



Head Teacher Weekly Update 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and were able to find those winter gloves this morning for the chilly start to the day.

Great Start Year R! Beech Tree Class have been heroes this week, settling into school really well and impressing us all with their good listening and kind playing. There is so much to learn and process in these first few weeks and it can be exhausting for them but they have made a brilliant start to their time at RAPS. They start full days next week.

Home/School Agreement: Thank you to everyone who has read and signed our Home/School Agreement for this year. If you have not done so yet, please follow this link and complete as soon as possible. The google form gives you an easy way to show us you have read and agreed to this important policy: <https://forms.gle/9qn58oxxfogPGmDa8>

The agreement includes important information around drop off and particularly end of day collection so please read carefully.

How do we Grow? As part of our focus on our Habit of Mind of Curiosity we have been continuing to explore the question, "How do we grow?" in Collective Worship this week. Our school value of Love compels us to **put others first**, not always thinking of 'me, me, me' but looking to the needs and value of those around us. We grow as we learn that we are part of a team, all seeking to encourage and support one another. "*In humility value others above ourselves, not looking to our own interests but each of us to the interests of the others.*" (Philippians 2:3-4)

Meet the Teacher Meetings: It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher meetings over the past week or so. There are two left starting with Year 3 today after school and concluding with Year R on Wednesday next week.

Fri 13th Sep Year 3 with Mrs Coleman (Year 3 children in Year 4)

Wed 18th Sep with Mrs Langford and Mrs Goodman (Year R children in Year 1)

The children and any siblings who also attend our school will be supervised in the neighbouring classroom while you attend the meeting. If you cannot stay for the meeting, you will need to collect your child from the neighbouring classroom.

Copies of the slideshows will be emailed out next week.

Talking to teachers at the end of the day: We really value good communication with parents and earnestly seek to be as responsive as possible to things you need to share with us. Quick check ins at the end of the day can be an important part of this open communication line. We kindly ask that parents are mindful that this is a busy time of day for teachers as they dismiss children and share things with other parents from the day. Sometimes it may not be possible to speak to everyone who would like to catch the teacher or speak at the length required to address a concern properly. If your



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query or concern requires more time to discuss and think over, we would encourage you to make an appointment with the office for a meeting or phonecall with the teacher, outlining what you would like to discuss. We will always seek to do this as soon as possible with you but are conscious that we practically cannot always be as quick to get back to you as we would ideally like.

Harvest Celebration Service: We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebration Service on Friday 4th October at 2:00pm in Romsey Abbey. Parents are very welcome to join us for this special service. As part of the service we will be collecting food donations for Romsey Foodbank and we encourage children to bring in a food donation on the day to bring forward in the service. Please see the attached list of items the Foodbank are particularly in need of at the moment.

Year R spaces for September 2025: We have organised a number of dates and times if you have or know of anybody who has children due to start school next September. Applications open in November and close in January 2025. Please call or encourage others to call and book a school tour:
 Wednesday 18th September: 9:30am
 Wednesday 2nd October: 9:30am and 11am
 Wednesday 23rd October: 9:30am and 11am
 Come and see who we are and all we have to offer.

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 upcoming **INSET day on Friday 27th September**. Parents Evenings for the Autumn term are also scheduled for mid November.

Prayer: You are very welcome to join me in praying the following for our school...

Dear God,

We thank you for our school and the many encouragements and successes this week as the children continue to learn and grow. We thank you for the great start Year R have made to the year and what a blessing they will be to our school family. We pray for a refreshing weekend and ask that you give the children and staff fresh energy as we head into next week.

Amen

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

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