



# Romanby Newsflash

## Issue 1

September 2017

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 264 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 this week.

Welcome to Mrs Herod and Mrs Stooke who are working as teaching assistants in Year 3/4. We also welcome Mrs North who is working in the school office.

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 making some changes to the way we teach Reading and Maths to improve the progress that the children made last year. More information on this will be shared over the coming weeks. We are continuing to develop the children's meta-cognition skills (learning how they learn) following on from the success of the work last year.

The trial of Marvellous Me last term was successful so will be expanded. 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 will send joining instructions to all new parents and more information can be found at [www.marvellousme.com](http://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.

A Rights Respecting School teaches children and young people 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](http://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 as soon as possible. Thank you

### Book Review Competition

Every half term, I will be running a competition for the best book review on a certain author. This half term the KS1 author is Julia Donaldson and the KS2 author is Michael Morpurgo. The children can collect a blank book review from the school library and return to me. This is a voluntary competition that I hope will help to encourage reading for pleasure. I look forward to reading the reviews! Mrs Patterson

### Head Lice

We are still getting repeated cases of head lice in school. In order to stop this spreading any further we would ask you to check your child's hair as soon as possible. If any head lice are found then please contact your local pharmacy for advice on the current treatments available.

### Autumn Term Menu Choices

There has been some confusion regarding the choices on the Autumn Term Menu. Each day the children are offered two choices (including a vegetarian option) however we do not currently offer jacket potatoes as an additional option. We apologise for the confusion. Please find attached with this Newsletter a copy of this terms Autumn menu.

### **Parent Pay**

If you are not paying for dinners on ParentPay please could you ensure that cheques are paid in on a Monday morning for the weeks dinners, cheques payable to NYCC Romanby School BAFs A/C. If you are paying on ParentPay please could you ensure that your account is kept up to date and you are not sending your child for a school dinner when in arrears. If a child continues to take dinners when in arrears you will be asked to provide him/her with a packed lunch. To pay for school meals on ParentPay, parents need to click 'Pay for items', then 'View details and pay' after topping up My Account.

ParentPay accounts will now be updated by the office staff on a weekly basis rather than on a daily basis. Please can you check your child's account on a weekend and top up if necessary for the week ahead.

If you require log in details to access Parent Pay, please call in to the school office.

### **Influenza Programme**

This is offered to all pupils in Reception to Year 4. Information was sent home to parents this week with details of how to register parental consent through the new online system. The date we have been given by the Harrogate and District NHS team to carry out the vaccinations in school is the morning of Thursday 30th November.

### **Lost Property**

If anyone has seen the following items, please can you contact the school office, thank you:

A butterfly P.E bag from tesco containing a pair of black Nike trainers with a pink Nike sign. The P.E kit inside should also have name tags on.

A green and purple scooter. This has been lost since the end of last term.

### **Thirsk School & Sixth Form College Open Evening**

This will be held on Thursday 21st September 2017 between 5pm and 8pm. The evening will give parents of Year 6 pupils an opportunity to view the school, meet the teaching staff and look around the different departments.

### **Music Lessons**

If your child is having music lessons in school it is important to make sure that they have their instruments every week. This is to ensure that lessons run smoothly and on time.

### **Stars of the Week**

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

Rec/Y1 RA Jake B, Olivia L

Rec/Y1 LH Eva B, Maxim A, Thomas J

Y1 DP Harvey C, Rhys M

Y2 SW/HC Freddie T, Ava S

Y3/4 RO Madison A, Libby P

Y3/4 DW Lucie S, Gabrielle A

Y3/4 SB/CE Lexie S, Michael A

Y5/6 ES Oscar-Rea L, Prue H

Y5/6 JW/LH Charlie S, Megan M

Y5/6AA Keeva-Leigh S, Kaiden A

### **Date of Next Newsletter**

The next Newsletter will be w/c 25th September. Any contributions by lunchtime Tuesday 26th September please.