



Weekly Update 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everybody. I hope you have had a great week and enjoyed the sunshine.

Working Together as a Team: Within our work on **Collaboration**, our focus Habit of Mind, we have been thinking in Collective Worship this week about how successful teams treat everyone with respect and celebrate the different roles we all have to play. We have explored the topic of prejudice and how sadly people sometimes treat others unfairly or unkindly just because they are different in some way. The Bible uses the image of a body being made up of many parts and each part being important and valued. 1 Corinthians 12:21 says... *The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"* Every part of the team matters and belongs as an important part of that team and the fact we all have different strengths, interests and personalities makes our team all the better and is something we celebrate and respect at Romsey Abbey CE Primary School.

SATs: Our industrious and hard working Year 6 children will be sitting their End of KS2 SATs next week. We are proud of all they have achieved whilst with us over the last 7 years and this is an opportunity to celebrate all they have learned and mastered within the curriculum. The tests take place at the front of school so **please be mindful of noise if you need to pop into the office between 9:00am and lunchtime** from Monday to Thursday.

Sports Day: Just a reminder that next Friday afternoon is Sports Day. Parents are welcome to join their children for a picnic at 12:00noon and then enjoy the races and activities in the afternoon. Please refer to separate emails for more details.

Parent Curriculum Drop Ins: The week after next, parents are warmly invited to pop into class at the end of the day to enjoy looking at the great work the children have been working hard on in their learning. Even if you can only pop in for just 5 minutes it would be lovely to see you and for your child to proudly show you their work.

North Churchyard next week: There will be very limited access to The North Churchyard (also known as "the Abbey Green") next week on Tuesday and Wednesday as meadow seed are being delivered and spread. Parking from Church Road will be limited on those days too so please allow extra time for parking if you travel to school by car.

Performances Feedback: Every year, your child has a great opportunity to be fully involved in one of our wonderful class performances led by the talented Mrs Maxey. We love doing these as a school and it is a joy to see the children rise to the challenge and grow in confidence every time. We are in



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the process of creating a performance display board and would love some friendly feedback to add to it if you can spare a couple of minutes to add a comment for us...

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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.

PTFA Marathon Challenge: A quick reminder of the Marathon Challenge. It has been great to see children running regularly on the track each day, clocking up those miles. I now run a Thursday lunchtime Running Club which all children are welcome to join in with. The challenge concludes at the Barratt Home Romsey Relay Marathon at Broadlands on Sunday 19th May. Do come and join us at Broadlands that day. Here's the Sign up form for the challenge: <https://forms.gle/JuCiYdkDxdrvE3PfA> and the JustGiving Page for those sponsorship donations: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/RAPSMARATHONCHALLENGE2024>

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_qmGhe18XhWtTK36Ev-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:

Dear God,

We pray for the Year 6 children and staff ahead of next week's SATs. Please give them confidence, focus and concentration so that they can do their very best in the assessments and be proud of what they achieve. We pray that school would be a calm and encouraging place next week for them and our whole school family.

Amen

Have a great bank holiday weekend everybody.

Kind Regards

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