



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It has been great to have all the children back in school again and we have all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children's different experiences while they have been away. There have been so many changes to get used to, but everyone has settled very quickly, adapted to the new routines and worked hard.

We are particularly delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school. We are also pleased to have Mrs Mayhew join us as our new deputy headteacher.

Over the first few weeks of this term we are spending time focussing on re-establishing learning behaviours, the children's wellbeing and settling them back in to the new school routine. We are basing some of our work on research that has been carried out into the concept of a "Recovery Curriculum". This acknowledges the difficulties that children may have experienced over the past few months with the loss of things like normal routines, friendships etc. We are also spending time carefully assessing the children's progress and any gaps in their learning since they were last in school. You should have received information about our Imaginative Learning Projects (ILP) for this term from each year group (this information will also be on our school website).

Thank you to everyone for your support and patience with the new systems we have put in place and especially for morning drop off and afternoon collection. We have made some amendments to try to ensure that this flows well and to support you in maintaining social distance.

Illness

To comply with the government's self-isolation requirements, we are asking parents to keep their child at home for the required amount of time outlined by Public Health England (PHE) in the following circumstances:

- Your child has been identified by NHS Test and Trace as a 'close contact' of someone with a confirmed case of coronavirus (self-isolate for 14 days from the date of close contact)
- Your child has symptoms of coronavirus (self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms)
- Your child has received a positive test result (self-isolate for 10 days)
- Your child has recently returned from a country which requires a quarantine period upon return to the UK (self-isolate for 14 days from return date)
- Anyone within your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (14 days from onset of household member's symptoms)
- For all other illnesses please only send your child back to school when they are fit and well e.g. 48 hours after last sickness

In any of these circumstances, parents must not send their child to school, and should notify the school office as soon as possible.

If our area sees a spike in coronavirus (COVID-19) infection rates that results in localised community spread, the appropriate authorities will decide which measures to implement to help contain the spread – these measures could include the partial closure of school. If we have classes where there is a confirmed case we will follow the guidance from the local authority and local health protection team which may result in a class being closed.

In the unfortunate case that the school has to close the site to most pupils due to a local lockdown or an outbreak within the school, we have devised a contingency plan to try minimise the disruption to education.

If a local lockdown is implemented, then we will offer access to remote education for children who are required to remain at home. If there is not a local lockdown, but a class or bubble needs to self-isolate, then we will implement remote learning for that group. The curriculum has also been carefully planned to ensure that if any families find that they have to self-isolate, then work can be sent home, both electronically using Teams accounts or in paper form so that children can keep up with what their peers are learning in class.

When teaching children who are working remotely, teachers will:

- Set tasks so that children have meaningful and ambitious work each day linked to their current ILP.
- Deliver a planned, coherent and well-sequenced curriculum which allows skills to be built incrementally.
- Provide frequent, clear explanations of new content through high-quality curriculum resources, including through educational videos.
- Assess progress by using questions and other suitable tasks and be clear on how regularly work will be checked.
- Adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding.
- Plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school.

As always, please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns regarding the return to school.

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

Please may we ask for your co-operation in another important matter. One of our children is receiving medical treatment for cancer which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles. Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles. This pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox, you should let us know. It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

Food

Please can we also remind everyone that we have a number of children in school who have a food allergy. We particularly ask that children do not bring nuts into school and that packed lunches do not contain nuts. For children who have school dinners and where parents have previously informed us about the specific allergy we will be sending home new forms from our caterers this week as they need to be updated for the new year. Please note that for the caterers to provide specific products for meals due to an allergy they require a letter from a doctor to confirm the allergy.

SFX Y6 Open Evening

For any current Y6 parents, SFX are inviting parents to sign up to 'zoom' sessions being held instead of our Open Evening, on Monday 21 September. Time slots available are 5.30pm, 6.15pm, 7.00pm and 7.45pm.

If parents email us at contact@sfxschool.org.uk with their 1st and 2nd time preference, we can then send out the zoom link ahead of the evening. We will also be publishing a few videos and other materials for the information of prospective parents and pupils - please keep an eye on our website for these.

Flu Immunisation

Parents should have received an email from the school office regarding the nasal influenza vaccination. This is being offered to all children in Reception-Year 7. The team is scheduled to visit Romanby Primary School this Autumn as part of this programme. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation, please ensure your consent form has been submitted no later than 07/10/2020. Please see the email you have received for details on registering consent or contact the school office if you have not received this email.

Updating contact details

Please can you ensure that the school office hold the most up to date contact details for your child. If you need to update contact details, please do this by emailing admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Even though we are not having whole school assemblies 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. but last year 97% of families used this free app with very positive feedback. 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 last Friday:

Mrs. Allen's class	Poppy, Charlie
Mrs. Hugill's class	Maisie, Rosie
Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class	Erica, Georgia
Miss. Hillary's class	River, Harry
Miss Lewis' class	Isabelle, Taylor
Miss Payne's class	Bradley, Olivia
Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class	James, Daniel
Mrs. Seal's class	Rosie, Libby
Mrs. Mayhew's and Mrs. Howe's class	Blake, Freddie
Mrs. Clarke's class	Hannah, Melodie

Push Yourself



Understand Others



Try New Things



Improve



Secrets of Success

We all follow three simple rules

We have the right to be treated with respect

We have the right to learn

We have the right to be safe

Work Hard



Imagine



Concentrate



Don't Give Up



Date of Next Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be w/c 28th September. Any contributions by Tuesday 29th September please.

North Yorkshire County Council



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.