

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Following the success of the KS1 unit of work entitled 'Art Attack' we are giving all the children in school the chance to take part in a new venture produced by Steve Porter - 'BAGS OF ART'. Steve is the artist who led our Art and Environment Week last year, and who is booked to work with the children again this year - week commencing 8 June. At the moment he is also planning work for the Children's Centre, based on the site of Mengham Junior School, when small groups of children from the four island primary schools will produce a mural for the front entrance.

Steve is passionate about art and feels that there is a popular misconception that if you can't draw you aren't good at art. He finds shape and colour fascinating and his 'BAGS OF ART' project is all about children and their parents, brothers and sisters, whoever, experimenting with shape and colour **at home** and seeing just how creative they can be. We have bought a set of bags for school which, if we look after them, can be used by different sets of children for years to come. It is all really quite simple - we have 5 bags for each of our 8 classes. Children will borrow them to take home on a rota basis for 2-3 days at a time. Each bag contains 2 red foam shape templates and a simple instruction card. You and your child can make your art as simple or as complex as you like (Steve gives lots of suggestions) - it will still look stunning. To maximise the opportunities A3 size paper is probably best. If your child would like to submit a piece of their artwork I think that it would be fun to have a gallery of work displayed after the Easter holiday. We will photocopy any submission so that you can keep originals. Put your child's name and class on the back and let me have it by Friday 25 April. You could also upload pictures of your art work to Steve's website www.steveporter.org/bagsofart. Have fun!

We'll certainly all be having fun when we celebrate Red Nose Day on Friday. Well done to FOMS who have already nearly sold out of red noses. The last few will be sold tomorrow morning in the main playground only. **Don't forget it is still school**

uniform on Friday, but we are all going to wear something red - hair, ribbons, shoes, socks, etc etc.

Thank you so much for your donations towards the costs of Golden Time. You have been very generous. You have also supported the Barnardo's 'Care and Share' challenge really well too. Don't worry if your child hasn't brought in their envelope and badge yet. The closing date is Friday and we will then decide the two lucky winners of the Barnaby Bears.

We have had reports from several parents that their children are suffering with threadworms - an extremely contagious condition. Treatment is not particularly nice but is usually quick and effective. Consult your pharmacist for their recommendations and netdoctor.co.uk for symptoms. Chicken pox is still doing the rounds, but we've also had cases of shingles.

We have been invited to take part in St Mary's Parish Church Mothering Day Service on Sunday 22 March. Of course everyone is invited to join in, but Mrs Lazell is planning a special contribution involving our Year 2 children. If your Year 2 child can come along and take part please complete the permission slip below. The service starts at 10.30 am and we would like those children to meet us in the church by 10.15am where we have reserved seats. Parents sit at the rear of the church. The ministers usually ask our pupils to help to give out bunches of flowers to Mums, and then between 11.00 and 11.15am there is a break in the service for those people who want to leave to do so. Please indicate on your form if you will be attending the service or collecting your child from us at 11.15am. Thank you.

There are still a few parents who have not paid the February instalment of £25 for the Year 2 Minstead Residential trip. Please could those paying by instalments bring this to the office as soon as possible. Please note that further payments of £25 will be due by 31 March and 30 April, with the final £40 due by 22 May.

2 Male Rabbits need a home - please see Mrs Backler if you are interested.

MY YEAR 2 CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING THE MOTHERING DAY SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY 22 MARCH. I WILL DROP MY CHILD AT THE CHURCH AT 10.15am.

I will be attending the service I will collect my child at 11.15am

CHILD'S NAME Class Signed