



Headteacher's Weekly Update 06.12.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. This weeks updates very much have a Christmas theme running through

We had a wonderful day in school yesterday with Christmas jumpers of all varieties making an early December outing and a tasty **Christmas Dinner** at lunchtime. **Thank you for all the bottle donations** for the Bottle Tombola at the **PTFA Christmas Fair on Wednesday 17th December** after school.

Year R and KS1 Nativity Performances: On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons next week at 2pm the Year R, 1 and 2 children will be performing their Nativity play to parents. This is a ticketed event so please ensure you have your tickets to show at the gate on the day. The children are really excited to show you their Nativity; it is the perfect way to get into the celebration of Christmas.

School Christmas Service at Romsey Abbey - Thursday 19th December 1:45pm: Please do join us for our Christmas Service at the Abbey on the penultimate day of term. The service is led by the Key Stage 2 pupils but there will be a chance for parents to join in some of the songs and very much part of the service. It is a service rather than a performance so it is not a ticketed event and you are all most welcome to join us.

Courageous World Changers and Light in the Darkness: In Collective Worship we have continued our theme of looking at heroes of empathy who have walked in the footsteps of Jesus to be courageous world changers. This week we looked at the courage and care of Harriet Tubman in the US and the inspirational devotion of Florence Nightingale. Both were determined to be a light in dark times and bring hope to the hopeless. In this season of Advent, their stories point to God's gift to the world in sending His Son to be the light of the world who stepped down into darkness to courageously change the world. I posed the children the question yesterday, "Who have you seen shining brightly today?"

eVisas: The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, a digital proof of immigration status. Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to [access their eVisa now](#), and do so on behalf of their children too.



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An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It's free and their immigration status won't be affected.

You can find a range of shareable eVisa communications materials, including factsheets and social media content in the eVisa [partner pack](#).

Direct for Logos Christmas Closures: Direct for Logos who sell our school uniform have been in touch to share when they are closed over December...

We will be closed on Saturday the 7th and Saturday the 14th of December, Our shop in Romsey will then close on Thursday the 19th of December at 2:00pm. We will then re-open with our usual hours on Thursday the 2nd of January.

Playpark Construction: You may have seen that the area by the monkey bars and Buddy Bus Stop is currently under construction. This is for the installation of the playpark equipment the school council decided up and using the funds raised by the PTFA over the past year. We are hopeful it should be ready before Christmas. It is very exciting to see the plans come together.

Year R 2025 applications: Applications for Year R spaces in Sep 2025 are open: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>
The deadline is 15th January 2025.

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-Qagv3rcTOhIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer, which you are most welcome to join me in praying...

Dear God,

As we head into the final two weeks before the Christma Holiday, we pray that you will bless all the many happenings and events taking place including the Christmas Nativity and service. At this exciting but busy time, help us to be patient and gracious with one another. Help us to support our children in being excited in celebration yet calmly reflective and patient themselves even where emotions are running higher. We pray that it will be a special time for everyone.

Amen

Have a good weekend everybody.

Kind Regards

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