

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Ofsted Report

I have been informed by Tribal Inspections that the full report of our inspection will be sent to me on Thursday and that copies can be made available to staff, governors and parents as soon after as possible. The full report will also be published on the Ofsted website on 3 December.

Children In Need

We had a fantastic time last Friday with children becoming teachers and teaching their friends all sorts of skills - dance, gymnastics, skateboarding, etc. etc. Well done to all those who participated.

Wet Playtimes

We've had rather a lot of these lately! We have a collection of RAINY DAY BOXES comprising games, puzzles, colouring activities, etc. etc. Our Lunchtime Supervisors keep them fresh and interesting, but we are always looking for new material to add. If your child has outgrown a game or has colouring books that they don't use perhaps they could bring them in and share them with their class.

Dick Whittington

M and M productions are performing our annual pantomime for us on Wednesday afternoon. It is difficult for us as a school to take groups of children for a Christmas traditional treat as the cost of coaches is so high these days and we are quite a distance from any of the larger theatres. Last year for the first time ever we did ask if parents would like to make a voluntary donation of perhaps £1 per child towards the costs of putting on our own production - please see the form below if you would like to contribute this year. Thank you!

On a serious note I wish to inform you that we have a pupil in school that has just been diagnosed with cancer (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia). Having now met with his parents and with the paediatric Oncology Outreach Nurse I realise what a lot we can all do as a

school community to help and support this child and his family. The very good news is that he is expected to be completely cured from the illness, but he must undertake a three year course of treatment, which means that for the length of time he is at Mill Rythe Infant School to the first year or so at the Junior School he will be undergoing that treatment. His class teacher is already preparing his classmates as we hope very much that he will be returning to us sometime this week, at least on a part-time basis. They have been very excitedly making sure that he will have a cosy place to rest when he feels tired, and keeping in touch with regular cards and models. However I am going to ask each and every one of you to help too. This child will be able to be with us in school to keep up with his peers, in between hospital visits, BUT must be protected as much as possible from other illness - which means that if your child has measles, chicken pox or any other infectious disease you inform school as quickly as possible, **as he will need some extra treatment**. If your child has sickness and diarrhoea, please keep them at home until they are eating normally again. Support our work in hygiene in school by encouraging your child to wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after toileting. We have been loaned some books to help children understand this situation - but don't hesitate to talk to a member of staff as sometimes misunderstandings can occur which might worry other children - and we don't want that to happen. Monies raised at our Year R performance this Christmas and at our Carol Service will be forwarded to the Wessex Cancer Trust who provide training, education and treats for patients and nursing staff in our local area.

Reminder - Year 2 Children Christingle - Thursday 10 December

One ticket per child - please ask at the office.

Reminder - Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15 December

Please order by Friday 4 December at the office.

The Hayling College are holding a Drug and Cyber Bullying Awareness Talk in the Main Hall on Friday 27 November at 6.30pm OR Tuesday 1 December at 11am. Please call Amber Bain 02392 466241 if you would like to attend.

Child's Name Class

I would like to make a voluntary donation towards the M and M Production of Dick Whittington on Wednesday 25

November 2009 and enclose

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

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