into

Year R in September, not small enough for just two classes, but not enough for us to be able to recruit another class teacher. For Key Stage One pupils (4-7), legally we must provide a qualified class teacher for every 30 children, so, as we are not prepared to compromise this regulation, we have decided that next year our organisation will be as follows:

**Sunshine Wing** (formerly Year R wing) - 2 x Year R classes

**Green Wing** (left hand side of the school as you face it) - 2 x Year 1 classes and 1 x mixed Year 1/Year R class.

**Blue Wing** (right hand side of the school) - 3 x Year 2 classes.

Every class will also have a full time Teaching Assistant. Some children may also have the support of another Teaching Assistant for part of the time.

I have already spoken to parents of those children chosen for the mixed age class, who will be with Mr Ben Giles who has taught both year groups very recently and who will be leading the Year 1 curriculum. The Year 1 children are not being 'kept back' or 'held down' and the Year R children are not being accelerated. Mr Giles will be planning differentiated activities (just as teachers always do) to meet individual needs, with lots of opportunities for child initiated learning for Year R children and also planned time to spend with their peers.

### Pirate Day Feedback

If you would like to offer any feedback on Pirate Day last week please complete the slip below and return it to school. Thank you.

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*PIRATE DAY - THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009*

*Child's Name*.....

*Class* .....

*Comments:*