

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Watching the distressing pictures on the TV news, no-one can have failed to be moved by the plight of the survivors of the Haitian earthquake. One of our Year 2 pupils, Olivia McTigue, has been talking with her family about what they, and **we**, can do to help. Olivia has spoken to Mrs Lazell and we think her ideas are lovely - but some of them could take a long time to make happen. But one of them we could do quite quickly, so we have agreed that Olivia can organise a home-made sweets and cake sale which will take place for all children during morning playtimes on this coming Friday, 29 January, and again at the end of the day if there are any left over, for mums and dads and brothers and sisters. Olivia is going to talk to the rest of the school during assembly on Wednesday, but meantime we are asking you to help in two ways:

1. Help your child to make their favourite sweets, buns, cakes and biscuits and bring them in to school on Friday morning (in a **labelled** container if you want it returned). They may want to make a price tag so that customers know what they are buying and how much each item costs (eg: *Fairy Cake 10p*).
2. Send them in on Friday with some money in a named envelope, to spend at the sale (no more than 50p).

We think it's great that our pupils are learning to use our Anchor Values - **Appreciation, Nurture, Confidence, Honesty, Opportunity and Responsibility.**

Year 2 Minstead Residential Trip

Just a reminder that if you would like to pay the £90 balance by instalments, the first instalment of £15 is due **THIS WEEK**. If you are not taking advantage of the instalment plan, the full £90 will be due by 28 May.

School Meals

There are a couple of things I would like to draw your attention to regarding school meals. Firstly, due to the relatively small number of hot school dinners provided here, we can only offer

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

one choice each day from the menu. This is the **FIRST** choice listed on the HC3S menu every day **EXCEPT TUESDAY**, when we offer the **PIZZA** option. Obviously vegetarians are offered an alternative if the main dish is meat, but again I would stress that this alternative is **ONLY** available to those children whose parents have written to inform us that their children are vegetarian. **PLEASE** look at the menu with your child and check they are happy with the meal offered on the day(s) they are having a hot dinner. Secondly, I would like to reiterate that if your child has ordered a hot dinner but is sent home sick and collected before 11am, the payment can be carried forward to another day. Unfortunately, if they are collected after 11am, the dinner is already cooking and has to be included in the numbers and therefore paid for. Finally, if your child is not at school first thing, but you know they will be in for lunch and would like a school meal, please let the school office know **by 10.30am**, otherwise we cannot guarantee that a meal will be available for them.

Casual cleaner wanted

If you are interested in occasional cleaning work, please see Helen Martin in the school office.

Kidzone February Half Term - Modelling and Cookery Week

- Kidzone Holiday Club based at Mill Rythe Infant School. Fun activities for ages 4-11+. Art and crafts, console games, pool table, outdoor fun. 8am -6pm. Full day £20. Also half day, stay and play and single hours to suit all your childcare needs. Activities sheets and booking forms available from Gill Wrixon 07976 611713.

Trousers wanted ..

If you have any boys' trousers which we could put into our spare clothing stock we would be very grateful to receive them.

Uniform Labelling

One of our grandparents has had her granddaughter's name professionally embroidered in white on the front of her school cardigan, just underneath the logo. She can arrange for other children's uniform to be personalised, at a cost of £2.50 per item. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Cox, 02392 453584.