

Headteacher's weekly update 24 Sep 2021

Good afternoon parents and carers,

We have enjoyed a fantastic week at school with lots of exciting things going on and lots of things to look forward to in the coming weeks.

School Council and Eco Warriors: Yesterday was election day across school with children from Year 1 – 6 being elected as school councilors and Eco-warriors for this year. It was lovely to see so many children explaining to their class why they would be a good choice for the responsibility and we look forward to seeing our school further improve as a result of the children's ideas and feedback.

Reading Star Challenge: As per the letter earlier this week, children in Years 3 – 6 will be bringing home their Reading Star Journals this week. Please see the letter, which can also be found on the website, for more details but let's reach for those stars by enthusiastically jumping into the wondrous world of reading. Children in Year R, 1 and 2 will also be earning stars for reading regularly and completing their books. We will celebrate this as a school each Friday.

Harvest Service: Just a reminder that our Harvest Service at the Abbey is next **Thursday at 10am**. Parents are very welcome to attend – more details are found in the letter sent earlier this week (available on the website).

Habits of Mind: Curiosity Day: On Tuesday, the children will be developing their curiosity skills as we take a mini tour of the world and hear from Dave and Becky Waterman, MAF missionaries in Uganda and Liberia – more details are found in the letter sent earlier this week (available on the website).

Punctuality: A quick reminder that our school gate is open between **8:45am and 8:55am** each day. Children need to arrive at school within these times. It is really important that children are on time and ready to start their learning with the rest of their class. Children arriving after 8:55am will need to come through the office and will be marked as late. Children arriving much later in the morning without prior agreement have to be recorded as an unauthorised absence.





Covid-19 Update: I have attached a letter that provides information and guidance regarding Covid-19. This again outlines government guidance for schools and what to do if you or your child has symptoms or are contacted by NHS Track and Trace as a close contact. We would also like to remind everyone that parents/carers are asked to wear face coverings within the office and the school building. Many thanks for your understanding

Digging Deeper If you would like a closer insight into school life, please take a look at the Digging Deeper attachment. Today there is a section on our Buddy Bus Stop, written by Evie in Mulberry Class, that explains more about this exciting project. We also reflect on our theme of Forgiveness in Collective Worship this week.

Headteacher Welcome Service at Romsey Abbey: This Sunday, I will be formally welcomed and commissioned as headteacher of our school during the 9:30am Eucharist service at Romsey Abbey and again at the start of the 11:15am service. You are more than welcome to join me and my family and the Abbey congregation at either of these services.

We finish with a **Prayer for the Week.** This week, we focus on our school value of **Forgiveness**, which we have explored in Collective Worship over the week.

Dear God,

Forgiveness can be really hard but help us to forgive others just as we have been forgiven much.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Harris



