



Headteacher update 19.01.2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week in all its wintery beauty. It's been a week of being cosy on the inside and crispy cold outside.

Music Showcase: On Wednesday we were treated to a fabulous music showcase as we were joined by a world class cellist and violinist who combined music and storytelling to inspire us with the power of music. The children asked some wonderful questions and I wonder who amongst our school family might go onto become world class musicians themselves. Thank you Mrs Maxey for organising such a rich experience for all the children.

Y3 Swimming: Well done to Sycamore Tree Class who have been impressing everyone with their resilience and enthusiasm in their swimming lessons on Thursday afternoons.

Holocaust Memorial Service: On **Wednesday next week (24th January), Year 6 and Year 4 will be leading our Holocaust Memorial Service in Romsey Abbey at 2pm.** All parents are welcome to join us but it is just Year 4 and Year 6 attending and running the service. It is always a very moving and poignant service and we will be joined by the Mayor of Romsey. Holocaust Memorial Day is marked on the 27th January every year and has been something our older pupils have led for a number of years in the lead up to this day.

INSET Day: Friday 26th January: Next **Friday is an INSET Day so there is no school that day.** This is our final INSET Day of the year and staff will be busy with training on teaching spelling and developing our 'expert-making' curriculum and how we adapt teaching and learning in all lessons to enable all children to flourish

Punctuality: Our school gate is open between 8:40 and **8:50am** each morning. All children should be **arriving by 8:50am at the latest.** Frosty mornings are tricky and sometimes just mornings are very tricky but being punctual is an important life skill and sets children up for a really positive start of the day. Please be on time and on the rare occasion where exceptional circumstances may prevent you from being on time please do let us know.

Dates for your Diary: Please check the Dates for your Diary for this term: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

MMR Vaccinations: It is really important that all children have received their full MMR vaccinations. It is advised that you speak to your GP surgery to book jabs for your child, or if you think you have missed your own vaccinations. There have been outbreaks of Measles in other parts of the country and whilst we have not had any cases or suspected cases within our school community, ensuring your child is fully vaccinated is advised.



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Habits of Mind, Resilience: We continue to focus on Resilience as our Habit of Mind for this half term. In Collective Worship we have started to discover the perseverance of the apostle Paul who despite struggles and hurdles aplenty, courageously kept going, counting his goal of sharing the good news about Jesus well worth it. *"Do not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:8).

Nuts and Chocolate Spread: A reminder that we have a number of children with severe nut allergies within school and therefore products containing nuts should not be brought into school. The overwhelming majority of chocolate spread have hazelnut as a base ingredient so again we ask that chocolate spread is avoided in lunch boxes - the risk is just too high. Thank you for your understanding.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for all the different seasons of the year and that there is beauty in them all. Thank you that in every season you are good and faithful. Encourage our hearts and strengthen our spirits that we might have courage in all circumstances and hope in all situations.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

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