

# MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents and Friends

Thank you to those of you who attended the curriculum meeting last night with a focus on 'Reading'. If you could not attend, copies of the information given out will be available from your child's class teacher at Parent Teacher Interviews or from the front reception. I am delighted that as a result of the meeting we have had several offers of help with reading support - thank you to those parents. We look forward to working with them. As we discussed last night, we know that many of you are parking outside school and sitting in your cars for up to 20 minutes or so every day. If that is the case, please come in to school and use that time in supporting the children - we welcome all offers of help.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews take place next week. As each member of staff is operating an individual appointment list please look out for your child's class time-table and sign up for a 10 minute slot. Your child's first mini report (which goes towards the annual report) will be given to you at the interview, but please don't worry as if you are unable to attend an interview this will be posted to you.

### Poppies

As is usual at this time of year, we are selling poppies in school and our Year 2 pupils enjoy taking the poppy tray round on a daily basis. If your child wishes to purchase a poppy ready for Remembrance Day then they will need to bring some money into school. Please can you put this in a named envelope marked 'POPPY'.

### FOMS

The FOMS committee are busy making last minute arrangements for the Christmas Shopping Evening on Wednesday 12 November. Don't forget to buy your tickets. Their next committee meeting is this Thursday, 6 November. Please also remember that this **Friday, 7 November, is the first of our "Wear Your Own Shoes" days** (school uniform still to be worn) in exchange for donations of **mince pies** which will be used for refreshments at the shopping event.

**Friday 14 November** - We are celebrating Children in Need 'Do Something Different' day by asking everyone in

school to 'Do Something Different to your HAIR!'. (School uniform still to be worn). Children will need to make a donation of £1.

### Admissions - September 2009

Please don't forget that, if you have children or have friends with children who are due to start school next September, applications for admission must be made by **midday on 21 November 2008**. If you do not want to collect an application from your catchment area school then you can apply online by logging on to [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). **The same deadline applies to the return of forms for children moving up to Junior School.**

**Monday After School Football Club run by Mrs Backler and Miss Dollery** - there are places available so if your child is interested please complete the slip below and Mrs Backler will send you further details.

### Free School Meals

From 27 October 2008, in addition to the existing criteria which remain unchanged, parents who are in receipt of the new Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) will be entitled to free school meals for their children. This new allowance replaces Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on incapacity grounds for new benefit applicants only. The evidence of benefit supplied must clearly show that the Employment Support Allowance is 'Income Related'.

### Children's Design a Christmas Card Competition

Static Fusion in Mengham are running a competition which will be judged during Late Night Shopping Evening in Mengham on Friday 5 December 2008. If your child would like to enter please collect a flyer from the school office.

**Hampshire Children and Families Forum** would like you to take part in their countrywide survey online (one lucky parent respondent will win a £50 Asda voucher). Log on to [http://hcff.org.uk/parents/360\\_review.htm](http://hcff.org.uk/parents/360_review.htm).

**Vacancy at Hayling Island Children's Centre for Administrative Assistant.** Salary £14,160 - £16,416 (pro-rata) per annum. 25 hours per week. Permanent contract. Please see poster on school front door. Visit [www.hampshirejobs.org.uk](http://www.hampshirejobs.org.uk) for further details or phone 0845 850 0184 for an application pack. Closing date 7 November 2008.

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## MY CHILD IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

Child's Name ..... Class ..... Parent Signature .....