



Headteacher Weekly Update 06.09.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to have all the children back to school this week. They have made a fantastic start to the term and are settling into their new year groups impressively well. It has been calm and focussed throughout the school despite the less than ideal weather the past couple of days. The weather it seems is keen for us all to have no doubt that the Summer Holidays are over.

Year R starting: Beech Tree Class start school on Tuesday next week with a 12noon finish on Tuesday and Wednesday and a 1:00pm finish on Thursday and Friday. The children are to be collected outside the front of school at these times. We are looking forward to getting to know them.

Home/School Agreement: Thank you to everyone who has read and signed our Home/School Agreement for this year. If you have not done so yet, please follow this link and complete as soon as possible. The google form gives you an easy way to show us you have read and agreed to this important policy: <https://forms.gle/9qn58oxxfogPGmDa8>

The agreement includes important information around drop off and particularly end of day collection so please read carefully.

How do we Grow? Our focus Habit of Mind this half term is Curiosity which is all about asking questions, exploring and discovering. In Collective Worship we are exploring the question "How do we grow?" looking at how we can grow in character, attitude and wisdom, how we can grow emotionally, socially and spiritually. This week we considered how our school value of 'Love' reminds us that we are special and unique, created and loved by God and how that gives us confidence to grow and learn. We also talked about being a school family and how we love our neighbours as illustrated in Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan. We grow when we are part of a supportive team which looks out for one another.

Behaviour Curriculum: At Romsey Abbey CE Primary School, we actively teach behaviour and positive attitudes. This year we are developing Behaviour Curriculum Maps which outline to children the steps to success in terms of positive, respectful team behaviour at different points in our school day. This week we have seen children across the school thinking carefully about how we make playtimes and the end of the day, happy and friendly times.

The school gate **opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:50am**. Children are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:50am as this is when lessons will begin. Signing in late in the school office after 8:50am should be very rare and only due to exceptional circumstances. Please aim for 8:40am so as to leave space for inevitable delays for traffic and parking etc.

Meet the Teacher Meetings: We like to start the year with a chance for parents to meet their child's new teacher and find out a bit more about the year ahead. The meetings are held after school on the



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following days and run from **approximately 3:15 - 3:40pm**. For those who cannot attend, a copy of the slideshows will be shared with parents in due course.

Yesterday Year 1 with Mr Langford and Mrs Roberts (Y1 children in Year R)

Today Year 2 with Miss Innes (Year 2 children in Year 1)

Tue 10th Sep Year 4 with Miss Osmond (Year 4 children in Year 3)

Wed 11th Sep Year 5 with Miss Killick and Mrs Hammond (Year 5 children in Year 6)

Thu 12th Sep Year 6 with Mr Milton (Year 6 children in Year 5)

Fri 13th Sep Year 3 with Mrs Coleman (Year 3 children in Year 4)

Wed 18th Sep with Mrs Langford and Mrs Goodman (Year R children in Year 1)

The children and any siblings who also attend our school will be supervised in the neighbouring classroom while you attend the meeting. If you cannot stay for the meeting, you will need to collect your child from the neighbouring classroom the class are being supervised in.

Year R spaces for September 2025: We have organised a number of dates and times if you have or know of anybody who has children due to start school next September. Applications open in November and close in January 2025. Please call or encourage others to call and book a school tour:

Wednesday 18th September: 9:30am

Wednesday 2nd October: 9:30am and 11am

Wednesday 23rd October: 9:30am and 11am

Come and see who we are and all we have to offer.

EXCITING FUNDRAISING NEWS FROM THE PTFA

You can help your PTFA raise valuable funds simply by buying your shopping with the **NEW ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS** initiative.

Parentkind, the charity that supports our PTFA are working with Asda to offer **MILLIONS** of pounds to schools and PTFA's across the UK.



Helping us raise funds is quick and easy, all you need to do is:

1. Download the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt in to the Cashpot for Schools initiative and search for **Romsey Abbey Church of England**

Primary School. This instantly raises £1 for RAPS PTFA

3. Scan your app every time you shop in store or online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, and Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to us, at no extra cost to you.

Asda very kindly gave us £50 to kickstart our fundraising and some of us have already been shopping to raise money for our PTFA. Please help us make the most of this opportunity by signing up today. If you have any queries, please get in touch.

Dates for your Diary: Here is the link for our Dates for your Diary. It is a live document so will update as new dates and events are added to the diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Please note the upcoming **INSET day on Friday 27th September**. Parents Evenings for the Autumn term are also scheduled for mid November.

Prayer: You are very welcome to join me in praying the following for our school...

Dear God,

We thank you for an encouraging first week back to school. We thank you for the sense of your peace and blessing upon the school this week. We pray as the new Year R class start next week that your hand would be upon that class and that you would give the Year R team great wisdom, skill and insight to help all the children to settle well into being at our school.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend everybody and we'll see you on Monday

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