



13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

So we arrive at Friday once more with the children having again worked really hard this week to do their best in their learning. Just one more week until half term and a well-earned rest for the children.

Year 6 Residential: Poplar Class have been on their Residential Visit this week at Fairthorne Manor and have been kept extremely busy with lots of exciting activities and new experiences. We have been really proud of the resilience and determination they have shown but also the lovely sense of teamwork and collaboration on show. Next week our Year 5 class have their chance to sleep in Romsey Abbey as one of the most unique residential experiences out there.

Psalm 23 Prayer and Wellbeing Garden Supervision: It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the beauty and peace of our Psalm 23 Garden this week. Just a reminder that **children should not be using this space unsupervised at the end of the school day**. On Thursday and Fridays after school, parents are welcome to take their children in there but are responsible for directly supervising them. Here is a reminder of our key rules for the space...

- 1) We use quiet voices:** It is a prayer and wellbeing garden - a place for quiet reflection and exploration
- 2) We always walk:** It is not a place for games; it is a place for peace and reflection
- 3) We keep to the paths and seating areas:** We look after the space and keep it special by sticking only to the paths and seating areas. The water feature and the shepherd's crook are lovely but are not to be climbed on or played with.
- 4) We care for the big and small:** We look after the plants and animals/insects within the garden by using caring hands and feet at all times, avoiding picking at things.
- 5) We are always supervised:** Children may only go in the garden when there is an adult to supervise.
- 6) It is for everyone:** The special garden is for everyone including staff and parents. We share the space and therefore keep it special for everyone.

E scooters / bikes on school grounds: E Scooters, bikes and other transport modes should not be used whilst on our school grounds for the safety of the whole school community. E scooters, scooters, bikes and other varieties of transport should be walked down to your child's classroom collection area. This applies to both children and parents as I am sure you can appreciate.

Restart a Heart Day: Monday 16th October is Restart a Heart Day and we are delighted that South Central Ambulance Service are running practical CPR workshops with children in Year 4, 5 and 6 that afternoon as well as talking to the whole school about it all in Collective Worship. As a school, we want all children to grow and flourish in all kinds of ways and that includes growing as responsible and caring contributors to the world around them. We are really looking forward to this.



We are walking in the Footsteps of Jesus with Love Trust and Forgiveness

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Parents Evening: Just a heads up that our first round of Parents Evenings are coming up after half term on **Monday 6th November** and **Tuesday 14th November**. The link to sign up for these meetings will be shared next week. We are always really encouraged by attendance at these meetings and how supportive you all are of the school and helping us to work together effectively to get it right for your child.

Year 7 Applications: I know that Year 6 parents and children have been busy looking at potential secondary schools. The **deadline for applications is Tuesday 31st October** so please do ensure you have submitted your application before this cut off date.

Year R 2024: Applications open at the start of November and close on **Monday 15th January**. Our next open morning is **Wednesday 18th October** so if you know of families with children due to start school in September 2024 then please do get them to contact the school office to book in a tour.

Dates for your Diary: Please check the all important dates for your diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Building Trust: This week in Collective Worship we have been exploring our school value of Trust and what this means for us. In school we talk a lot about how we can build (and sometimes rebuild) trust proactively through our choices, words and actions. When we put our attention on "*whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable*", then we can build trust with one another and be a school family that can really flourish.

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer which you are as ever very welcome to join us in praying for our school...

Dear God,

Thank you for learning. Thank you that you help us to grow, learn and move forward from our mistakes. Help us to set our minds on *whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable* so that we can continue to learn, grow and flourish as a school family.

Amen

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