



NEW INTAKE

Romsey Abbey Church of England Primary School

FIRST STEPS



At Romsey Abbey Primary School we support families and children with the choices they make about their school. We encourage parents and children to visit the school for a personal tour, prior to making a choice.



STARTING SCHOOL

Once reception places are allocated, a whole range of getting to know you visits will be arranged to ensure there are plenty of familiar places and people to enable our new pupils to thrive.

Firstly the Head of Foundation Stage will arrange a New Intake meeting for new parents and those with siblings already attending Romsey Abbey CE School. At this meeting, families will be welcomed by staff, governors and clergy.



FINDING OUT ABOUT EACH OTHER

A visit to see the children in their pre-schools is arranged. This is when professionals will share important transition information and plan the pre-schools visit to our school; we have a lovely time getting to know each other. We then invite you and your child to attend regular story-time sessions in school. This introduces the children to their new environment and helps us start to become a familiar face!

HOME VISITS



These are an excellent way for the class teacher and support staff to meet your child in an environment they are confident and secure. During this visit children will share their favourite toys and games with the Foundation Stage team. In addition, you will be invited to attend a short meeting with the class teacher at school. This is an informal meeting and an opportunity for us to share important information which will enable your child's transition to school to be as smooth as possible.

QUICK GET UP ITS TIME FOR SCHOOL

For many children a whole week of full time learning and play is a big step. We do understand and its not unusual for children to snuggle in a book or home corner for a rest during the day.



07:45	Breakfast Club opens
08:45	School Gate Opens
08:55	School Day Begins
09:00	Morning Session Commences
12:00	Lunch Break
01:15	Act of Collective Worship
01:35	Afternoon Session Commences
03:30	End of school day for all pupils
03:30	After School Club
06:00	After School Club Finishes

IT'S MY FIRST DAY

Parents and carers are very welcome to stay and help settle new children we encourage families to help make sure coming to school is a happy event. Keep us up to date with all contact details, it is vital we can reach you at all times of the day. Please let us know before 09:30 am if your child is not coming to school.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM HUNGRY?

LUNCH TIME

Mrs. Newton is our school cook and she cooks all our lovely dinners supported by her team. Children from reception to the end of year 2 are provided with a free school dinner. This is paid for by the national government for all infant pupils.

PACKED LUNCH

You may choose to provide your child with a packed lunch box. We would encourage you to make this as healthy as possible and ask that you do not include; glass bottles, sweets, sugary drinks or nuts.

OR THIRSTY?

Water Bottles

All pupils should bring a named water bottle to school every day.

FREE MILK

All children under 5 are entitled to free milk, pupils are registered on line by the school.

MID- MORNING BREAK

Mrs. Newton bakes bread rolls every day, these are available with other healthy snacks for a small charge. A daily free snack, of fresh fruit or vegetable, is provided for every child aged 7 years or younger.

