



Headteachers Weekly Update 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everybody. We reach the end of Summer 1 and head into the half term break ahead of the busy conclusion to the school year in June and July.

Working Together as a Team: Within our work on **Collaboration**, our focus Habit of Mind, we have been thinking carefully about what it means to work successfully as a team. This week we have thought about how we can't do everything by ourselves and to achieve great things we need to work with others. Fittingly we have had a number of visitors in school this week helping us out by sharing their expertise and enthusiasm. Keep reading to find out more...

Dentaid Workshops Yr R, 1, 2 and 3: On Wednesday, children in Year R to Year 3 had special workshops delivered by the charity Dentaid about dental hygiene and health. The interactive sessions were full of helpful advice and knowledge to help children look after their teeth.

Y5 and Y6 Art Workshops with professional artist, Amy Goodman: On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 had the exciting opportunity to work with professional local sculptor, Amy Goldman. They created special pieces of art celebrating different moments and features of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. It was amazing to see the children's awe and wonder when appreciating Amy's artwork and being inspired to paint their own stunning masterpieces. Amy has been commissioned to create a special bronze sculpture of Queen Elizabeth II which will be located in the Abbey grounds.

Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Service came into school today to work with Year 1 and Year 5, teaching the children about how to stay safe at home and what to do if they discover a fire. They looked at the main risks and how they can help minimise those risks to keep everyone safe.
Multiply Games Event

Parent Curriculum Drop Ins: It was lovely to see so many of you at the curriculum parent drop ins this week. We love to work in partnership with you and the children are so proud to show you the fruits of their hard work. Thank you for being such an integral part of school life here. I was blown away by some of the work I saw and very proud of all the children.

Reading Volunteers: A huge thank you to all those who kindly give their time up to listen to children read in school. We really value the support you provide the children and it is wonderful to see how much they grow in confidence.

Multiply Maths Games Event: Thank you to all those who attended the Maths Games event on Wednesday after school. Great to be reminded of the power of games in developing children's Maths skills and awareness, breaking down those confidence barriers that so easily creep in in Maths. I hope you have been inspired to play a few family games over half term - the benefits are plentiful.



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PTFA Marathon Challenge: Well done to all the children who completed the PTFA Marathon Challenge of 26 miles in 26 days - a fantastic achievement. It was lovely to see so many children running at the Romsey Relay Marathon at Broadlands last Sunday - another brilliant team effort. Our school also entered a staff team for the relay marathon and rather stunningly finished as the 19th team out of 148. Well done to all the staff (and parents) involved and Reverend Thomas who ran the last leg very speedily for us. Here's the JustGiving Page for those sponsorship donations for the children's and staff's running efforts over the past 26 days :<https://justgiving.com/campaign/RAPSMARATHONCHALLENGE2024>

Special D-Day Themed Lunch: On Thursday 6th June, our kitchen are providing a specially themed lunch to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Please see the attached flyer for more details of the tasty lunch options that day.

Term Time Holidays: Please do not book term time holidays. Good attendance is very clearly linked to better progress and achievement in school. We know very well the cost implications of holidays in the school holidays but the children's education must be the priority; affordable holidays do not justify the absence from school. Fixed Penalty Notices of £60 per parent per child will be issued for 5 unauthorised absences within a 100-school day period. Thank you.

If you have an encouragement or suggestion to share please do take a quick moment to complete our **Friendly Feedback Form**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd072Mv_gmGhe18XhWtTK36Ev-uMBtzG1SachpqjDJ3McUNAw/viewform

Thank you to those who have done so already. We do look carefully at these and are already taking action on a number of your helpful suggestions. We are also very grateful for your kind encouragements.

Dates for your Diary: Don't forget to check the dates for your diary for all the upcoming events with lots of things happening over the exciting summer term:

Prayer: You are most welcome to join my in praying this for our school community:

Dear God,

We thank you for everyone who helps the children of our school in so many different ways. We thank you for the time, enthusiasm and expertise they share and the care they show. May our school community go from strength to strength as a team, all committed to helping the children flourish and grow. We pray that we would all have a wonderful half term whatever it is we are up to.

Amen

Have a great weekend and half term everybody. We'll see you on Monday 3rd June!

Kind Regards

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