



Dear Mrs Close, Romsey Abbey CE Primary School has sent you a message

Headteacher Weekly Update: Friday 10th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week.

SIAMS inspection: Thank you to all the parents who spoke to the SIAMs inspector on Wednesday as part of our Church of England inspection. We must wait for the report to be written and checked before I can share the outcome of the inspection but we enjoyed sharing and celebrating all we are and do as a school and the children who spoke to the inspectors spoke very maturely and expertly about their learning and life in school.

INSET Day Monday: No School: Monday is an INSET day and so there is no school. Staff will be undertaking important training together provided by external trainers. The children will be back in school on Tuesday.

Odd Socks Day and Anti-bullying week: Tuesday is the start of anti-bullying week and kicks off with Odd Socks Day where children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks, as colourful and odd as they like, to help us reflect on the fact we are all different and all special in our own way. If you would like to donate to the work of the Anti-bullying Alliance then please use the following link: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/get-involved-0/donate>

The theme this year is Make a Noise about Bullying and we have been exploring in Collective Worship this half term about how we can make a noise to challenge injustice and celebrate what is good and right looking at examples of people in the Bible who courageously made a noise when it mattered.

Year R 2024 Opening Morning: On Tuesday we have our next round of tours for parents of children starting school in September 2024. If you know of families for whom this applies please encourage them to contact the school office to book a tour on Tuesday morning or arrange another time to visit the school and see what we have to offer. The application window has opened and closes on 15th January 2024

Parents Evening: It was lovely to see so many parents on Monday evening for the first of our Parents Evenings. Round 2 is on Tuesday and there are still spaces available if you haven't yet booked an appointment.



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

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Public Speaking Competition: The children have one more week to prepare and practise their speeches for our school Public Speaking competition. Children are invited to choose a topic that they feel strongly about and share that with their class. The week commencing Monday 20th November will be the week in which they deliver their speech to the class.

Dates for your Diary: Please follow this link to the all important dates for your diary in what is a very busy half term: [Qagv3rcTOhIIgpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit](https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/Qagv3rcTOhIIgpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit)

Remembrance: This afternoon in Collective Worship we observed a 2 minute silence ahead of the Remembrance events this weekend. The children have also been given a little slip of paper with the name of a soldier who has died in war. If you are attending any services and events this weekend or watch any coverage on television, your children can take time to think about the courageous and selfless sacrifice of the soldier named on their slip. Rev Stuart Goddard will be joining us on Wednesday next week to share a further reflection on the inspiring bravery of those who has served their country in times of war.

Prayer: I finish with a prayer ahead of Remembrance Day which you are as always welcome to join me in praying:

Dear God,

We thank you for the courage and sacrifice of those who have served and are presently serving in our armed forces. Help us to always remember with great respect those who generously and bravely put others before themselves. We pray for peace in the areas of our world where conflict continues to affect the lives of so many.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all on Tuesday.

Kind Regards

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