



Headteacher weekly update 23rd July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

School Year 2023-2024 has arrived at its conclusion and school is out for Summer as they say.

Thank you for all your support and for working with us through this year to give every child the best chances to flourish and grow in confidence. We really value working in partnership with you and this is something we will continue to build on further next year. If you haven't had a chance to complete our Parent Survey yet, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to do so. Comments are optional so it can be very quick to do. Here's the link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6W3VAeOx84P6aI_OtQ3HCFw0xyczjxswGYRo0FkijtIx2Q/viewform

Thank you to those who already have and the comments shared through this are really appreciated.

Thank you to a number of families who have made **kind and generous donations** to the school; this too is really appreciated. A big well done and thank you to Katerina in Year 1 who raised £24 for the school at the weekend through an art sale of her lovely pictures and artwork. You are a **creative hero Katerina!** Thank you also for the **kind thank you cards and gifts** that the staff team and I have received over the past couple of days. It means a lot to us.

Thank you PTFA for all your hard work, energy and time to support the school community putting on fantastic events for us all to enjoy and raising record funds for the school. Will keep you posted on spending plans in September.

Thank you Year 6: A fond farewell to the wonderful children of Poplar Tree Class. We have many fond memories of them to cherish and wish them the very best as they head to secondary school. Thank you to all those who came and supported Year 6 at the Leavers' Service yesterday in Romsey Abbey. A big well done to Year 6 who achieved a combined achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths 5% above National figures.

Summer Highlights Journals: The children will be bringing home special journals today and we are challenging them to write a daily highlight through the Summer Holidays. Every day completed earns a house point and those who manage to do it every day of the holidays will receive a certificate in September. It is so good for our wellbeing to take time to think about what we are grateful for and what we have enjoyed so make this a summer habit to stick at along with the reading challenge.

Return to School: We return to school on **Tuesday 3rd September**. There is a staff INSET day on Monday 2nd September where staff will be completing their safeguarding training and looking at our school priorities for the year.



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School Community Prayer Meeting: On **Monday 2nd September at 4:30pm** we will be holding our start of the year prayer meeting which parents, staff, Governors, and friends of the school are warmly welcome to attend. We like to lift the school and the children up in prayer at the start of a new year. The prayer meeting takes place in the school hall. I will come and let you in just before 4:30pm that afternoon.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support: If over the summer you need any support in terms of your or your child's mental health and wellbeing please take a look at our Mental Health Padlet on the website which signposts lots of different avenues of support for you to access where required. <https://www.romseyabbeysschool.co.uk/wellbeing>
Please don't suffer in silence. There is support there to be had.

Allow me to finish with a **prayer for the summer holidays** which you are welcome to join me in praying if you would like:

Dear God,

We thank you for our families and the Summer. Whatever everyone's summer may look like, we pray that you will bless each family, keep us all well and safe, refresh our strength and strengthen our relationships.

Amen

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Take care and thank you so much.

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