

# Headteachers weekly update 17 Sep 2021

Good afternoon parents and carers,

**Welcome Back Video:** We have put together a short video with photos from the first week back at school. We shared this with the children earlier in the week but thought you'd enjoy watching it too. It really is very special to have everyone back together again. The video can also be found on the homepage of our website. Enjoy... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGorMeAObzs>

**Welcome Year R:** It has been so lovely to have our new Year R children start this week. They have been terrific, as have their Year 6 buddies who have helped look after them with such care and enthusiasm.

**End of Day Collection:** Thank you to all those who have provided feedback on our arrangements for the end of the day pick up. There were a wide range of thoughts on this matter and we have looked carefully into a number of possible adaptations but we have decided to keep to the system already in place as we believe this to be the most sensible and practical solution. We have started opening the gate at 3:10pm to reduce congestion around the green gate. Teachers will continue to dismiss the children at 3:15pm so please don't stand too close to the classrooms whilst waiting. We do ask that everyone be respectful of people's space, particularly when entering and exiting through the green gate - a great opportunity to model patient consideration of others to the children.

**Digging Deeper** If you would like a closer insight into school life, please take a look at the Digging Deeper attachment. Today there is a reflection from two of our Year 6 children who have been doing a wonderful job as buddies to our new Year R children. We also reflect on our theme of Trust in Collective Worship this week. Please also follow this link to explore the weekly bulletin from the Abbey so you are kept up to date with Abbey life <https://www.romseyabbey.org.uk...>

**Meet the Teacher:** It has been great to see parents in classrooms again this week for Meet the Teacher. This afternoon is Year 3s meeting with Year 4 on Monday and Year 5 on Tuesday. Slideshows and videos (where possible) will be shared next week for those who have been unable to attend in person.

**Clubs:** We have had a number of queries about after school sports clubs. We are aiming to reintroduce these after half term and more details will be shared in October.

**Attendance:** It is really important that all children are in school everyday. We also have a responsibility to keep everyone safe. If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, please keep them at home and get a PCR test as soon as possible. Please refer to the NHS website for clear guidance on symptoms <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>. May I also take the opportunity to remind everyone that we cannot authorise holidays in school time. Thank you.

**Reading Star Journals:** Mrs Sessions introduced our new Reading Star Journals to the children this week. Details will be shared with parents next week with the children in KS2 bringing home their journals to tell you all about them. Year R, 1 and 2 will continue to use the reading diaries but will still be able to work towards the star certificates by doing lots of amazing reading. Watch this space...

We finish with a **Prayer for the Week**. This week, we focus on our school value of Trust, which we have explored in Collective Worship over the week.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that you are faithful and that your love endures forever. Thank you that we can lean on you in good times and tricky times, when we succeed and when we fail.*

*Amen*

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Harris