

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

We were rather disappointed that the first time we had an emergency and wanted to use Parentmail (our text messaging service) - it didn't function! Subsequently messages got through to parents about the school closure and I know that many of you found it incredibly useful. You had advance notice of what action school was taking and could plan your work/childcare arrangements in good time. We contacted Parentmail to advise them about our problems and have had an abject apology from them together with a full explanation of what happened and their assurance that everything should work well in the future. We have also had a refund. We welcome your feedback on this service and if you have not yet signed up and would like to do so, please speak to Jayne in Reception.

Parents of pre-school children who have applied to one of the infant schools for a place in Year R from September 2010 should receive notification of allocation on 26 January. If you have not applied for a place, it is not too late, please ask Jayne for advice on how to make an application and have it included in the current process. We will be sending out information about our induction programme in due course and will look forward to welcoming some new faces into school in the Summer Term.

You should by now have received information about the work planned for your child for this half of the Spring Term. Our parent information sheets suggest ideas for home activities that link to these specific units - but we also include links on our website for more general support with science and literacy and numeracy. Mrs Dollery is currently making these more visible

but currently you need to click on **Contacts and Links** and then once again on **Useful Links**.

This Thursday, 21 January, there is a meeting for all parents with children in Mr Giles' class at 2.40pm. If you cannot attend, information will be sent home to you at the end of that day. We would also like to give his Year R pupils the chance to line up with their classmates in the front playground in the mornings, now that they have all settled in well. If you think that your child may still find this difficult please talk to Mr Giles or Mrs Piggott and they will make alternative suggestions.

### Year 2 Lunchtime Recorder Club

Recorder club will run during Friday lunchtimes starting **NEXT Friday 29 January**. Any Year 2 child may come to the club. Children will need to bring their own recorder and will be expected to attend every week. Please sign and return the slip below to Mrs Lazell if your child would like to join Recorder Club.

### Public Library Books

The library service have been unable to send children reminder letters about overdue library books for the last few months and have asked us to remind parents and children who may have overdue children's books out to please return them. There are no fines or charges on children's books, and books can go back to any Hampshire library, regardless of where they were borrowed from. Thank you.

One of our parents is involved with fundraising for Harvey Telford who was born with Cerebral Palsy, to raise money for a trip to Germany for stem cell treatment, and they have asked us to advertise the following: *On Saturday 6 February at Funlands, Hayling Island, there is going to be lots of fun in the play area, face painting, refreshments and a children's raffle with loads of great prizes. Entry is free but we do ask that people make a donation on the door.*

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### Year 2 Recorder Club

My child ..... Class ..... would like to join

Year 2 Recorder Club starting Friday 29 January 2010. Signed: .....

*We would recommend that parents check the qualifications and suitability of all staff and leaders running outside activities or services signposted by school.*