



## Weekly Update 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week as we march on through March at quite a pace it seems.

**Highlight of the Week:** One of my highlights this week has been seeing how many children have been enjoying the Psalm 23 Prayer and Reflection Garden at breaktimes and lunchtimes this week. It is great to see it being enjoyed as a happy and safe space to rest and relax. Do have a wander through after school today and look at the Spring flowers that are popping up throughout.

**Self-Management PSHE Day:** On Wednesday, we celebrated our Habits of Mind, Self-Management Day with a number of activities all about making good choices to support our wellbeing and readiness to learn and grow. We had great fun with former Saints manager, Dave Merrington, who took us through the ups and downs of his career and the good and difficult challenges he has made along the way. When asked what kind of players he wanted in his team as a manager, he said it was always attitude that came first, a willingness to learn and work hard to keep getting better and help the team. He also shared about how his faith has been his most important choice in life, living life on Jesus's team.

**Parents Evening:** It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday evening for Parents Evening. Thanks for coming. We were joined by Amie Lurcock-Pugh and her colleague Charlotte of the Mental Health Support Team from Southern Health who were taking an audit on Mental Health provision in school as they begin to offer support to our school community as a team where needed. The second parents evening is on Monday and I look forward to seeing many more of you there.

**Friendly Feedback Form:** We always value feedback, both encouragements and suggestions alike. 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 - thank you to those who have started making use of this form. It will remain a live form and I'll include the link each week in my updates.

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**World Down Syndrome Day** - Thursday 21 March is World Down Syndrome Day. To help raise awareness of Down Syndrome, the whole school - students and staff - are invited to wear ODD SOCKS. The crazier, the better! Each year WSDS focuses on a different theme and this year, it calls for people around the world to **End The Stereotypes**. For people with Down syndrome and intellectual disabilities, stereotypes can stop them from being treated like other people. Join us by wearing odd socks and raising awareness for Down Syndrome on Thursday.

**Easter Service:** Coming up fast is our Easter Service in the Abbey at 2pm on Thursday 28th March. You are all most welcome to join us for the Easter celebration. Rev Thomas and the team have been



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helping us build up towards Easter in Collective Worship and RE lessons over this half term and it is fantastic to come together in the Abbey at the end of the term to celebrate Easter as a school community.

Please take a look at our **Dates for your Diary** for what else is happening over the coming weeks and months including upcoming performances from different year groups. It is the turn of **Year R's Dumble the Dinosaur on Wednesday morning** and **Year 3's Jack and the Beanstalk on Friday morning next week.**

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I will finish with a **prayer** which you are most welcome to join me in praying. We reflected on the choice to not envy in Collective Worship this week but rather to be thankful and content...

*Dear God,*

*Help us to be thankful and to value the blessings in our lives. We pray that you would give us the strength not to be sucked into always comparing ourselves and what we have with others but to rejoice in the fact that you made each of us special and loved.*

*Amen*

Have a great weekend everybody.

Mr Harris

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