



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Christmas activities have been in full swing across school over the last few days. The children have been busy making cards, decorations, Christingles and finding out more about the Christmas story. Christmas dinner was a great success. Thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work in cooking Christmas dinner two days in a row! Each class has recorded a performance for a combined school concert. This virtual Christmas Concert should be live to view on the school website homepage by the end of today. Please note that this video is for your own or family's personal use only and will be removed from the school website on the 31st December. We hope you enjoy it and we are so proud of all the children for such fantastic performances! The Friends of Romanby School have also kindly donated £45 towards the Christmas party for each class. These are taking place during the afternoons this week.

Your children may have come home this week telling you that staff are wearing face coverings in school. This is part of some updated guidance based on Tier 2 restrictions that we have had from the local authority. This applies to communal areas of school but not in classrooms.

A reminder that school closes at the normal time on Friday this week and then reopens for the children on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school during these challenging times and to wish you a safe and Happy Christmas.

## Virtual Sport events

This has been a fantastic term in relation to participation in sports competitions across school. Although completed within school and results virtually uploaded, this has given all children the opportunity to participate in competitive sport. A huge well done to all the children for getting stuck in and taking part. We have seen some fantastic sporting behaviour.

We have had some great results against other local schools too. Overall, as a school within cross-country, Year 1/2 boys came 5<sup>th</sup>, in Year 3/4 the boys also came 5<sup>th</sup> and the Year 5/6 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the girls, Year 1/2 came 1<sup>st</sup>, Year 3/4 girls came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Year 5/6 girls came 5<sup>th</sup>. We also had some fantastic results in the speed bounce and archery and medals will be awarded to those who were in the placed divisions. Well done everyone! Miss Lewis

## Facebook

We have now set up a private Facebook group for parents. The purpose of this group is to keep parents up to date with all of the wonderful things happening in school. If you would like to join the group, please follow <http://www.facebook.com/groups/1830025573811297/> and request membership. As this group is to be updated by a small number of staff members, comments will not be responded to. Please contact [admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk) for any school related queries. Thank you. Mrs. Mayhew

## Bikeability

Congratulations to the children in Y6 who completed their Level 3 Bikeability training over the last two weeks. This training involved cycling in more complex traffic situations such as along Northallerton High Street.

## **Hambleton Foodshare**

The donations to Hambleton Foodshare have been collected today so thank you to everyone who was able to support this local good cause.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Save the Children last week. We raised £295!

## **Reporting Covid-19 Cases in the Christmas Holidays**

School staff are being asked to support the Test and Trace process for the first six days of the Christmas holiday. Please note the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays;

- Where a child or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first six days after teaching ends (i.e. up to Thursday, 24th December), if a child or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- School staff do not need to be available for contact tracing duties beyond the first 6 days of the end of term, at which point all positive cases should be dealt with through NHS Test and Trace.

Therefore, from 19th December to 24th December if your child tests positive for Covid-19 please email [admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk) and we will contact those parents whose children will need to self-isolate. We will monitor these emails at 5pm every day up to (and including) Thursday 24th December. After 24th December if your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case there will be no need to inform school until the first day of term in January.

## **Spring Term Menu**

Please find attached with this Newsletter the new menu for the Spring Term 2021 from our catering providers. Please note that from January children will no longer have a choice of jacket potato filling. There will now only be one choice of filling each day, these are highlighted in bold on the menu. The main course and vegetarian options, along with the salad bar will continue as normal.

## **Procedure for dropping off forgotten items**

Where possible we are asking parents not to come into the school building. If your child forgets to bring items into school, please can we ask parents/carers to press the buzzer at the front door and a member of the office staff will come and collect these from you. When inside the school building can we remind you to please wear a face covering (unless exempt).

## **FoRS update**

Thank you to those who attended our Zoom meeting last week and for all ideas discussed.

We are busy making plans for next term for World Book Day, Easter egg decorating and virtual trails to support our fundraising for the year.

During the meeting we agreed for over £4000 from last year's fundraising to be given to the school for extending and improving the supply of reading books across all classes. The money also allows teachers to make plans for virtual events or potential trips later in the school year to support their learning.

We look forward to our events next term and will send details out as soon as available. Our next meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday 20th January at 7:30pm. The link will be posted on our

Facebook page: FoRS (Friends of Romanby school). Please join our page for updates and further information.

Many thanks for your continued support.

### Stars of the Week

Even though we are not having whole school assemblies at the moment we are still having a class award assembly each Friday. These link to our "Secrets of Success". We are also continuing to use Marvellous Me to record Team Points and send home information about the learning activities taking place in each class.

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

Mrs. Allen's class	Elliot S, Seth W, Edie K, Toby B
Mrs. Hugill's class	Harry P, Aria H, Koby J, Joshua D
Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class	Joshua D, Amelia D, Erica S, Ethan A
Miss. Hillary's class	Isla C, Sophie S, Matthew M, Edie H
Miss Lewis' class	Matthew J, Scarlett B, Holly W, Noah T
Miss Payne's class	Noah P, Willow H, Elsa D, Poppy C
Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class	George D, Aiden G, Effie W, Isaac J
Mrs. Seal's class	All of the class, Waseem A-L, Khian S, Erin J
Mrs. Mayhew's and Mrs. Howe's class	Oliver B, Maisie S, Darci W, Charlie A
Mrs. Clarke's class	Hannah N, Esmee C, Jorja R, Kobi S

### Team Points

Team	Points this half - term	Points for the year
Blue Sharks	543	1115
Green Geckos	577	1182
Red Dragons	630	1271
Yellow Lions	565	1236

The ambassadors for each class have come up with a reward for the winning team this term. This will take place at the start of next term.

### Date of Next Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January. Any contributions by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January please.



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