



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

8th December 2023

Christmas activities have arrived in school alongside all the learning project work this week. The hall looks fantastic with the decorations created by each class. The stage is set up and rehearsals are underway for the Y1/2 performance of “A Wiggly Nativity” next week and the children in Y3/4 have been to Romanby Methodist Church to learn all about Christingles. The aroma of baking has hung around the corridor outside the Year 1/2 classes as they have been busy making biscuits for their Great KS1 Bake Off while the children in KS2 have been working hard to complete their projects in time for parents being invited in to see their work next week. The Reception children have enjoyed sharing the story, ‘Mrs Armitage Queen of the Road’, by Quentin Blake and using floor robots (Bee-Bots) to create and program instructions to make the robot reach a chosen destination.

FoRS

Christmas fair

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Christmas fair on Tuesday 5th by attending the event or buying raffle tickets beforehand. Thanks so much to the those who helped run stalls and the choir for their hard work. We raised £2061 which we will put back into the school for further resources and opportunities.

With a busy few weeks ahead here are some key dates of further events:

Christmas Disco, Thursday 14th December

There is a school disco which pupils are invited to on Thursday 14th December. Entry is £3 and wristbands for entry will be being sold on the playground next week. We encourage you to get these in advance to save queuing and delays on the night.

There will also be glow sticks and sweets on sale for a £1 and some lucky dip prizes for £2.

KS1 Disco is 5.30-6.30

KS2 Disco is 6.45-7.45

We need volunteers to run the event so if you can stay and help at one or both please email us at friendsofromanbysch@gmail.com or let us know on our Facebook page:

FoRS (Friendsofromanbyschool).

Year 1/2 Wiggly Nativity and Reception Christmas Songs

There will be a raffle at each of these performances to win a Christmas hamper so please bring some change if you would like a chance of winning.

Thank you all for your support of events this term it is much appreciated. On behalf of FoRS we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sports for Schools

What a fantastic event last week with Sports for Schools led by Jenny and Rachel. There was incredible participation from all of the children (and staff) and a real positive feel about being active and the benefits of this. All children hopefully feel very inspired by Jenny and her badminton journey and will remember to believe in themselves and never give up!

We are awaiting confirmation of how much sponsorship money has been raised and we will inform you as soon as we know. As always thank you for your continued support as the money raised will help us to fund further sports equipment.

Mrs Whittaker

Y3/4 Christingle at Romanby Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone at Romanby Methodist church who welcomed the Y3/4 children to the church this week. The children learned more about Christingles, including some of the history and ideas about how and why they are made.

Special menu and Christmas lunch reminder

On Tuesday 12th December there will also be a change to the menu – the new menu will be:

Beef Burger in a white burger bun
Garlic mayo or Burger relish
Pizza
Potato Wedges and Salad
Fruit Sorbet

A reminder that it is Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December, it will be a traditional Christmas menu:

Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas and seasonal stuffing
Quorn Roast, Vegetable chipolatas
Mrs Claus Roast Potato
A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables
The Elves' Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie

Spelling Support

Please find attached a spelling poster with ideas of how you can support your child to learn their spellings.

Education City

Mrs Seal will be holding another Y1/2 parent workshop to discuss and demonstrate how to use Education City to Wednesday 13th December at 3.40pm. If you could collect your child as normal, she will then open her classroom up once all the children are handed over to start at 3.40pm.

Parking

Please be aware that we have had a number of complaints from local residents about parking around school at the beginning and end of the day. In some cases, people have parked in front of driveways preventing access. We have been told that complaints have been made to the council and parish council. Please can we ask that everyone is considerate to our neighbours and thinks carefully about parking safely around school. As we have said before, nobody wants to see an accident happen.

FEAST - Free activities for children and young people this Christmas holiday

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 activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is made eligible by exception (see the [website FAQs](#) for details), you will receive a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform HolidayActivities.

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

Midday Supervisory Assistant

MSA 8.75 hours per week, 11.40am –1.25pm,
Term time only, Grade AB

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly and hardworking team. The successful candidate will be required to:

- Supervise the children during lunchtime in the playground, including leading playground games.
- Supervise and support the children during lunchtime in the school dining hall.
- Administer basic first aid and record accidents in the accident book.
- Assisting in the implementation of appropriate behaviour management strategies as required.

We provide you with:

- Children and parents who are positive and proud of their school
- Valuable experience
- A successful and experienced team
- The opportunity to make a difference to young people's lives

Romanby Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and young people. We have a robust Child Protection Policy and all staff will receive training relevant to their role at induction and throughout employment at the School. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records check for work with children.

For further information and an application form please email admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. They want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

[About this survey: The Big Ambition - Have your say! \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

Diary Dates

- 8th December Y5/6 Cake Sale
- 11th December Y1/2 Performance of "Wriggly Nativity" for parents at 2.45pm - 3.15pm
- 12th December Y1/2 Performance of "Wriggly Nativity" for parents at 6.00pm - 6.30pm
- 13th December Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
- 13th December Group of children singing at the Methodist Church, 2.00pm
- 13th December Y1/2 Parent Workshop on Education City
- 14th December Reception Christmas 'singsong' for parents 9am - 10am
- 14th December Y5/6 Project Event for parents, 2.45pm- 3.25pm
- 14th December Christmas Disco
- 15th December Y3/4 Project Event for parents, 2.45pm- 3.25pm
- 18th December Y1/2 Christmas Party
- 19th December Y5/6 Christingle at St James's church
- 19th December Reception Christmas Party
- 20th December Y3/4 Christmas Party
- 21st December Y5/6 Christmas Party
- 22nd December Last day of term

Dates are also on our website [Calendar < Romanby Primary School](#)

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:

Miss Jenkins’ class	Archer, Hadiyah, Dougie, Esmee
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Max, Olivia, Theo, Owen
Miss. Turner’s class	Elliott, Daisy, Ella, Thomas
Mrs. Seal’s class	Theo, Evie, Thomas, Billy, Eric, Olivia, Azc
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Harriet, Sophie, Callie, Eloise
Mrs. Holme’s class	Joshua, Koby, Izabella, Ruby
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Jessica, Emily, Edward, Charlotte
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Edie, Harper, Niall, Sofia
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Seren, Summer, Georgia, Seb
Miss Irving’s class	Millie, Noah, Jacob, Imogen

Team Points

Individual team points are added to the team scores each week. The scores so far this half term are below.

Team	Total for this half term	Total for the year
Air	493	1157
Earth	395	976
Fire	420	1010
Water	389	944

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 Miss Jenkins.



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.