



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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Christmas celebrations and activities have added to the fun in school over the last couple of weeks. The children in Y1 and Y2 gave fantastic performances of "Little Angel Gets Her Wings" this week. A video of the performance will be available on the school Facebook page later today. On Wednesday the children in Reception shared their Christmas story with parents and friends while later in the day we had our school Christmas dinner thanks to the hard work of the ladies in the kitchen cooking for just over three hundred people.

Other lessons have also been in full swing with the children in Y3/4 making some fabulous animals using shapes and colour in their French lessons and even using French vocabulary to create them! They also have been looking at human and physical features within Geography and sorting these into groups and also continuing with their dancing in PE.

In Y5/6 the children have been enjoying their Earth and Space Science work and have learnt more about keeping safe on the internet through our assembly delivered by Internet Legends!

Well done to the children in Y1/2 who represented school at the local school's multi-skills event at the Leisure Centre on Wednesday. They took part in a number of different activities including shuttle runs, space hoppers and throwing at a target. The children worked well in their teams and came away with numerous stickers and medals.

All the children in school also had a fantastic time taking part in the Skip 2B Fit workshops last week.

Good luck to the choir who are singing at the Northallerton Christmas event on Sunday.

A reminder that school closes for the Christmas holiday on 16th December at the normal time and reopens for the children on Wednesday 4th January. All year groups will be starting new Imaginative Learning Projects next term so look out for new curriculum information, including Knowledge Organisers, on the Year Group Pages of the school website shortly.

Attendance

Despite the coughs, colds and other bugs that have been going around school recently our attendance for the school year currently stands at 96.4%. Remember we aim for everyone to have over 96% attendance. The latest national figure for primary schools is 94.9%.

Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections

Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter regarding the recent national rise in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A infections. Please read it carefully to ensure that you are aware of the signs and symptoms of these illnesses. We have been informed of one case of Scarlett Fever today in Year 1/2 .

Bad weather

After a brief snow flurry at the end of lunchtime yesterday that caused great excitement just a reminder that if we ever need to close school at short notice we will notify everyone via email and Marvellous Me as early as we possibly can. As we have a number of staff who live a fair distance from school unavoidable closures due to bad weather are something that we may need to consider if we do not have enough staff available to safely provide cover in each class.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Poppy Appeal collection. We raised £412.29.

Christmas Reading Challenge

North Yorkshire Libraries have launched their Christmas Reading Challenge. Children need to read four library books to complete the challenge and will collect small prizes along the way. The challenge runs until Christmas Eve (or last opening day of your local library before Christmas)

Please check www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries for up-to-date opening hours. You can also follow your local library on Facebook for regular updates. We look forward to seeing lots of families at the library soon!

Childcare offers for parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare. Make sure you aren't missing out by looking at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> where you can find the right offers of childcare support available .

With the school Christmas holidays approaching and looking ahead to half term in February, it is more important than ever that parents and carers are able to access the financial support they qualify for. You could be entitled to:

- up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled
- help with up to 85% of their childcare costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit
- 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds if they're a working family in England.

FEAST

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, visit [the FEAST website](#).

Service Families - New dates for Wraparound Childcare family information sessions

Launched in the summer, the Wraparound Childcare (WAC) scheme financially helps eligible service families with children aged 4 – 11 years old who are in school or being home schooled in the UK. Families can claim up to 20 hours per week of funding for each child attending before and after school care during term time.

To benefit from the WAC scheme, personnel must complete five steps in sequential order. These steps and their related resources including FAQs are available on the:

- [Discover my Benefits Army, RAF, Navy or Marines](#) webpage (www)
- [Defence Childcare Portal](#)

New dates have now been announced for the WAC family information sessions. By joining the virtual Microsoft Team sessions, you will find out if WAC is the right scheme for your family, and how to register and claim WAC funding.

[Monday 12 December, 1800 – 1900](#)

All personnel and their partners are invited to attend any one of the sessions.

Menu Change – Wednesday 4th January, 2023

Please note that the menu on our first day back after the Christmas break will be:

- Homemade Chicken Burger
- Homemade Veggie Burger
- Potato Wedges

Instead of Roast Turkey or Sweet Potato and Spring Vegetable Bake.

Diary Dates

12th December	9.30am – 10.30am Y3/4 SW/HC local walk investigating land use in the area
12 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Party
13 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Party
13 th December	Choir performing to Dementia Choir, Romanby Methodist Church
14 th December	Y3/4 Christingle at Romanby Methodist Church
14 th December	Y5/6 Christingle at St James Church
15 th December	KS1 Christingle in school
15 th December	Y3/4 Christingle at Romanby Methodist Church
15 th December	Y5/6 Christmas Party
16 th December	Last day of term
3 rd January	School closed for staff training day
4 th January	School reopens for children

Stars of the Week

Every Friday we have a special celebration assembly when staff give out awards that link to our “Secrets of Success”.

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

Mrs. Hugill’s class	Matthew, Billy, Reuben, Ezra
Mrs. Allen’s	Callie, Rosie, Isaac, Elouise
Miss. Hillary’s class	Ted, Felix, Thomas, Joshua
Mrs. Seal’s class	Nirmol, Emily, Miley, Jimi
Mrs. Week’s and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Isla, Charlie, Isabel, Gabriel
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Daisy, Erica, Tom, Edward Wa
Miss Cable’s class	Amelia, Jayden, Jessica, Ethan
Mrs. Holme’s class	Anna, Harper, Eleanor, Elsa
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Lewis, Erin, Lucas, Lily, Lottie
Mrs. Clarke’s class	Jacob, Eleanor, Rosie, Lily, Isaac

Team Point Scores

Team	Total this half-term	Total for the year
Birch (B)	542	1171
Sycamore (G)	628	1305
Hawthorn (R)	603	1285
Oak (Y)	576	1235

The letters in brackets link to the old colour teams.

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child at our school, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Foxwell and the Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Allen.










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



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.