

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

As this half term comes to a close can I remind you that Friday, 24 October has been allocated as one of the five non-pupil days that the government has designated for staff training? School finishes on Thursday with the FOMS Hallowe'en Disco and we all return on **Monday, 3 November**.

Thursday 23 October - FOMS Hallowe'en Disco

Year R : 3.30 - 4.00pm

Years 1 & 2 : 4.15 - 5.15pm

We are using the external classroom doors for admission and collection so that we can register the children attending the disco. Year R children may bring party clothes/hallowe'en costumes to change into in a named plastic bag. Please bring Y1 and 2 children (ready changed) to their external door at 4.15 where a member of staff will meet them and register them. Please wait at this door for collection at 5.15pm when the doors will be unlocked. Please make sure that your child knows who is collecting them at the end of the disco and that they inform the adult in charge of their group, if it is an older sibling or a representative acting on your behalf.

Monday 3 November at 6.00pm

Do come along to the first of a series of curriculum evenings we are holding. This first one demonstrates our approach to the teaching of **reading** and gives advice and ideas for how you can support your child at home.

Wednesday 12 November - FOMS Christmas Shopping Evening - this promises to be our best ever. Many thanks to Caroline Thompson for her organisation. Don't forget to buy your tickets beforehand so that you get the mulled wine and mince pie.

Friday 14 November - Children in Need 'Do Something Different' day - more information on how we are supporting this worthwhile charity in the next newsletter.

I am delighted to inform you that Jane Stevens, mother of Joseph and Isobel, has agreed to take on the role of Chairman of FOMS. We also have Pauline Nixon as her Vice Chair. I know that you will all support them as will all the staff at school. When new parents come to the school to look round I am always very proud of our PTA - the hard work that goes on and the significant contribution that they make.

FOMS "Wear Your Own Shoes" Days

FOMS have asked us to remind you that in exchange for donations of goodies (as listed below) to help with their Christmas Shopping evening on 12 November and the Toy Fair on 12 December, the children may *wear their own shoes* to school (*school uniform still to be worn*) on the following days:

Friday 7 November - donations of mince pies

Friday 28 November - donations of smellies

Friday 12 December - donations of toys.

Hayling Schools' Food Festival

Well done to the ten children from KS1 who represented the school at last week's Food Festival. I know that many of you came along and do hope that you were impressed with what you saw from the five schools. Particular thanks go to Mrs Lane and Mrs Elliott for our displays and to Mr Jameson (Henry and Rupert's father) for supplying us with fresh tomatoes and herbs.

Wednesday After School Club

Mrs Backler has asked me to confirm to you that her Games Club WILL run this Wednesday as usual.

Soccer Skills Day - Wednesday 29 October

Mrs Backler and Miss Dollery will be running this from 10am - 3pm here at school next Wednesday. £10 per child. Bring packed lunch. If interested please give your child's name to the office and further details will be forwarded.

Seacourt Sports School - Friday 24 October

This sports day will definitely be going ahead on Friday and is now fully booked. If your child would like to go onto a waiting list in case anyone drops out please contact Seacourt direct.

October 2008 Half Term Sports Fest at Seacourt - if you would like details please collect a form from the school office.

School Meals - New Menu

You will receive with this newsletter a copy of the new menu which will start on 3 November. Please note the cost of a meal is still **£1.90**. PLEASE send in dinner money in a named (and preferably dated) envelope. Many thanks.

Our caterers, HC3S, would like us to draw your attention to the fact that the Marine Stewardship Council has approved the use of their fish products as coming from sustainable fisheries. In addition, after half term, HC3S will be seeking parent and pupil opinions on some of the menu items. They are adding a new section to their www.myschoollunch.co.uk/hampshire website which will allow you to vote for favourite meals and also to add comments. They will be using these votes and comments to help create the summer menu, which will run from Easter to October half term 2009.

FOR SALE - 5 Chihuahua Puppies

Male - 15 weeks old

One with undershot jaw £300

Four others £400 each

(Advertised on internet for £450 each)

No papers

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