



Headteacher's Weekly Update 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and enjoyed some of the stunning sunrises and sunsets on offer this week.

It has been a really positive week in school and my office has been bursting with children showing me their super work and progress across the curriculum. Next week we enter a rare Week 8 of a half term before the half term holiday starts on Saturday 26th October. We are seeking to finish with a flourish and to make the most of that final week before a little break. Year 5 have the unique and special experience of the Abbey sleepover next week so listen out for some possibly unusual bell ringing across Romsey early in the evening on Thursday.

Shared Language: Curiosity: Our focus Habit of Mind has been Curiosity this half term and one of the phrases in our Shared Language in school is "What might happen if...?" This is a wonderful question starter for inspiring curious and creative thought helping children to explore possibilities and think through that idea of cause and effect. It can be used flexibly in conversations about the world around them, their learning, their actions and behaviour as well as a good way of exploring bigger issues in the world. Why not have a go at some "What might happen ifs..." over the weekend!

Attendance: Just a quick reminder that for tummy bugs we follow the NHS guidance of keeping children off school for 48 hours after the last episode of D&V even if they have brightened up and are feeling much better. We are loath to say children have to miss school as attendance is so important to children making confident and sustained progress in their learning but in order to ensure bugs don't pass quickly through school the 48 hour rule is really important to follow. It is cold and virus season at the moment and children can and should be in school unless they are running a high temperature and are physically too unwell to make it into school even with a helping hand from Calpol, We appreciate your partnership on ensuring attendance is strong for the children in school.

Year R 2025 tours: Our next open morning for Year R 2025 is Wednesday 23rd October with tours at 9:30am and 11:00am. If you know of families with children starting school in September 2025 do encourage them to contact the school office and book in a tour of the school. Applications open at the start of November.

School Council and Eco Warriors: We have our newly elected teams of school council and eco warriors. The Eco Warriors have already got busy making a difference around the school with Mrs Schuerfeld and the school council have their first meeting with me on Monday and I know the classes are bursting with ideas to share so watch this space. We value Democracy in school and are keen for all children to see that they can have an important voice into school life and our ongoing development.



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PTFA Preloved Uniform Sale. The next sale will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at 3.15pm, if you have any to donate you can drop them into the office or speak to Chloe to arrange dropping off in central Romsey. Thank you in advance for all of your support and donations.

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 parents evening dates in November. Sign up for this will be shared just after half term.

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer, which you are welcome to join me in praying. We talked about growing the fruit of peace in Collective Worship yesterday so our prayer reflects what we have been thinking deeply about.

Dear God,

We thank you for those things, places and people that help us feel peaceful in the business of life. Give us the gift of your peace, a peace that surpasses understanding, whatever the circumstances we are in. We pray for the blessing and strength of your peace for those going through particularly tough times at the moment. We pray for your peace to pervade our school as we work our way towards half term.

Amen

Have a good weekend everyone!

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