



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back

It was a very busy first half to the autumn term and we hope everyone managed to have a bit of a break over the half term holiday. Everyone has worked hard to settle back into the new routines of school life and we have continued to adapt things as circumstances have changed. We are now in another lock down period but schools continue to remain open for all children. We are really pleased that our average attendance is 98% as being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. We will continue to respond to the new guidance that comes from the government or the local authority. Last half term we spent a lot of time supporting the children to rebuild the relationships and routines of school life, as well as working on the more academic aspects of school. We will continue to do this over the coming weeks, along with using day to day assessments to identify any gaps in learning and adapt teaching to support the children, for example we have already introduced additional phonics work for some of the children and used new software to help children and teachers.

We have also introduced some new initiatives such as a daily mile to give the children more opportunities to get outside (especially as the weather is now limiting the use of the field – thank you for patience if you have children in Key Stage 2 as some of them seemed to delight in rolling around in the mud despite reminders!) We have also promoted the importance of reading regularly with the children and this is also reflected in the reading that staff are doing in classes. Thank you for the feedback we received about the virtual parents evening before the break. This is something we will look to continue using in one form or another, whether it is the online booking or the option to use the video feature depending on the circumstances in the coming months.

Each year group has started new Imaginative Learning Projects this week and information about these has been sent home and will shortly be added to our school website. As we have said before we have plans in place to use Microsoft Teams accounts if classes need to close or provide paper packs to allow these projects to continue if individual children have to self-isolate. If you do not have login details for Teams then please contact your child's teacher.

It is also great that we have been able to offer the children some things as we would normally do such as Bikeability or individual music lessons, albeit with some changes to groups and distancing. On that note please remember the importance of social distancing on the playground. We know it is difficult for the children to remember as they operate in class "bubbles" but please can we ask for your support when dropping off and collecting the children. In that way we can all try to keep each other safe.

Rights Respecting Schools



We are really pleased to let you know that yesterday we successfully reaccredited our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. The assessor carried out a virtual visit to speak to children, staff, parents and governors as well as use information that had been sent to her. UNICEF works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

The Silver Award recognises our school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within school and beyond. It is granted by UNICEF UK to schools

that show good progress towards embedding children's rights in the school's policy, practice and ethos.

Thanks to Miss Payne for coordinating the assessment and everyone for their hard work in achieving this award.

Virtual visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

On Tuesday the children in Reception and KS1 kicked off their new Imaginative Learning Project, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' with a virtual, interactive visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it proved to be a super start to their new theme. The visit focused on learning about lots of different types of animals, their natural habitats, what they eat etc. Not only did the children listen exceptionally well, but they also asked some brilliant questions, such as, 'Is an ostrich a herbivore or a carnivore?', 'Why does a lion have a mane?', 'How fast can a cheetah run?' WOW! What an amazing learning experience!

Bikeability

Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who successfully completed their Level 2 Bikeability training in some fairly horrible weather before half term. This involved taking a highway code test, learning about cycle safety and also riding on the roads around school. We received some positive feedback from the instructors about the children which is always great to hear.

Maths Week England: 9th – 14th November

To celebrate 'Maths Week', Miss Hillary is arranging for all the children to participate in a selection of maths activities and games on Thursday 12th November. Throughout the day, there will be four different maths challenges, set by class teachers, during which the children will represent their school teams in a bid to become 'Maths Week Champions'. We hope that all the children will enjoy taking part along with engaging in some healthy competition!

BBC Children in Need Day

Friday 13th November is Children in Need day. To raise money for this very worthy cause, we are planning a 'Spotty Day'. All children are invited to join in by wearing a spotty item of clothing - they could wear all spots if they would like! This year Children in Need is going cashless, so please make your donations through <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/> or the Children in Need JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BCCiNPrimary> (£2 minimum). Thank you!

Parking

We have had another complaint from a resident who lives on Ainderby Road regarding irresponsible car parking during school drop off/collection times. On this occasion the car was obstructing the drive and the resident has threatened to inform the police if it happens again. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle and ensure you are not making it difficult for residents to access their driveways safely. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received the "Star of the Week" award in the last two weeks before half term:

Mrs. Allen's class	Seth W, Emily F, La'Vaiyah W-H, Emily W
Mrs. Hugill's class	Dominic P, Charlotte W, Summer T-H, Georgia K
Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class	Grayson H, Harbour H, Joshua D, Chloe W
Miss. Hillary's class	Leon K, Rowan K, Reggie H, Isabella S
Miss Lewis' class	Jimmy-Lee, M, whole class for Cross Country, Joel K, Ali H

Miss Payne's class	Mylo S, Lucas S, Bradley
Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class	Jack R, Lily F, Jake B, Issa A-M
Mrs. Seal's class	Olivia D, Owen T, Lucy W, Lacey H
Mrs. Mayhew's and Mrs. Howe's class	Chloe P, Logan D, Sienna S, William T
Mrs. Clarke's class	Ben P, Izzy L-W, The whole class for the Tudor Banquet

Team Points

Team	Points this half - term	Points for the year
Blue Sharks	100	672
Green Geckos	96	701
Red Dragons	117	758
Yellow Lions	97	768

Date of Next Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be w/c 16th November. Any contributions by Tuesday 17th November please.



RRSA: Article 28 – We have the right to a good quality education.

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