



Headteacher's Weekly Update 02.02.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and

Choir Concert: This evening is the Five Choirs Concert at Romsey Abbey and our school choir is performing as one of those choirs. Those involved will have had all the information from Mrs Maxey already but we wanted to wish the children all the best as they represent our school tonight. I look forward to seeing the choir there.

Safer Internet Week: Next week is Safer Internet Week and we would like to encourage parents to take advantage of a **free webinar on staying safe online**. The Cyber Choices presentation is aimed at parents of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/uni students (18+) Each webinar covers the same material, so you need only sign up for one of them (unless you want to hear the same messages on repeat!)

There are currently 3 webinars available for parents:

Tuesday 6th February 13:00-14:00

Thursday 8th February 09:30-10:30

Thursday 8th February 20:00-21:00

The invitations are as follows:

When: Feb 6, 2024 13:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this

webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlq

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this

webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_quDQFW6TRBiOJWEga_g6qw



We are walking in the Footsteps of Jesus with Love Trust and Forgiveness

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After registering, a confirmation email containing further information about joining the webinar will be automatically sent out.

Staff will also be taking advantage of webinars on safe gaming online in what is known to be a significant safeguarding risk.

Curriculum Drop Ins: Next week we have an opportunity for parents to come into the classrooms at the end of the day to celebrate all the children's hard work with them. Even if you can only spare 5 minutes to pop in and see your child's proud work. If you need to go to more than one class there is ample time to get to both. The drop ins start at 3:15pm and last until approximately 3:45pm with the exception of Year 2 who begin at 3pm on Friday 9th February.

Tuesday 6th February: Year 1 and Year 3

Wednesday 7th February: Year 5

Thursday 8th February: Year 6

Friday 9th February: Year 2 **(3pm)**

Plimsolls: Just a reminder that from after half term when pupils don't have school shoes, we will provide a pair of black plimsolls so that they remain in the expected plain black shoes in school. They would be able to change again at the end of the day so that plimsolls stay in school.

We communicated at the start of the year that plain black trainers were also acceptable for short periods whilst new school shoes are being sorted. These plain black trainers should have black soles and laces and not have big logos or additional accessories. Trainers like this are only allowed as a temporary measure whilst waiting to get new school shoes. Black trainers are not accepted as a long term alternative.

Be Bright, Be Seen Day: As per our email earlier this week, our Year 5 Junior Road Safety Officers have organised a Be Bright, Be Seen day on Friday next week to raise awareness of staying safe when out and about. Everyone is invited to come to school that day in bright and colourful clothing.

Talent Exhibition: Also on Friday next week, we will have a chance for many children across the school to share their talents with everyone in a Romsey's Got Talent exhibition. We have encouraged children to think over the weekend if there is something they would like to perform and they will be able to sign up on Monday and Tuesday next week. We will select a variety of acts to perform on Friday and those not selected will have another chance later on in the year. This is not a contest as such but rather a celebration of our unique skills and talents for everyone to enjoy.

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.**

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

Measles Advice: Please take a look at the Government advice on measles just in case any cases start appearing in the local area. <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

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: You are most welcome to join me in praying for our school community...

Dear God,

We pray that all the children at our school will grow in confidence: confidence not to show off and elevate themselves above others but the confidence to take on challenges, bounce back from failures, admit when they get it wrong and ask for help when they need it. We pray for positive self-esteem and that we would all encourage the best in one another.

Amen

Have a good weekend everybody.

Mr Harris

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