



Headteacher's Weekly update 26.01.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and that your children have enjoyed the extra day today. We've had a very productive and positive INSET in school; a great chance to work closely as a team to develop our curriculum further.

Holocaust Memorial Day Service: On Wednesday Year 6 and Year 4 led the Holocaust Memorial Day Service in Romsey Abbey and did a wonderful job of leading this poignant and important service. We were joined by the Mayor of Test Valley and the Deputy Mayor of Romsey Town who were very impressed by the children's maturity and empathy.

Year 5 Trip to the Science Centre: Year 5 headed off to Winchester's Science Centre on Wednesday to have many 'Open Eyes' and 'Open Minds' moments as they enjoyed discovering so much about our world and the universe in lots of hands on and interactive ways. They were a real credit to the school, asked great questions and showed real understanding of lots of different areas of Science. Well done Chestnut Tree Class.

Curriculum Drop Ins: In the final week before half term 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)

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**. Frosty mornings are tricky and sometimes just mornings are very tricky but being punctual is an important life skill and sets children up for a really positive start of the day. Please be on time and on the rare occasion where exceptional circumstances may prevent you from being on time please do let us know.

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

Feedback Thank You: I would just like to say thank you for all the feedback many of you are so good at providing. We like to hear from you and gain your feedback as we are always seeking to improve and grow as a school. Thank you to a number of you who have gone out of your way to say thank you and encourage our staff this week. It means a lot to us and is always appreciated.



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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/>

Habits of Mind, Resilience: In our PSHE lessons and Collective Worship we continue to explore how we can show resilience when working towards our goals. This week we looked at how the apostle Paul didn't waver in pursuit of his goal to share the good news of Jesus but also didn't allow his focus on his goal to blind him to the needs of those around him. We can pursue our goals and cheer others on and support them as they work towards theirs. *"Do not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (Galatians 6:8).

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. These are some of the prayers that were prayed at our Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Wednesday. Tomorrow is the official Holocaust Memorial Day.

Dear God,

We pray we will all learn from the horrific mistakes of the past.

We pray that there would be no more genocides in our world.

We pray love not hate would guide people's actions and paths.

We pray that ordinary people would have the courage to stand up against discrimination and persecution.

We pray for those suffering discrimination and persecution in the world today – may they find freedom, justice and safety.

We pray for our leaders across the world, give them wisdom, empathy and understanding.

We pray for peace across the world, across communities and between all people and races.

We pray that ordinary people are ready to make an extraordinary difference to help others.

We pray that we would play our part in inspiring good not harm, spreading love not hate.

Amen

Have a good weekend everybody.

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