



15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are on Friday again; that went quick. I hope you have enjoyed the slightly cooler weather this week. The children have been working hard, getting stuck into their focus class books in English and recalling and building on key learning from Maths last year. In PSHE lots of classes have been discussing the idea of responsibility and what it means to be a positive part of a community.

New Year R: Willow Tree Class have been brilliant this week as they settle into life as part of our school family. They have really enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies and getting familiar with their environment and the rhythms of the school day. We are really enjoying getting to know them and are excited to see the journey they will go on over the course of the year. Next week they will do full days finishing at 3:15pm.

What is Love? In Collective Worship this week we have been further exploring what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus with love. We have looked at how love is **courageous and committed** - an ongoing action rather than just a nice feeling. It says in the Bible that Love "always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. Love never fails." Reverend Sally shared the story of the Good Samaritan on Tuesday, looking at the Samaritan's courageous and committed love in choosing to help and care for someone in need who everyone else had ignored. Please take a look at our website for more information:

<https://www.romseyabbey.school.co.uk/vision>

The following items are important reminders from last week's update:

INSET Day Friday 22nd September: Our next INSET day is coming up next Friday (22nd September) which means there will be no school that day. Staff will be working on further refining our curriculum so that all pupils know more and can remember more as enthused experts in every subject.

Harvest Service at Romsey Abbey - Friday 29th September: This is our first service of the year at Romsey Abbey and all parents are very welcome to join us at 2pm for the service. We will be collecting for the Romsey Food Bank as part of the service so please see attached for the items that the Foodbank would most appreciate. Any donations should come into school with your child that morning.



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Psalm 23 Garden: We are pleased to share that the Bishop of Southampton, the Rt. Rev Debbie Sellin, will be joining us on **Friday 6th October** to formally open our Psalm 23 Prayer and Reflection Garden with the children and those who have been involved in and supported the project. The garden will continue to develop but it is ready to be enjoyed and used as a special place of prayer and reflection. It has and will continue to be a great team effort to create and look after this special space in school so a huge thank you to everybody involved.

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

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer which you are all welcome to join me in praying as we turn our thoughts and prayers to the world around us:

Dear God,

We pray for the communities in Morocco and Libya suffering from the impact of the recent earthquake and flood disasters. Bring comfort to those families mourning lost loved ones and may those countries and communities be well-supported and cared for as they navigate the aftermath of such devastation. Amen

Have a good weekend and we'll see you on Monday.

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