



## Headteacher's Weekly Update: Friday 14th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a great week. It has certainly been a busy one in school with a wonderful variety of events and activities. Here are a few highlights and all link to this half term's focus on Power for Good, reflecting on the fact that we all have the power and opportunity to do great good in the world around us...

**Odd Socks Day and Anti Bullying Week:** With a range of dedicated lessons and assemblies as well as some delightfully odd socks, the children have thought hard about how we have the power to stand against bullying and how we have the power in what we say, how we listen, how we practically show kindness with our hands and our time to do much good in supporting those around us who are not being treated with respect or kindness by others.

**Armistice Day:** On Tuesday, we were so impressed by how immaculately the children observed the two minute silence of remembrance and reflected on the courage of those who have served or are serving their country. We stood together for the silence as Armistice translates as to "stand still" and cease fighting. We stood together to remember the courageous sacrifice of others and give thanks but also to remember that we can stand together as a community for hope and peace and cease the fighting and arguments we can so easily get drawn into in our daily lives.

**School Council and Eco Warrior Elections:** The children have exercised their democratic power this week in voting for their new class school councillors and Eco Warriors. The new teams will be busy helping our school grow and flourish and ensure all children have a voice into how our school develops and works. They are already buzzing with ideas.

**Children in Need:** Thank you for all your donations to Children in Need this week. You have raised an enormous £568 for the work of Children in Need, surpassing last year's total which itself was an incredible effort. It is amazing for the children to be part of achieving something together and making a big difference in the lives of others. At the time of writing I have completed 21,400 meters of running today with a very soggy run at lunchtime which lots of children joined me with until the rain started falling too heavily. I will complete the remaining 3,600 meters of the challenge at 3:15pm today and you and your children are welcome to join me on the track if you'd like. I am feeling very nervous about the rope climbing challenge but we are all very excited about seeing the staff take on various challenges at 2:30pm today. We are taking videos and will share these as soon as we have been able to put everything together. Here is the link if you would still like to donate and support this valuable cause. Can we exceed £600? <https://www.justgiving.com/page/romseyabbeyprimarychildreninneed>

**Parents Evening:** It was lovely to see lots of you on Wednesday evening for Parents Evening, thank you for joining us and we look forward to seeing those coming on Thursday next week. If you haven't managed to make an appointment or your appointment got cancelled for any reason please let us know and get an appointment booked in.

**Christmas Lights Switch On:** Please see the attached poster about the Romsey Christmas Lights switch on and festive treats taking place on Saturday 22nd November. This is always a fabulous community event to enjoy together and start getting in that Christmas festive spirit.

**Christmas Family Celebration Event:** We will be holding a Christmas Family Celebration event on Tuesday 16th December between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. I know there are lots of people keen to help put on this event so we are now asking if any parents would like to volunteer to run a particular part of the event. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run various things. Here are some of the things we need help with...



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- Bottle and Chocolate Christmas Tombola
- Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate and Mince Pie Serving
- Simple Christmas Games or Craft Stalls e.g pin the tail on the donkey etc
- Supporting set up and decoration of the hall
- Any other ideas

If you are able to offer some time in preparation for the event and for the event itself please do email [adminoffice@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@romseyabbey.hants.sch.uk) to express your interest, stating what you would be able to help with or your idea for a stall that you would like to run. If you want to buddy up with a fellow parent for a particular activity then again just let us know.

The vision for the event is for it to be a family friendly gathering to celebrate Christmas whilst also raising some crucial funds for the school. We know people's time is tight at this time of year so we are keen to keep it fairly simple and manageable. We look forward to hearing from you. And if you cannot help out this time, do come along and enjoy the event, more details to follow in coming weeks.

**Papaya 'Power of Play' Event: Papaya** (Parents against phone addiction in young adults) wanted to bring this webinar event to your attention:

**"The Power of Play: Rediscovering Childhood in the Digital Age."**

This new content is

designed for KS1 and KS2 parents and is an exciting development in Papaya's portfolio. Please see the attached PDF flyer for full details.

**Date:** Tuesday 25th November 2025

**Time:** 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

**Tickets:** £3 book [here](#), also listed on our [events page](#)—all proceeds to Papaya.

Dates for your Diary : [https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIIGpgLuw5Jpz\\_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0)

I will finish in prayer which you are most welcome to join me in praying:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that together we have the power to do great good in the world around us and positively impact the lives of those in need. Help us always to choose to use that power to do good and make a difference. Thank you for the money raised for Children in Need and we pray that the funds raised across the country would serve to transform the lives of children and families in need.*

*Amen*

Have a great weekend!

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