



Head Teacher Update 5th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good afternoon one and all. I hope you have had a good week. As we hit July, it is a busy and exciting time in school in readiness for the end of the school year. It was great to hear that our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic day at their new secondary schools on Wednesday. The other classes enjoyed the chance to spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms. We are looking forward to the new chapter starting in September. Over the coming days and weeks, we will continue to support the transition, helping children to go into the summer holidays feeling ready to start confidently in their new class on Tuesday 3rd September.

Creativity: Our focus Habit of Mind is Creativity this half term and we continue to think about what it means to have a creative mindset and approach in all we do. We want the children to grow in wisdom and confidence in weighing up possibilities and options so that they are equipped to make good and courageous decisions. One of the key questions in our shared language of High Expectations; Deep Empathy is: "**What are your options?**" Let us encourage children to explore the options they have in different situations and teach them to evaluate those options wisely.

Summer Fete: Wow what a fantastic day we enjoyed on Saturday at the PTFA School Fete! It was a wonderful day being a school community together. Thank you for coming and being part of it and a huge thank you to the PTFA and all the many volunteers who gave up their time and efforts to organise, set up and run such a great event.

Public Convenience: The office are having increasing requests from parents to use the toilets behind the office. We make every effort to be as accommodating as we can to families but the school toilets are not a public convenience and logistically this is a big ask of our office staff at what are very busy times of day. There are public toilets at the bus station so we kindly ask that people do not request use of the school facilities. Thank you for your understanding.

Bastille Day: Next Friday (12th July), the children will spend a little time learning about Bastille Day - a French National Holiday, marking the day that the people of France stormed one of the prisons in 1789. It was the start of the French Revolution. French is the modern foreign language we teach in school and it is good to explore parts of French culture and history. It will be normal school uniform that day.

Around the World Day: Australia: On Tuesday 16th July we will be having our Australian Around the World Day where across the school we will be delving into Australian culture and geography. There will be lots of activities through the day including aboriginal art workshops with local artist Elizabeth Hammond, singing and even a few Aussie Rules Football challenges at lunchtime. It will be normal school uniform that day.



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Last days of term: On **Monday 22nd July** we have our **Leavers Service in Romsey Abbey** at 2pm where Year 6 will lead a service reflecting on their time at our school and looking ahead to the future. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us for this special service in the abbey. **Tuesday 23rd July is the last day of term** before the summer holidays. This will be a **non-school uniform day** and a celebration of all the children's hard work and progress over this year.

School Improvement Priorities and Friendly Feedback Form: If you have an encouragement or suggestion to share please do take a quick moment to complete our **Friendly Feedback Form**. We are in the process of discussing and formulating our **school improvement priorities** for next year and we would **welcome your thoughts on what you think these priorities should be**. Please use the Friendly Feedback Form to share what you see as strengths of the school to build on and areas you would like to see us target for further improvement.

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

Thank you to those who have done so previously. We do look carefully at these and have taken 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: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

There are a number of performances and events coming up in the weeks ahead so do check you have everything in your diary.

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

Dear God,

As we start to reflect on all the successes and hard work of this year in school and look forward to new opportunities in September, we pray that you will bless us all with your peace, strength and encouragement. And following the election yesterday, we pray that you will give wisdom, humility and creativity to all the newly elected Members of Parliament.

Amen

Have a great weekend everybody!

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