

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

This will be the last newsletter of this academic year and so I must take this opportunity of wishing you all a good summer break. To the pupils in Year 2 - good luck at your new school in September. To their parents - we wish you well for the future. We have thoroughly enjoyed our relationship with you and hope that you will come back and visit us when you can. Some of you have younger children and so we look forward to seeing you again sometime in the future.

Year 2 had a lively Leavers' Barbecue on Friday - many thanks to Mark Jermy and Merrick for doing the cooking once again and to FOMS for helping serve the food and gifts. Many thanks too to those members of staff who organised games and prizes and gave the children such a good time. Once again we were really lucky with the weather!

There is generally concern about the amount children's learning slips back during the long summer break and so the governors have decided to take some positive action. Next week your child will come home with a 'Holiday Challenge' scrapbook which includes ideas for activities for them to do during the holiday together with some details of specific challenges/competitions to enter. After some discussion with Mrs Queripel we are including Year 2 pupils in this new initiative - they will take their scrapbooks to their Junior School at the start of next term. Would all current Year R and Year 1 children bring theirs to school on the first day back, **Monday 7 September**?

### Swine Flu

I know that some parents are concerned that there is evidence of cases of swine flu on Hayling Island, and the possibility that these may well have been in contact with pupils at school. The Health Protection Agency has advised us that as the number of cases has grown there is no longer any testing to see if a member of the public has swine flu, and it is up to each person to take responsible action. If you think that a member of your family is displaying symptoms you should ring NHS Direct for advice. You will probably be asked to ring your GP who will log your information and you will be asked to nominate a FLU FRIEND who will collect any medication prescribed for you. All that we can do in school is be vigilant by asking the children to wash their hands frequently and use tissues. We will of course monitor the children's well-being and will ask parents to collect immediately any child who is clearly unwell (headache, temperature, bad cough, sickness), and ensure that they do not return until they are completely recovered. Please do not send your child to school if they display flu like

symptoms. We will also be monitoring absentee rates. I would suggest that should the pandemic get worse over the summer that you check with the school website before school resumes again in September to check for further information and advice. Thank you - a worrying time I know. Please be assured that we are given daily information on the national situation and will share with you any advice that we have.

### Flood Evacuation Plan

Every term we have a fire drill, and today in conjunction with the Junior School and with Nursery Rhymes pre-school we have also practiced how we would evacuate the school in the event of a flood. We have worked closely with the Environment Agency and with Hampshire County Council to agree joint policy, which is to move our pupils to the Hayling College (the highest point on the island). Although it is extremely unlikely that we would have short notice of a flood we all feel it wise to have an emergency plan in place. The children were very sensible and behaved just as we would wish them to in a real emergency.

### Lost Property

We have a huge amount of discarded clothing which we will put out on tables in the front playground towards the end of term. If it is not claimed I am afraid it will be disposed of as we cannot continue to store it in school.

### Help!

There is so much to do in school at the moment - washing play equipment, sorting books, taking down displays. If you can spare an hour or two to help out please talk to your child's class teacher who will be eternally grateful!

### Library Books

Please look at home and return all school library books so that we can do a stock check and repair service. Thank you.

### Reports

Thank you so much for your very positive comments about the new style annual report.

### Fun Golf Festival at Tournerbery Golf Centre - Wednesday 15 July 3.30 - 5.00pm

Infant school children are invited to attend this fun golf festival after school tomorrow. Either call Mazz Savage 07957 630358 or the Golf Centre 02392 462266 for further details or just turn up!

### Inn on the Beach Grand Opening Sat 8 August

The newly transformed Inn on the Beach is holding a one day family event for residents of Hayling Island, including BBQ, performances by Shaun Smith and Marcus Patrick and other local acts, bouncy castle and face painting. Visit [www.innonthebeach.co.uk](http://www.innonthebeach.co.uk) for more details.