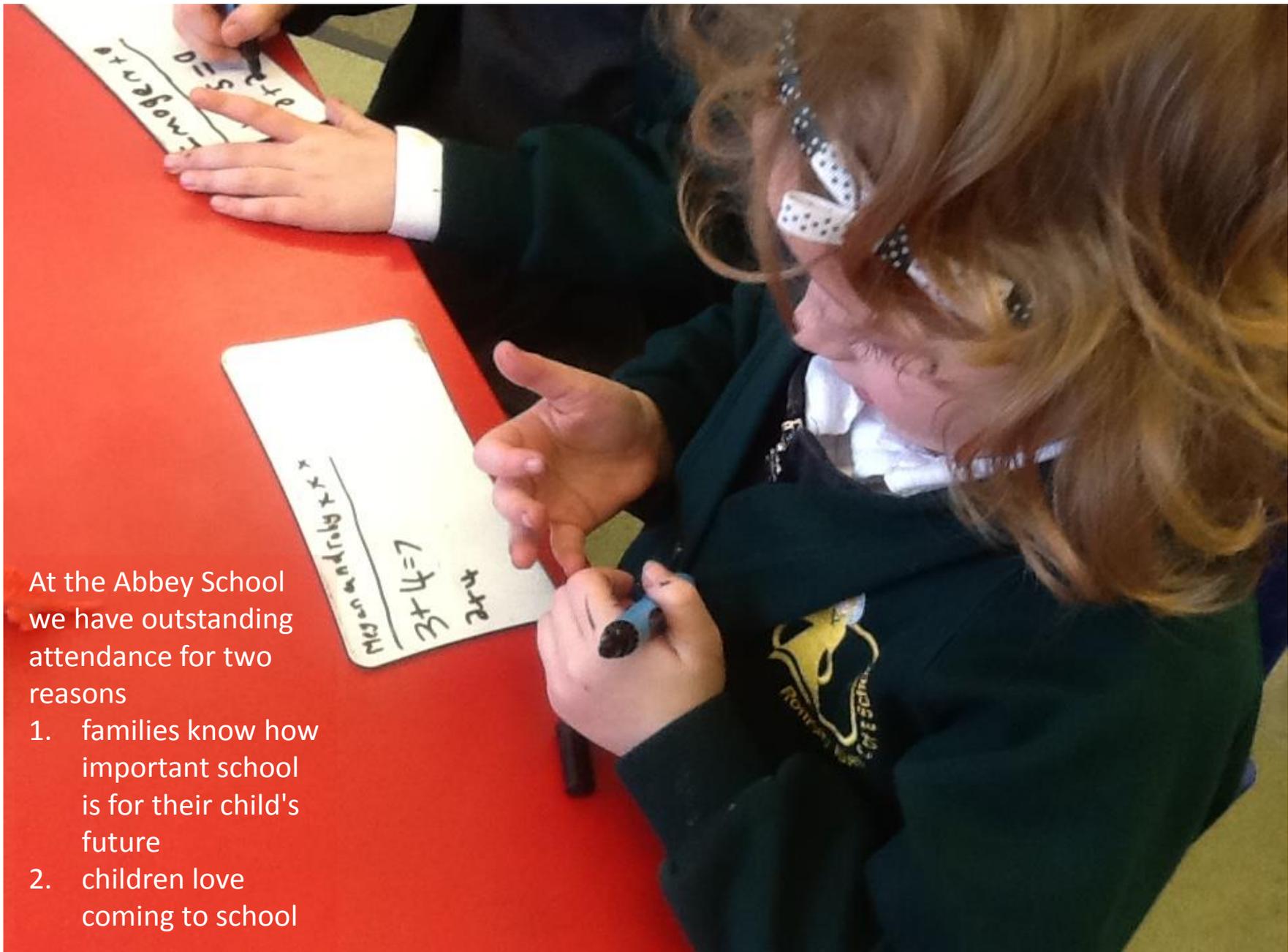


“Bring your rucksack and coat and put them away, your school wellies on the rack and water bottle in the tray! Give your family big hugs and kisses...

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

There is a great deal of research to show that pupils with outstanding attendance and punctuality do better. However there are times that due to circumstances beyond your control may mean that you arrive late, or are absent from school. Please alert the office as soon as possible to ensure we make provision for this eventuality. If a pupil is absent and we have received no communication then a member of staff will contact you. We do appreciate the challenges of booking medical and dental appointments outside of school hours, however we would ask that every effort is made to ensure 100% attendance is achieved by your child. The school is not able to authorise holidays during the school term.





At the Abbey School
we have outstanding
attendance for two
reasons

1. families know how
important school
is for their child's
future
2. children love
coming to school



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the Abbey school we wear a simple school uniform, it keeps us warm in the winter and cool in summer it allows us to enjoy learning and play together. We take real pride in St Ethelfleda whose picture is embroidered on our school clothes.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- black shoes
- light grey trousers and shorts
- light grey pinafore or skirt
- white polo shirt with school badge
- dark green sweatshirt with school badge
- dark green waterproof coat with school badge
- green and gold ruck sack
- black socks
- light grey tights
- white socks/girls
- grey socks/boys
- green and white checked dress/girls summer
- no jewellery, with the exception of studded earrings, is to be worn at school.



P.E. KIT

- green P.E. t-shirt with school badge
- black shorts
- black jogging bottoms
- plain black plimsolls
- plain sports trainers
- white ankle socks

Every year there are many opportunities to play competitive sports against other schools. Girls are provided with netball skirts when competing for the school. Both girls and boys are loaned team kits when representing the school.

