



Weekly Update 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

Well Merry Christmas one and all! We arrive at the Christmas holidays, proud of all that has been achieved this term and children and staff alike are ready for a well-earned rest. It's been a busy December so let us take a moment to linger with thankfulness on some of the recent school Christmas events...

Christmas Service and Nativity Performances: Well done to the children for leading a wonderful Christmas Service at Romsey Abbey yesterday afternoon. We were all blown away by how brilliant they all were and it was a really lovely way to celebrate Christmas as a school family. Key Stage 1 and Year R were similarly brilliant last week in their Nativity performances. Thank you parents for joining us for these important events.

PTFA Christmas Fair: Thank you to all who helped and attended our PTFA Christmas fair last Friday afternoon. It was great to have the hall abuzz with happy children and families. Great job PTFA on another super event for our school community.

Thank you for cards and gifts: A great big thank you from me and all the staff for the very lovely cards and gifts you and your children have kindly given us for Christmas. We are very touched and very grateful for your thoughtful generosity.

Year R Drop Off: We are really impressed by our Year R children (and their parents) who have made such a positive start to the year. Come January, we ask that Year R parents drop their children off in the front courtyard so the children can make their way down to class from the green gate with all the other children in school. There are a few exceptions to this rule and these are agreed as part of a specific plan for individual pupils.

Full Uniform and school shoes in January: It is really important that all children are in full and correct school uniform and the Christmas holidays give a good chance to ensure that children are ready to go with black school shoes and correct uniform and PE kit in January. If you need any support with providing correct shoes or uniform please do speak to us so that we can ensure children have everything they need. Black trainers are a good temporary measure for a few days when a school shoe breaks but are not a long term solution. We want all pupils to have high expectations of themselves and correct uniform is an important factor in this.

Dates for your diary: Please see our dates for your diary below: The children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January as there is an INSET day on the Tuesday.

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Flexie Pause: We like to pause in school to reflect on what we have learned and achieved and the end of term is a good term to do just that. My highlights for the Autumn term were the Christmas Services, our Interfaith Week events where the children asked such thoughtful and expert questions to our visitors and the grand opening of the Psalm 23 prayer and wellbeing garden which has been such a positive community project and a space really cherished by children (and staff) during the school day. Do talk to your children about their highlights of this Autumn Term

Prayer: I'll finish with a Christmas prayer for our school community:

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience and trust of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Have yourselves a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Harris and all the staff!

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