



Headteacher's Weekly Update: Friday 10th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday! I hope you have had a good week.

Encouraged and Inspired: Flying High Together:

Here are a few of my highlights of the school week that have encouraged and inspired me...

1) Annual Review from Local Authority: On Monday, our Primary Phase Inspector from the Local Authority spent the day with us, reviewing our school development. This is an annual process and we were encouraged that our inspector was pleased with the consistent quality of teaching and learning across the school. She could see the intentional and sustained work we have invested in speaking and listening across the curriculum and how this foundation of deep thinking and talk is enabling pupils to make strong progress in all subject areas. She was impressed by the children's learning behaviours in lessons and the adapted support in place to ensure all children are enjoying and becoming confident in their learning.

2) Holly Tree Class at Osmington Bay: Year 6 have been earning the respect and admiration of the staff at Osmington Bay in Dorset, thanks to their courage and collaboration and sheer enjoyment of all they have been doing. Great job Holly Tree Class. We can't wait to see you at the end of the day. Thank you to the Y6 staff and Miss Osmond, who have sacrificed their sleep and energy reserves to make it a memorable time for the children. And thank you to God for the great weather they have enjoyed over the last 3 days.

Cashless School: From Monday, we will no longer be able to accept cash for payments and SCOPAY will need to be used for all payments. This is due to the closure of Natwest in Romsey. Thank you for your understanding.

Romsey Rugby: Please see the attached information inviting girls in Year 6 to get involved in a local rugby club.

NSPCC Anger Management Guidance: If you find yourself dealing with some angry outbursts from your children at home, you are not alone, you're in good and plentiful company. It's not easy though and it can be very hard to know what is best to do when emotions are running so high. The NSPCC have some helpful and manageable advice and guidance for us parents so do take a look at the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension#5-11>

500 Word Story Competition: The entries continue to come in and I know lots of children are working hard on these at home. There is still lots of time for children to complete their stories as the closing date is the start of November.

Children's stories need to be typed to be submitted and we recommend they do this on Google Docs and submit to their teacher through Google Classroom. More information on the competition can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Dates for your Diary: Please see the all important Dates for your Diary. Dates will be added throughout the term and we will highlight new dates in yellow so you can see what is a new addition. https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0



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Reflection and Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer which you are very welcome to join me in praying as we lift up to God those who are unwell within our school community.

Dear God,

We thank you for the many encouragements and blessings of the week but at the same time we know there are many within our school community and families who are facing difficult times with illness and health problems. We pray for those who are unwell at the moment. May their recoveries be swift, complete and lasting. May they and those around them know your peace and courage at this time.

Amen

If you or your child are going through a tough time at the moment, please do come and speak to us; we'd like to do what we can to help and support.

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

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