



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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The last couple of weeks have been really busy and exciting in school. Christmas activities have been taking place with parties, carols, Christingle making, Christmas dinner and other festive fun. One particular highlight though was the children in EYFS and KS1 performing their nativity. A link with a recorded copy of the performance has been sent to the children who took part. It has also been the end of the Imaginative Learning Projects for this half term so a lot of great work has also been going on.

Congratulations to Mrs Mayhew who is expecting a baby in the new year. We are currently advertising for a teacher to cover her maternity leave and will update you once details are finalised.

A reminder that school is closed for staff training on Tuesday 4th January and reopens for the children on Wednesday 5th January.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school and the children over the course of this term. Your help is appreciated. We hope that everyone has a very happy Christmas and New Year!

COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation continues to be fast changing and complex. We are following the news as closely as you are at the moment. If anything changes over the holiday period we will let you know any impact on school via email and Marvellous Me messages. At the moment we expect to be open as normal on 5th January.

Update on tracing close contacts and isolation

Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine

Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

FEAST – North Yorkshire Together

The FEAST website has been updated with listings of all the activities on offer in this area which are free for eligible families. There is also a huge range of online activities for everyone to enjoy, plus you'll find their '12 Days of Christmas' virtual sessions, for all children and young people to take part in including

arts and crafts, dance and even yoga. For more information and to access the online sessions, [visit the FEAST website](#). If any family has a question about the FEASTive programme, they can contact hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

Secrets of Success Certificates

Thank you to everyone who has returned a certificate to school sharing some of the great things that the children do when they are not in school. We have a fantastic display in the main corridor that has been the source of much interest from the children.



Year 3/4 Trip to the National Railway Museum

“On Thursday 9th December we went on a trip to the National Railway Museum in York. We saw lots of trains. My favourite was the Night Mail train. We also saw some trains in the North Shed. Examples include the Rocket.” (Isabelle)

“At the work shop, we all learnt about pressure and how to make an underground tunnel. Mrs Stooke and Miss Lewis pumped up a bottle with air and the bottle cap flew off into the sky!” (Jake)

Guidance for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and keeping children safe online

The Children’s Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#). The Children’s Commissioner would be grateful for the support of schools and colleges in disseminating this guide to as many parents and carers as possible.

A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.

30:30 Wristband Challenge.

We have seen some fantastic engagement with the 30:30 Wristband Challenge this half term, with lots of children receiving awards for their bronze and silver wrist bands. Well done to all those who are currently working towards a wrist band. It is important that children have the opportunity to do 30 minutes of physical activity in school, as well as at home each day. Why not be the proud wearer of a wrist band around school and if you are not already, start working towards one? Record sheets are available from the school hall on the 30:30 Wristband display board.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all those who donated to Save the Children this Christmas Jumper Day. Together we raised £150! (Miss Payne and the Rights Respecting Ambassadors)

Applying for a Primary School Place

If you are the parent or carer of a child living in North Yorkshire, who is eligible to start primary school in September 2022 (born between 01.09.17 and 31.08.18 inclusive) you will find all the information you need to apply for a school place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions. Online forms must be submitted by 15th January 2022.

Christmas wishes from the catering team

The Catering Team are looking at how they can increase school meal numbers, and would really appreciate if you could complete their questionnaire.

There is a QR code on the attached Christmas card that is able to be scanned on a handheld mobile device, or alternatively the link is here: <https://forms.gle/WPtF64A97u1R2x8s5>

There is also a chance to win a hamper as a thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Chicken Pox

We have had a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in Miss Hillary's class

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 three celebration assemblies:

Mrs. Allen's class	Oliver W, Robbie S, Flynn C, Thomas D, Robbie S, Dylan T
Mrs. Hugill's class	Eloise R, Lola D, Olivia W, Zuzanna, Luca M D, Theo S
Miss. Hillary's class	Isla C, Isabelle A, Edie W, Daniel J, Seth W, Rosie B
Mrs. Week's and Mrs. Crocker's class	Toby, Bailey, Poppy, Jessica D, Edward W, William R, Lucy S
Miss Lewis' class	Isabel N, Leon K, Ivy C, Isabelle T-H, Gabriel S, Charlotte S, Kason S
Miss Payne's class	Rosie H, Peter G, Matthew M, Lucas S, Freddie D, Olivia W
Mrs. Bradnam's and Mrs. Everitt's class	Effie W, Jessica P, Emilia B, Thomas W, Lola C, Amelia D
Mrs. Seal's class	Joel K, Willow H, Hannah G, Steven F, Whole Class
Mrs. Howe's and Mrs. Mayhew's class	Joshua L, William G, Niamh T, Sally A, Blake P, Emilia C, Oliver B
Mrs. Clarke's class	Elsa D, Sam H, Lily W, Noah T, Whole Class, Jack T, Charlotte N

Team Point Scores

Team	Total this school year	Total this half-term
Blue Sharks	963	420
Green Geckos	831	374
Red Dragons	872	393
Yellow Lions	842	387

Congratulations to the Blue Sharks Team who are the winners for this term. Their reward event will take place in the first week of next term.



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.