



Headteacher's Weekly Update: Friday 29th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

September is about ready to step aside for a breather and let October get going.

Harvest Service at Romsey Abbey: Parents are welcome to join us in the Abbey at 2pm this afternoon for our Harvest Celebration Service. Thank you for the Foodbank donations that have come in this morning that they children will bring forward in the service later.

New Year R Tours: On Tuesday next week we have the first of our open mornings for parents of children who will start school next September. Tours can be booked through the office. Please do spread the word and encourage any friends of family with a child starting school next year to come and have a look at what we have to offer. Further open mornings take place on Wednesday 18th October and Tuesday 14th November. Applications open in November and close in January 2024.

Hilliers Trip: We are looking forward to our whole school trip to Hilliers Arboretum on Thursday next week. Please do read the email we have sent out this morning about possible delays due to road closures. Nothing insurmountable but worth factoring into your morning arrangements that day.

What is Spiritual Development? We are a school that seeks to help pupils grow in their skills, knowledge and understanding across a broad and exciting curriculum. It is a curriculum that also very much seeks to help pupils grow and flourish socially, emotionally, morally, culturally and spiritually. Spiritual development can be difficult to define so we have developed an explanation of what Spiritual development means for us as a school. In short it means having **Open Eyes, Open Hands, Open Hearts and Open Minds**. Please take a look at the attached document for more detail. It is something that is built into our school life and our whole curriculum. In Collective Worship this half term we are exploring what each strand looks like like day to day.

Opening of our Psalm 23 Prayer and Wellbeing Garden: We are excited that next Friday the Bishop of Southampton, the Rt. Rev Debbie Sellin, will be joining us to formally open our Psalm 23 Prayer and Wellbeing 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. Bishop Debbie and other special guests will be around at the end of the day on Friday 6th October to say hello to parents and children.



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Mobile Phones: We very much discourage children from bringing phones to school. Some of the older pupils might if they are walking to or from school on their own. If a child does need to bring a phone to school it is not to be out on our school grounds and must be handed to their teacher to lock away as soon as they get to the classroom.

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 for Harvest which you are welcome to join us in praying.

Dear God,

We thank you for how you provide for us; for the crops and food that is grown to feed our families. We pray for a bountiful and encouraging harvest for the farmers in the UK and across the world. We pray for those families really struggling with the cost of living and pray that Foodbanks across the country would have ample supplies to support those who need it. *Amen*

Have a great weekend everybody.

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