



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Virtual Sport Competitions

This week we have begun our virtual sporting competitions within school! The great thing about our virtual competitions is that everybody can take part and be in with a chance of winning. Year groups have started to compete in Cross-Country and all year groups will aim to have run their races by 6th November.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that virtual parent meetings are taking place next week. We are trialling an online booking system as well as the option to have a discussion via video link. Details of how to book were emailed earlier this week. Most people seem to have been able to access the system and we have solved a couple of queries regarding email addresses but please give any feedback after the meetings have taken place.

Reception September 2021

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2021? You can now apply for a place via <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions> The deadline for applications is 15 January 2021. Further details are attached to the email. We are arranging some socially distanced visits after school on 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov and 25th Nov for parents who wish to look around school. These visits will be in 30-minute slots between 3.45pm and 5.15pm with each slot limited to five parents. For anyone unable to come into school some children in Y6 are filming a virtual tour of the school. This will be uploaded to our website shortly once they have finished their final edit along with other starting school information. If you are familiar with school but would like to chat about our Reception intake for next year please contact the school office and we will call you back at a convenient time.

Updated NYCC Parent Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy

We believe that our school is a friendly and welcoming place where our children and staff can feel safe. Unfortunately, experience in schools around the County is that instances of aggressive and inappropriate behaviour by parents and carers are increasing. Due to this unwelcome behaviour, for the wellbeing of our children and staff, we are considering the adoption of an updated Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy so that everyone is clear what is and what is not acceptable behaviour, and what action the school will take to protect its children and staff if the Policy is not observed. The proposed Policy is attached to this newsletter email. Before we make any further decision, we are consulting you as a parent or carer of a child at our school and would be very pleased to hear from you with your comments for or against adoption of the Policy during the next month.

In the current situation please can we remind parents for everyone's benefit to leave the playground as soon as they have collected or dropped off children and remember to keep socially distanced. Thank you.

Draft Relationships and Health Education Policy

The Department for Education has made changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation which came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. However, due to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), schools are being offered flexibility on when to begin delivering these subjects within the 2020/2021 academic year. We are looking to implement these changes in the new year. The statutory guidance can be found at:

We have also attached a guide for parents from the DfE to the newsletter email.

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

We have reviewed our curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

Age

Physical and emotional maturity

Religious and cultural backgrounds

Special educational needs and disabilities

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their relationships education policies; however, parents cannot veto curriculum content. We have attached a provisional draft of our Relationships and Health Education policy to this newsletter email. Please feel free to email Miss Payne via admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk if you would like to discuss/offer thoughts on the draft policy.

Contacting Teachers

Please can we ask that if you need to contact a teacher with a query that you initially direct your question to the school office. The office staff may be able to answer your question and teachers do not look at their emails during the day as they are teaching.

Term Dates

Term dates are listed below for the current academic year. They are also on our school website along with the dates for next year. **Please be aware that there is a Training Day on Friday 23rd October and the children will finish school for the half term holiday on Thursday 22nd October.**

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 8th September 2020	First Day of Term
Thursday 22nd October 2020	Half Term Holiday begins
Monday 2nd November 2020	Pupils return to school
Friday 18th December 2020	Last Day of Term

SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5 th January 2021	First Day of Term
Friday 12th February 2021	Half Term Holiday begins
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Pupils return to school
Friday 26 th March 2021	Last Day of Term

SUMMER TERM 2021

Tuesday 13 th April 2021	First Day of Term
Monday 3 rd May 2021	School closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May 2021	Half Term Holiday begins
Monday 7 th June 2021	Pupils return to school
Friday 23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term

Training Days. September 7th 2020, October 23rd 2020, January 4th 2021, April 12th 2021, July 26th 2021

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. Even if you don’t have the app at home we can still use it in school to record Team Points etc. For more details see <https://marvellousme.com/#parents> or contact the school office.

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

Mrs. Allen’s class	Eliza C, Isaac G, Philippa R, Ethan W
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Lleyton M, Aoife H, Benjamin T, Ellouise D
Mrs. Week’s and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Gabriel S, Harrison B, Omar H, Catherine C, Ashton A
Miss. Hillary’s class	Sophie C, Peter G, Emilie C, Noah P
Miss Lewis’ class	Kason S, Harper T, India M, Robyn M
Miss Payne’s class	Lily-Rose I, Willow H, Eva B, Luke L
Mrs. Bradnam’s and Mrs. Everitt’s class	Steven F, Millie H, Lewis S, Olivia W
Mrs. Seal’s class	Harley H, Lucy L, Ophellia P, Damien P
Mrs. Mayhew’s and Mrs. Howe’s class	Miles H, Niamh T, Emilia W, Zack M
Mrs. Clarke’s class	Jorja R, Esmee C, Liam B, Isobel S

Team Points

We share the team point scores with the children each week. As individuals’ children can gain a certificate for achieving 50,100,150 team points etc. The winning team each half-term also gets a reward selected by the Rights Respecting Ambassadors.

Team	Points this half - term	Points for the year
Blue Sharks	428	
Green Geckos	459	
Red Dragons	467	
Yellow Lions	499	

Date of Next Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be w/c 2nd November. Any contributions by Tuesday 3rd November please.



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

If you would like this information in another language or format please let us know.