



Romanby Newsflash

Issue 1

September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. A special welcome to all the new Reception children who are starting school for the first time and also to the children joining us in other year groups. We now have 269 children on roll and it has been great to see everyone in school uniform and launching into their new Imaginative Learning Projects with such enthusiasm.

Welcome to Miss Hillary who has joined the teaching team in Year 1/2. We also welcome Miss Edwards who is completing her teacher training with us until Christmas.

This term we are introducing a number of new initiatives into school. This has come about as a result of our self-evaluation work last year including the questionnaire feedback received from parents and children.

We are building on the improvements made last year to the way we teach Maths by working with the Archimedes Maths Hub to develop Teaching for Mastery. We are continuing to develop the children's metacognition skills following on from the success of the work last year. We have also been successful in a bid to take part in the Polar Explorer programme. This encourages and supports schools who are keen to raise aspirations and attainment in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and aims to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. More information on all this work will be shared over the coming weeks.

Last year we had a fantastic 97% of parents using Marvellous Me to receive messages about learning and celebrating children's successes. We want to keep developing its use this year. As a reminder Marvellous Me is an app that tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and pings you when they've been praised for good work or a great character skill. We have sent joining instructions to all new parents and more information can be found at www.marvellousme.com.

All other curriculum information, dates, letters can also be found on our school website.

We are also continuing our work as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. The children and staff see the importance of rights and understand that they are central to making our school a great place to learn and grow. This will form the basis of our work on developing learning behaviours this year.

A Rights Respecting School teaches children that they have rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This involves challenging and supporting children to become critical thinkers, to develop independent learning skills and to learn about their rights and how to respect them. From this starting point they also learn to respect the rights of others in all relationships in the community and highlight the importance of being responsible. For more information visit www.unicef.org.uk.

Thank you to everyone who has named all items of uniform, packed lunch boxes and PE kit. If it gets lost we then have a good chance of returning it.

Attached to this email are copies of our Parent Behaviour Policy and Pupil Collection Policy. Please help us by supporting these policies.

Reminder - Consent to walk home alone slips for KS2 children have been sent home. Please return these forms.

Friends of Romanby School—AGM Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 19th Sept 7pm in Mr Wake's Classroom, followed by Christmas Fair Planning. We would love to welcome any new members especially if your child has just joined the school. We are a friendly bunch who welcome new ideas and helpers. Without our volunteers we couldn't raise the funds and organise the activities for our kids so please feel free to come along. No pressure. Thank You.



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.

SIMS Parent Lite App

With the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) now in effect, schools have new requirements around the way we use pupil and parent data. Previously we have sent home data sheets with children in order for you to update any contact details or other information with us. It is now recommended that paper forms are no longer sent out and in order for us to keep pupil records updated we are going to start using the SIMS Parent Lite App.

SIMS (Schools Information Management System) is the software that we use in school to hold all children's data. We will be rolling out the SIMS Parent Lite App in the next few weeks as a way for you to electronically update any personal information that we hold about you and your child.

Please see attached with this Newsletter a letter explaining more about the SIMS Parent Lite App along with a quick video tutorial. We will be sending out activation emails in the next few weeks to all parents who we hold a valid email address for. Thank you.

Thirsk School Open Evening

For parents of students in Year 6.

You are invited to our Open Evening on Wednesday 26th September 2018. Your son/daughter is invited to come with you. The evening will begin at 5pm. There will be two talks in the hall, one at 5.15pm and one at 6.15pm. Parents are free to choose which one

they attend. There will also be an opportunity over the coming weeks to visit the school during an ordinary working day. Please contact the school if you want to make an appointment.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who received the "Star of the Week" award in our Friday celebration assembly last week:

Rec RA Whole class
Rec LH Whole class
Y1/2 DP Lewis S, Willow H
Y1/Y2 SW/HC Daniel B, Alex M
Y1/2 EH Rosie H, Steven F
Y3/4 DW Lacey H, Jac R
Y3/4 SB/CE Riley P, Damien P
Y5/6 ES Whole class
Y5/6 JW/LH Chloe G, Reece D
Y5/6AA Josh P, Porter L

Date of Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be w/c 24th September. Any contributions by Tuesday 25th September please.

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 4 September 2018 First Day of Term
Thursday 25 October 2018 Half Term Holiday begins - 3.15pm/3.25pm
Monday 5 November 2018 Pupils return to school
Friday 21st December 2018 Last Day of Term - school closes at 3.15pm/3.25pm *

SPRING TERM 2019

Tuesday 8th January 2019 First Day of Term
Friday 22nd February 2019 Half Term Holiday begins - 3.15pm/3.25pm
Monday 4th March 2019 Pupils return to school
Friday 12th April 2019 Last Day of Term - school closes at 3.15pm/3.25pm

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 30 April 2019 First Day of Term
Monday 6 May 2019 School closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 May 2019 Half Term Holiday begins - 3.15pm/3.25pm
Monday 3 June 2019 Pupils return to school
Friday 19 July 2019 Last Day of Term - school closes at 3.15pm/3.25pm

Training Days: September 3 2018, October 26 2018, January 7 2019, April 29 2019, July 22 2019

***Please note school closes on Friday 21st December NOT Thursday 20th December as indicated on the last Newsletter**