



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Well, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The tree is in the hall alongside the fantastic decorations that each class have made, nativity performances are being rehearsed and lessons are covering things like the Christmas story. Alongside all of this we are coming to the end of the learning projects for this term. The smell of baking and cooking is wafting around school, music is coming from classes that are practicing the recorder or listening to pieces composed with virtual instruments and various dance routines are being worked on in PE lessons. The children in Y3/4 and Y5/6 have also enjoyed sharing their learning with their recent open afternoons. Next week we have our Christmas dinner when children can also wear their favourite Christmas jumper as well as the EYFS and KS1 performances of “Whoops- a-Daisy Angel” and “Baarmy Bethlehem”.

## Ofsted Inspection

You should have today received a separate email with a copy of the report from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are pleased to say that we have been graded good in all areas.

## Building work

The maintenance work that has been carried out this week affecting the playground should hopefully be completed today.

## Royal British Legion

We raised an amazing £336.82 this year as part of the Poppy Appeal.

## Rights Respecting Ambassadors



Our fantastic Rights Respecting Ambassadors raised £160 for the Alzheimer's Society with their Christmas Fair stall. We are very proud of their hard work. Also, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who stopped by and bought a little something.

Mrs Slaney

## Road Safety Banner – Picture Competition

North Yorkshire Council are asking children to help design a Road Safety banner by drawing an A4 picture on the theme of road safety. The winning picture(s) will then be designed into a banner in conjunction with North Yorkshire Police, York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership and North Yorkshire Council. They will then be distributed to local schools within the Hambleton area.



The deadline for the competition is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. All entries should be returned to the school office by this date and we will send them into the council. Please make sure your child puts their name, age and school on the back of their entry.

## FEAST

### Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Christmas

On Monday 25th November we issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

Don't worry if there's a waiting list - it doesn't always mean that an activity is full. To ensure that a wide range of families get to take part in FEAST, providers to wait a number of days after vouchers are issued before accepting any bookings. Please request a place and you should receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your place is confirmed.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#)

### Friends of Romanby School

Thank you to all of you for coming along to the Christmas Fair last week, we hope you had a wonderful time and enjoyed yourselves - it really got us into the festive spirit! We very much appreciate everyone coming and supporting the Friends of Romanby School.

We are thrilled to let you know that a huge, whopping, incredible amount of just over £2400 was raised!! What a fantastic sum of money that will benefit all the children at the school.

We just wanted to reiterate that we couldn't do this without the volunteers - thank you to all our amazing committee members and volunteers who have given their time and effort to make the event what it was and also to the lovely teachers and school staff who give up their time to support all our fundraising efforts. Merry Christmas and we look forward to sending our next newsletter out early in the New Year.

From the Friends of Romanby School.

### Attendance

Our school attendance rate is currently 96.4%. We expect all our children to achieve at least a 96% attendance percentage each year. However, we know that there can sometimes be exceptional reasons why children cannot attend school, such as illness.

A reminder that [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) is a helpful website.

### Every School Day Counts



### Every Minute Counts

**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**  
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

## Parking

Please ensure that if you are parking around the school site that you park safely and do not block the driveways of our neighbours. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

- 9<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas Performance for parents, 10.15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Reception Christmas Nativity, 9.15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Ambassadors at Sing Together, Romanby Methodist Church, 2.00pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas Performance for parents, 6.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Y3/4 Christmas Party
- 17<sup>th</sup> December Y5/6 Christmas Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Reception Christmas Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Y1/2 Christmas Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Reception and Y1/2 Christingle in school
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Y5/6 Christingle at St James Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Y3/4 Christingle at Romanby Methodist Church
- 20<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term
- 6<sup>th</sup> January School Closed for a staff training day
- 7<sup>th</sup> January School opens for children
- 7<sup>th</sup> January Reception Memorable Experience "Starry Night"
- 7<sup>th</sup> January Y1/2 Memorable Experience "Bright Lights, Big City"
- 8<sup>th</sup> January Y5/6 Inter School Swimming Gala
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January KS2 Cross Country Competition
- 12<sup>th</sup> February Young Voices Singing Event
- 17<sup>th</sup> February Half Term Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 1
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability - Group 2
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Y3/4 Tchoukball Competition
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 2
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 3
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Y5 Bikeability Group 3
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Y5 Residential Visit to Marrick Priory Outdoor Centre
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Y5/6 Hi5 Netball Competition
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Last day of term before the Easter holiday

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:

<b>Reception</b>	Maria, Harvey, Mia, Grace
<b>Mrs. Seal’s class</b>	Rowan, Ruby, Daisy, Hadiyah
<b>Mrs. Whittaker’s class</b>	Zac, Olivia, Eric, Theo, Layla, Lukas
<b>Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class</b>	Esme, Ted, Inas
<b>Mrs. Holme’s class</b>	Felix, Ethan, Sophia, Wren
<b>Mrs. Hugill’s class</b>	Olivia, Emily, Flynn, Isabelle
<b>Mrs. Slaney’s class</b>	Isla, Ellouise, Gabriel, Jessica P, Jessica B
<b>Mrs. Howe’s class</b>	Pippa, Edward, Oliver, Poppy
<b>Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Webster’s class</b>	Imogen, Oliver, Amelia-Rose, Hayden

## 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 or email [dsl@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk). Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Foxwell and Miss Jenkins.



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If you would like this information in another language or format please let us know.