

## MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents and Friends

I have recently received a letter from an elderly resident in Restawyle Avenue who is complaining about litter being thrown in the gardens there, by 'certain pupils' from our school. I am writing back because I doubt very much that it is our pupils who are involved, but would ask that if you walk that way home you could keep a lookout for the culprits. I will share this letter with Mrs Queripel at the Junior School too.

Yellow School photos had to postpone the photos last Thursday but will be coming to school later this month. I hope that this does not inconvenience anyone.

You may have heard that we have an epidemic of chicken pox at the moment. It has mainly been confined to children in Year R.

The next block of 'special activity sessions' that we provide on Friday afternoons starts this week. Parents of children who will be swimming or playing the recorder have now been informed. I have received really positive feedback from the children about these. They love the idea that each year group has different activities and that they can explore something for 4 weeks. Members of staff here value them highly as they provide opportunities for us to teach some specific skills, eg. Spanish vocabulary, learning to play the recorder, dance, etc. but they do involve us in extra costs - hiring the Junior School swimming pool, art resources, instruments. If you feel that you could make a donation

towards these extra costs please complete the form overleaf and return it to school in an envelope marked with your name and **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES' DONATION**. Thank you so much - if every parent was prepared to donate £1, it would go a long way.

We were really pleased with the way that the first recorder group progressed with their learning. In light of the fact that these children now move on to another activity, Mrs Lazell has decided to run a lunchtime Recorder Club which will be open to **all Year 2 children** (irrespective of whether they have started to learn to play). This will mean that those that wish can develop their recorder playing skills throughout the rest of the year. The club will run for half an hour each Friday lunchtime starting next **Friday, 13 March**. Children wishing to attend the club **will need to have their own recorder** and commit to a small amount of practice at home each week. Please could you return the slip overleaf to Mrs Lazell if your child would like this opportunity.

Just a reminder that Barnardo's Care and Share follow-up assembly will be held on Monday, 9 March.

This year's Red Nose Day is on Friday 13 March. In support of this, red noses will be available to buy each morning next week (9-13 March) in the main playground. These are limited to one per child and will be sold on a first come first served basis. The cost is £1 each, all of which goes to the Comic Relief charity.

On Red Nose Day next Friday, we would like children to take part by wearing something red, ie. scarf, hair, etc...

The Governors have reviewed the school's Sex and Relationships policy, attached. If you have any comments that you would like to make before this is adopted please see me.

I would like to remind parents of those children in Year 2 going to Minstead in July that the February payment of £25 is now overdue. Please could those paying by instalments bring this to the office as soon as possible. Please note that further payments of £25 will be due by 31 March and 30 April, with the final £40 due by 22 May.

We have had a few enquiries regarding the Junior School's Report Day on 30 March - I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that we are open to pupils as normal on 30 March and our parent/teacher interviews will be arranged out of school hours.

Kidzone Easter Holiday Club for 4-11 years at Mill Rythe Infant School is now booking for Easter. Forms are available from the after school club situated in Year R and also the drama studio at the Junior

School. Range of sessions to suit all your childcare needs from one hour to full day. Early booking recommended. Activity sheet available. For more details contact Gill Wrixon 07976 611713.

Just a reminder that we are collecting the following vouchers:  
Nestle Cereals Box Tops for Books  
Tesco For Schools and Clubs 2009  
Sainsbury's Active Kids 09  
and would be most grateful for all donations. Many thanks.

The next Messy Church session will be held this Thursday, 5 March, at the United Reformed Church from 3.30 - 5.45pm. for children aged 5-11 with parents or carers. Siblings welcome.

This Thursday, 5 March, 'Cheeky Monkeys', a new play session, is being held at the Children's Centre on the Mengham Junior School site. This is for families of children with additional needs and families receiving Portage and Portage Plus. The session runs between 10 and 11.30am and is free. For more information please contact the centre on 02392 463633.

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**Special Activities' Donation**

I enclose a donation of £ .....

Name .....

Child's Name .....

Class .....

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**RECORDER GROUP**

I would like my child ..... Class ..... to take part in the Friday Lunchtime Recorder Club

Signed ..... Name ..... Date .....