



Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 4

Dear Parents,



The British Value of Individual Liberty was our “Tool of St Joseph” this week, as we looked ahead to the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We heard the parable of the two sons: the first refuses his father’s instruction (but later makes a better choice) and the second makes a promise that he doesn’t keep. We explored how we can use our personal freedom to make our own life choices but that we must be conscious of the impact of our liberty on others. It is never too late to change our minds and our behaviours, to make an unhealthy situation better for everyone - but we need to choose to make the change.

5J taught us more about this Fundamental British Value in their inspiring class worship this morning. You can read all about it on the [Headteacher's Blog](#). You will also find details of a languages competition that we’d love to submit some entries to!

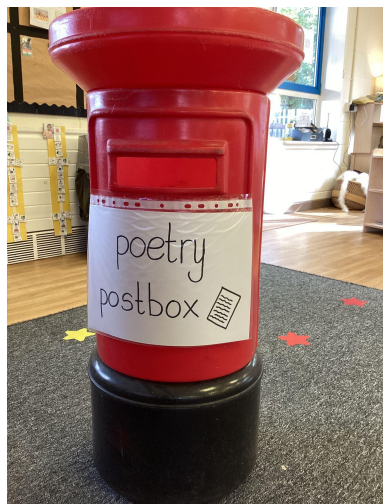
Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

Cutlery Amnesty



A noticeable amount of lunchtime cutlery has disappeared! Children’s plate-clearing is monitored so we are confident the cutlery isn’t landing in the bin. If you find an unexpected item of cutlery in your child’s lunchbox, please could you return it to school? Many thanks!

Poetry is really great, but even better shared with a mate!



To celebrate national poetry day this year, we will be setting up a poetry postbox in the main hall from Monday 28th September.

Children are invited to:

- Post a favourite poem they enjoy.
- Write a poem of their own or with a friend.

Please remind your child to label their poem with their name(s) and year group. There will also be an extra competition for the best original poem created by the children. The winner will receive 20 house points!

On Thursday 1st October, each class will receive a poem selected from the postbox to read and share together. We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for children to enjoy poetry, share their creativity and discover new poems together.

Attendance Reminders



Illness and Sickness

We understand that children will occasionally be unwell and unable to attend school. If your child is absent due to illness, please notify the school office via the Arbor app before the start of the school day.

It is important to remember that many common illnesses, including coughs, colds, sore throats and minor ailments, do not necessarily require time off school if a child is otherwise well enough to attend and participate in learning.

Regular attendance is essential for children's academic progress, well-being and sense of belonging. We therefore ask parents and carers to carefully consider NHS advice before keeping children at home due to illness. Please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

Where a child has sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea, they should remain at home and only return to school once they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours, in line with NHS recommendations.

Should you need any support or guidance regarding your child's attendance, please speak with Mrs Hua or a member of the Headship team, who will be happy to help.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



We will be visiting your school on Wednesday 18th (Infants) & Thursday 19th (Juniors) November 2025 to deliver flu vaccinations via nasal spray.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025 by visiting:

- www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code SR131112
- If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Monday 28th September

Year 6 Residential Begins

Wednesday 30th September

New Parents' Coffee - 1:45pm

Year R Parents' Curriculum Meeting - 2:30pm

Thursday 1st October

Harvest Liturgy - 10am

Friday 2nd October

INSET Day

Wednesday 7th October

School Tour - call 01483 888401 to book your place

Thursday 8th October

Year 5 Residential to Henley Fort

Year 3 to Butser Farm

Friday 9th October

6P's Class Assembly - 10:10am