



Headteacher Weekly Update 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week.

We are enjoying celebrating **World Book Day** today with lots of book-inspired learning and activities. It is great to see such a wide range of characters from some very loved and also lesser-known books. Don't forget the PTFA are running a second hand book sale at the end of the day on the playground so do come along and have a look at what's on offer. Thank you for the book donations that have been kindly given.

Highlight of the Week: Always worth asking your children at the end of the week what their highlights of the week have been. We like to take opportunities for reflections and thinking back. One of my highlights this week was seeing how hardworking Year 6 have been during their practice SATs week. They have been heroes this week, applying themselves with excellent attitudes to the challenge of these assessments.

Self-management: Making Good Choices - Last week we encouraged the use of the empowering question, 'What's your plan?' and over the next week we will be making a point of asking the question, "**What are your choices here?**" We want children to recognise and weigh up their choices and develop the habit of making good choices that serve them and others well. When a child has metaphorically backed themselves into a corner it can be empowering for them to recognise they have choices and learn to evaluate which will be best. Have a go at home.

Self Management Day: Wednesday 13th March On Wednesday next week we will be holding our Habits of Mind: Self Management Day. It is a day of normal lessons but enriched with a number of short '**Good Choices**' activities which will help the children think about good choices they can make in life to support their own wellbeing and readiness to learn. We will be joined by **former professional footballer and Saints manager, Dave Merrington** who will be coming in to talk to the children about his career and 'making good choices' including how his faith has shaped those choices.

Parents Evening: Parents Evening is on Wednesday next week and then the following Monday. If you haven't yet signed up for an appointment please do so as soon as possible using the link below <https://romseyabbey.school.simplybook.it/v2/>



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Friendly Feedback Form: We always value feedback, both encouragements and suggestions alike. We have created a simple form for capturing your feedback so if you kindly want to say well done or thank you for something we've done well or you want to suggest a way we can make school even better please take a minute to fill in this very quick and easy form - we would be most grateful. Our staff work incredibly hard and invest so much in the children and your encouragement and feedback makes a huge difference to us.

<https://forms.gle/eWvUHMbLCBcFPBmg9>

Please take a look at our **Dates for your Diary** for what is happening over the coming weeks and months including upcoming performances from different year groups.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Train to Teach Locally: If you are interested or know anyone who is interested in training to become a teacher and would like a way of doing this locally, please take a look at the attached flier for the Train to Teach Locally route.

I will finish with a World Book Day **prayer** which you are welcome to join me in praying:

Dear God,

We thank you for books and all we can learn from good and inspiring stories. We pray for those who have not yet discovered a love of reading that they would make a breakthrough in their reading and have the world of books open up before them.

Amen

Have a great weekend everybody

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