



Head Teacher Update 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everybody. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the Sports Day fun with us. Well done to the children on their enthusiastic and determined efforts throughout the afternoon.

Working Together as a Team: Within our work on **Collaboration**, our focus Habit of Mind, we have been thinking carefully about the shared language we use as a school team and a question we have been asking lots this week is, "**How can you help your team?**" This question reminds children (and adults) that they belong to a team (their class, their family, their house team, their friendship group, their club mates, their school etc) and that they can contribute positively to that team. Often when we think less of ourselves and more of others we find we are motivated by a greater sense of purpose and responsibility. How can you help your team?

SATs: A great big well done to all the children in Year 6 who have worked so hard this week completing their SATs tests. We have been so impressed by their determination and positive attitudes over the week. Thank you to the Year 6 teaching team for the amazing job they have done in supporting the pupils in being well prepared and confident going into the assessments.

Dentaid Workshops Yr R, 1, 2 and 3: On Wednesday next week, children in Year R to Year 3 will have special workshops delivered by the charity Dentaid about dental hygiene and health. We want children at our school to grow in their understanding of how to take good care of themselves and live happy, healthy lives and dental health is an important part of this.

Y5 and Y6 Art Workshops with professional artist, Amy Goodman: On Thursday next week, Year 5 and 6 have the exciting opportunity to work with professional sculptor, Amy Goldman. They will be creating special pieces of art celebrating different moments and features of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Amy has been commissioned to create a special bronze sculptor of Queen Elizabeth II which will be located in the Abbey grounds when completed. She is looking for the Year 5 and 6 children to inspire her work with their artwork. Year 5 will work with her in the morning and Year 6 in the afternoon.

Parent Curriculum Drop Ins: Next week 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.

Tuesday 21st May - Years 1 and 5

Wednesday 22nd May - Years 2, 4 and 6



We are walking in the Footsteps of Jesus with Love Trust and Forgiveness

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Thursday 23rd May - Year 3

PTFA Marathon Challenge: A quick reminder that the Marathon Challenge draws to its exciting conclusion on Sunday at the Barratt Home Romsey Relay Marathon at Broadlands on Sunday 19th May. Do come and join us at Broadlands on Sunday. Here's the JustGiving Page for those sponsorship donations for your children's running efforts over the past 26 days

[:https://justgiving.com/campaign/RAPSMARATHONCHALLENGE2024](https://justgiving.com/campaign/RAPSMARATHONCHALLENGE2024)

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 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...

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScm0T49F8Oi5ty2nr-pbX0RnPTMp50Yj0lcBxm47Eug4weylw/viewform>

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 good weather on Sports Day and for guiding Year 6 through their SATs this week. We pray that whatever challenges we face, that we are able to be good team players who delight in helping and encouraging others.

Amen

Have a great weekend everybody.

Kind Regards

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