



Headteachers Weekly Update 10.01.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy 2025! I hope you have had a good start to the year!

We have certainly had a busy start to 2025 with the visit from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you for all your support with the inspection; it has been greatly appreciated and the inspector was struck by just how positive and supportive parents are within our school community. Thank you. It is what is termed an ungraded inspection and the focus was to inspect the standards of the school and the progress since our previous graded inspection in 2019. We now have to wait about a month for the letter that will outline the findings and feedback from the inspection. We will share that with you as soon as Ofsted release the final published letter with us. The children were fantastic during the inspection and there were so many things to rightly celebrate within what is a very rigorous and thorough process.

The Power of Words: This week we introduced our latest Behaviour Curriculum Map across the school and this is focussed on how we communicate across school with one another. In Collective Worship at the start of the week, we looked at the power of words and how they can be used for both great good and building others up but also sadly for great destruction and putting others down. We teach behaviour at Romsey Abbey CE Primary School and are committed to helping children to have the highest expectations in how they communicate with one another. Please see attached a copy of our Speaking and Listening Behaviour Curriculum Map. It is our role as adults to model and teach what this looks like so please help us by reinforcing these expectations outside school.

Learn from our Mistakes: Our focus Habit of Mind for Spring 1 is Resilience which for us is all about never giving up and keeping on having a go. The times we are most likely to give up are when we have made a mistake. At school we know mistakes are something we can learn lots from if we are brave enough to recognise we made the mistake. We will be exploring this over the next 6 weeks in Collective Worship, particularly looking at the lives of Joseph and Jonah in the Bible and how God graciously transformed many mistakes into stories of growth and flourishing. A great question to be asking our children is, "What can we learn from that mistake?" and it is incredibly powerful when we, as the adults, are brave enough to acknowledge when we get it wrong and are ready to say and show we are sorry.

Supervision After School: Just a reminder when you have collected your children at 3:15pm at the end of the school day, you are responsible for their supervision. Children must not be in the playpark without your direct supervision or indeed any other part of the school grounds. Children in Year 5 and 6 who walk home by themselves should leave promptly after being dismissed. Secondary school pupils who collect their KS2 siblings must remain in supervision of their younger sibling and promptly head home. If older siblings come to collect with parents/responsible adults they must stay



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in the parents supervision whilst on our school grounds. They are not permitted to enter our school site without direct adult supervision unless they are simply collecting a KS2 sibling.

Year R 2025 applications: Applications for Year R spaces in Sep 2025 are still 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-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

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

Dear God,

Thank you for a new year and for guiding and leading the school through the Ofsted inspection this week. Thank you that the sense of togetherness and everyone's determination to enable all children to flourish was really clear. God give us wisdom and love as we as a school community continue to strive to give our children the very best education and opportunities to learn and grow. Help us all to be kind and gracious in the way we speak to one another.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you again for all your support.

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