Swimming

- girls plain swimming costume
- boys plain swimming trunks



KEEPING IN TOUCH

The majority of school information is sent via parent mail. In addition to this, our web site, Tapestry, twitter and Facebook pages will have event information. School documents such as letters and policies are available in a hard copy at the office as well as digitally. Payments are made at the school office or through SCO Pay. There are times where you need to let us know about a change in family circumstance or an important event. In these cases please email the school office. In the event of an emergency or to let us know about a change in collection arrangements please telephone the school.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES



Pupils often have different starting points, at Romsey Abbey Primary CE School we work with families to scaffold and extend pupils in order to be successful. All pupils are given access to our broad and balanced curriculum. Additional resources may be required to ensure children thrive. Please let us know about any medical or learning needs your child has as soon as possible.

The school is well supported by Hampshire County Council and families benefit from the additional help and advice from a range of professionals.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US LEARN

Teaching and Support Staff

In all classes a team of brilliant and experienced personnel work with children extending, supporting and enriching pupils' learning.

Volunteers

Volunteers play a key role in school life, enriching and extending the activities and support we are able to offer our pupils. If you can spare time to accompany a school visit or simply hearing a child read, then please let the office know. The necessary safeguarding checks do take time so we encourage you to undertake them right away.

STAFFING

At the Abbey school we are very lucky to have a very talented team of staff. Despite being a one form entry school we benefit from specialist teachers across the curriculum. Your child's learning is designed by people who are fully qualified and passionate about what they do. Every member of the team leads across the school and because we are a small school based on a family model, we all know each other very well.





WHAT OFSTED SAID...

“Children in the Reception class thrive and make good progress in all areas of development. Staff have high expectations and have created a welcoming, nurturing environment where children thrive....Children behave well. They learn to collaborate, share with and respect one another. They have well-developed learning habits. Children are calm and focused as they engage intently in their chosen activity.”

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OUR EXTENDED DAY

We are very aware that many working families need regular, reliable, high quality child care. In addition there are times when parents and carers need occasional access to after school club. We cater for pupils from reception class and up to 6.

“I don’t need child care, but my children are always begging me to go to afterschool club because it is so much fun!” Parent booking Stay and Play

BREAKFAST CLUB

A whole range of lovely activities in addition to a choice of lovely food mean pupils have a warm feeling inside and out, as well as the best start to a busy day at school. In the mornings from 07:45 am we offer Breakfast Club

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

From 3:30 until 06:00pm, Stay and Play provides child care , an extensive range of activities and opportunities including; group role play, table top activities, indoor and outdoor physical actives, wet and messy play, and of course lots of arts and crafts.

Additional Clubs

We offer alternative clubs which are on a fee paying basis and provided by external sources.

HABITS OF MIND

At Romsey Abbey CE Primary School we have 7 Habits of Mind to help all children discover how to be a successful and thoughtful learner.

The teaching of the Habits of Mind is supported by a team of friendly puppets who help us understand what each habit involves and what it looks like in our learning.

Curiosity: Explore, discover, ask questions

Empathy: Understand and care how other people feel

Resilience: Never give up: keep having a go

Self-Management: Make good choices; be ready to learn and set goals

Collaboration: Working together as a team; sharing ideas

Creativity: Imagine, take risks, solve problems

Reflection: Think it through, decide what's next

We endeavour to ensure these vital learning habits feed into everything we do and help us to deliver a rich and varied curriculum that excites and challenges all the children in our school.



Behaviour

Romsey Abbey CE Primary School is committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. We recognise that high quality behaviour for learning is underpinned by relationships, lesson planning and positive recognition.

Our behaviour policy guides staff to teach self-management and echoes our core values that we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus with love, trust and forgiveness.

Our three school rules of **Ready, Respectful, Safe** are displayed in each learning space and referred to in conversations around conduct. We explicitly teach children how to behave through our PHSE curriculum, our Habits of Mind and during collective worship.

REWARDS

At Romsey Abbey CE Primary School, we value children for all round achievements and positive behaviour. By valuing and appreciating the activities they do and the behaviour they display we are raising self-esteem. Children with high self-esteem show greater confidence to try new skills and experiences.

We have number of ways in children's behaviour and achievements are celebrated in school....

- *Praise*
- *House Points*
- *Whole class marble jar treats*
- *Punctuality and Attendance certificates*
- *Golden Book Award*
- *Head teacher's Award*
- *Conversations/Phone Calls to Parents*



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