

MILL RYTHE INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday Afternoons

Next week we intend to start our special Friday Activity Afternoons. There are a couple of changes for this year, firstly that the children will attend each activity for 4 weeks, before moving on to the next. As usual we will be offering swimming, but this year for our Year 2 children only. We intend to keep this programme operating for the foreseeable future so please be assured that your child will still take part in swimming but it will be for a more concentrated period of time when they join Year 2. May we remind parents that a swimming hat is required (available from school office for £1)? We will let you know shortly if your child is to start swimming next week. We would welcome offers of help with swimming (or any other activity). Please let Ms Allan or the office know if you are able to spare some time on a Friday afternoon. Goldentime will take place after other activities have been completed - towards the end of the afternoon. Goldentime is the time when children who have behaved well all week are rewarded by being allowed to select their own activity. Those who must miss all or part of this period will be supervised by a senior member of staff.

Residential Visit to Minstead

All the places for this educational visit have now been taken and we will be operating a 'waiting list' for those parents who have expressed an interest in their child taking part.

Mrs Lock's Lunch

Following the success of last year I am starting my 'Mrs Lock's Lunch' from this coming Friday. This year I intend to invite all Year 2 pupils (5 at a time) on a rota to join me in my room for lunch - usually on a Friday. Invitations will be sent out at the beginning of the week so that the children will have some notice. This is a lovely opportunity for me to chat to children on a more informal level.

Christmas Carol Service

Thank you to all who supported the Carol Service at St Patrick's on 18 December. The collection totalled £136.95 and this will be donated to a charity to be chosen by the School Council.

Dinner Money

If you are eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet returned your form, please return this to the office, together with documentary evidence of benefit, **by next Tuesday 13 January at the latest**, otherwise all meals taken will have to be paid for at £1.90 per day.

Nursery Rhymes requires a part-time nursery assistant with a minimum of NVQ2 or equivalent experience in a nursery/preschool. Please call 02392 460926 or visit for an application form.

For your information, here are details of some forthcoming events:

Wednesday 21 January at 6.30pm	Minstead Information Meeting	Mrs Clark	For parents of children taking part in the Residential visit to Minstead in July
Wednesday 21 January at 7pm (should last approximately 1 hour)	Mathematics Curriculum Meeting	Mr Giles and Mrs Lazell	All welcome - if you would like to know more about how children learn mathematical skills and concepts, and how you can support them at home.