

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Governor Consultation Meetings You may remember just before half term receiving a letter from the governors regarding the proposal to shorten the current lunchtime break to one hour, and bring the finish of the school day forward by 15 minutes, ie. the school sessions would be 8.45am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 3pm. Mill Rythe Infant School will still be providing the same amount of curriculum time as before, which corresponds with the guidance from the DCSF. If agreed this would take place from the start of the Autumn Term 2009. You are invited to join in the consultation process and the governors are arranging to hold two meetings at which you can share your thoughts and comments about the proposal. These are both scheduled for next Monday, 23 March - the first during school time at **2.45pm** and the second at **6.45pm** - both to take place in the school hall.

Safe Access to School Now that we have the new ramp pathway between Nursery Rhymes pre-school and our building, please can you **not** walk up the main driveway. If you park in the car park at the front of the Junior School please walk round by the Juniors and use the new pathway or the steps down to the Infant School. If you are using the holiday village access road your easiest entrance is the small gate into the playground. Let's keep all the children safe.

We only have one lollipop lady at present! Mrs Jackson will continue to do her best to make sure that everyone who crosses the main road does so safely, but please help her by being patient.

Now that we have some sunny days I know that many of you are thinking about allowing your child to cycle to school. We support HCC guidance for parents on safe cycling - please ask Jayne Willis for a permission slip. Children's bikes are accommodated near the resource shed on the right hand side of school (as you face it).

Head Lice Please can you remember to regularly check, and if necessary treat, your child's hair for

lice? This is a continual problem for school and there is little we can do about it but rely on you to keep head lice at bay by taking some simple steps. One of the best deterrents is using conditioner after shampooing and then spending a little extra time combing. The lice cannot grip on to the hair follicles because they are too slippery. There is useful advice on the National Heath Service website www.nhs.uk.

Years 1 and 2 Spring Production 2009

I am delighted to invite parents of children in Years 1 and 2 to the KS1 Spring Production which is entitled 'The Selfish Giant'. There will be 5 performances:

- Tuesday 31 March at 9.15am
- Tuesday 31 March at 1.45pm
- Wednesday 1 April at 9.15am **
- Thursday 2 April at 9.15am
- Thursday 2 April at 1.45pm

****Younger brothers and sisters are welcome at this performance only.** Each performance will last no more than 45 minutes. As there will be no photographs or videos during performances (as we have vulnerable children in these year groups) we will ensure that a range of photographs are available. There will be a maximum of 60 seats at each performance, entry by ticket only. Please complete the ticket request form below and tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis (maximum 2 tickets per child).

Messy Church - Thursday 2 April 3.30-5.45pm A fun event for parents or carers with their children (aged 5-11, but siblings welcome too). Crafts & games, a celebration with a story, song and prayer - plus a hot meal - at URC, Hollow Lane.

Special Good Friday Messy Church Friday 10 April 9.30 - 10.30am at St Andrew's, Southwood Road, followed by Hot Cross buns and drinks.

Kidzone Easter Holiday Club for 4-11 years at Mill Rythe Infant School is now booking for Easter. Forms are available from the after school club situated in Year R and also the drama studio at the Junior School. Range of sessions to suit all your childcare needs from one hour to full day. Early booking recommended. Activity sheet available. For more details contact Gill Wrixon 07976 611713.

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I would like to book tickets as follows (please enter number of tickets in box) - maximum 2 per child

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Child's Name Class