

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Reminder - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Please come along to the MacMillan Harvest Coffee morning on Friday. We would be grateful for any donations of harvest produce (fruit, vegetables, tins and packets) and cakes/biscuits. These can be brought into the hall when you first arrive at school (no earlier than 8.30am please) - there will be tables out to receive them. Please take your child out to line up as usual if the weather is fine, or to their classroom if it's raining. Entry to the Coffee Morning will be from 9.00am. We hope that you will purchase the harvest produce, enjoy a cup of coffee, and give generously to the MacMillan Fund. Four years ago the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Margaret Bowen, died after a long battle with cancer - this is our memorial to her in recognition of the commitment and dedication she showed to Mill Rythe.

Curriculum Evening - Monday 2 November

We promised a curriculum evening this term, and now that Year R parents and their children are settled into school I would like to give advance notice of a parents' curriculum evening that we will be holding on Monday 2 November in the school hall from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Gary Wilson will be delivering a session on "Raising the Achievement of Boys". Through TV and radio work, work with several local authorities and a series of books, Gary has a wealth of experience in breaking down barriers. I am sure that you will find his talk extremely interesting and valuable and look forward to giving you further information about the meeting in due course.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Bookfair arrives today - we will be selling books after school until 4pm from today until and including next Monday. Last time the Bookfair visited, through your purchases, we were able to buy over £500 of new books for school.

Pupil Privacy Notice (overleaf)

This is required by Data Protection Act 1988.

Applications for Year R and Year 3 for Sept 2010

All Year 2 children have been given a Junior School application form, which needs to be returned to the *Infant School* before the deadline of **20 November**. If you have, or know anybody who has, children starting school in Year R next September, the application forms are available from your catchment infant school now, and again must be returned to the first choice school before **20 November**.

Reminder - Harvest Festival Lunch - 29 September
There will be a special Harvest Lunch for the children on Tuesday 29 September, menu as follows:

PIZZA with Mini sweetcorn cob

Grated carrot and Salad

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Mini flapjack

and Hampshire apple juice or fresh fruit

This meal must be ordered and paid for in advance.

The deadline for orders is tomorrow, Wednesday, 23 September. All children in receipt of free school meals and those who have paid in advance for Tuesdays to half-term will be assumed to be having this lunch. ***There will be no other choice of hot meal on this day and if you have not ordered this lunch by the deadline please ensure your child brings a packed lunch.*** Please book at the office.

Reminder - FOMS Pantomime Ticket Offer

FOMS have again negotiated a great ticket offer for this year's pantomime at Ferneham Hall, Fareham, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, starring Sue Holderness (from Only Fools and Horses and The Green, Green Grass). Tickets are just £11 each for the 2pm show on Saturday 2 January 2010. This is a saving of at least £3.75 per child and £4.75 per adult! To book your tickets, please complete the slip (from last week's newsletter - copy available at office) and return with your payment to the FOMS box in the office. **Deadline for payments: Monday 28 September 2009.**

Kidzone October 2009 Half Term

Kidzone Holiday Club based at Mill Rythe Infant School. 8am - 6pm full day session **£20.00**. Half day **£12**, school day **£17** and two hour stay and play sessions **£6** to suit all your childcare needs. Lots of fun activities for ages 4-11+. Activities sheets and booking forms available from the infant club and the drama studio at Junior School or contact Gill Wrixon 07976 611713. Inset day bookings for Friday 23 October based at Mill Rythe Infants also available.

New Forest Marathon

Clare Eglin, Lucy's mum from Miss Emery's class, is running in the New Forest Marathon on 27 September to raise money for The Rowans Hospice. If anyone would like to support Clare, please make a donation via her web page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Clare-Eglin>.

Pupil Privacy Notice, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998 September 2009

Mill Rythe Infant School is the Data Controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect information directly from you and your family, but we may also receive information about you from your previous school and/or other professionals providing services to you.

We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support your teaching and learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well our school is doing.

Information held by us includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information^A, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs and any relevant medical information.

We will not give information about you to anyone outside the school, without your consent, unless the law and our rules permit it.

We are required by law to pass some of your information to the Local Authority (Hampshire County Council) and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). If you want to see a copy of the information we hold and share about you then please contact Mrs Willis, School Administrative Assistant.

If you require more information about how Hampshire County Council and/or the DCSF store and use this data, please look at the following websites:

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolsdata_protection/fairprocessing.htm

and

http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/13856/DCSF%20what%20we%20do%20with%20Children's%20data%20v4%20final.doc

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