

# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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This week we have seen more and more children attending school as positive Covid rates have fallen to single figures and other illnesses have decreased. Today we had our highest attendance rate since the start of the term and it has been great to see everyone relishing the learning activities taking place this week as well as enjoying playtimes with friends.



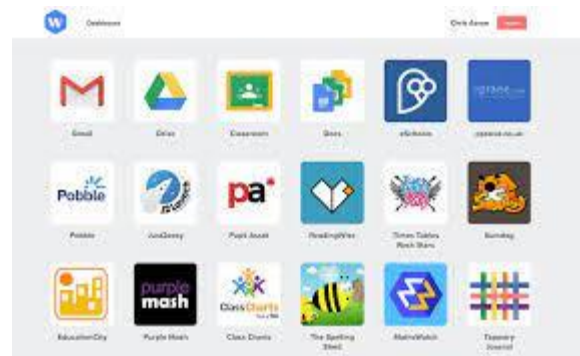
Over the last twelve months we have replaced a lot of our IT hardware and increased the number of machines available to the children. In order to make it as simple as possible for children to login to school resources at home and in school, and not need to remember multiple passwords and usernames, we have created a Wonde account which is accessible using Emoji passwords. This gives the children a single sign in for most of their accounts. Once logged into Wonde they will be able to access most of the platforms that we use in school. A couple of sites may need them to login once via Wonde but after that they should be able to access the sites via the single Wonde Login

How to access Wonde:

We recommend they use the Google Chrome browser to access these resources. Follow this link:

<https://edu.wonde.com/login/A969976442> and click

Login with Emoji Password. Enter the password (emoji) your child has been given by their teacher. Once logged in they will be greeted with a dashboard where they will have access to the school resources similar to the image shown.



At the moment this feature will only work on laptops and computers. It is not yet available on tablets, iPads or smartphones.

## Fire Safety

This week the children in Y5/6 took part in a Fire Safety presentation. The children learned lots of new information. Matthew and Molly said;

*“On the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, we were hosted by a female firefighter on a Microsoft Teams call from the North Yorkshire Fire Service. We talked about having an escape plan and how to be aware of fire hazards. She also told us about what to do if a fire breaks out.”*

## Safer Internet Day



Each year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores a new issue or theme which is impacting the lives of young people in the UK. For 2022 the day celebrated young people’s role in creating a safer internet and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of.

The platforms young people use are spaces for connection, community and collaboration, which is why the day challenged them to foster supportive relationships and respectful communities, whilst equipping them with the skills they need to keep themselves and others safe in these spaces.

*“On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February it was Safer Internet Day across 140 nations. At Romanby, KS1 and KS2 took part in the event online through separate assemblies. We’ve also started up a Coding club, as there is a nationwide competition on Scratch, where you must create a game about climate change; it will be judged by some of the nation’s best coders.”*

## Dress for Dinner Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February



To celebrate Fair Trade fortnight, our Right's Respecting Ambassadors would like a hold a 'Dress for Dinner' day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, with the aim of donating lots of well-needed supplies to Hambleton Foodshare. Hambleton Foodshare will be coming into school to eat lunch and speak to our Ambassadors who have lots of questions to ask about the project and perhaps they will find more ways for Romanby Primary to help our local community!



'Dress for Dinner' means all children can come to school in their fanciest outfit, whether that be a formal dress, suit and tie, or just your favourite top and jeans combo. Hambleton Foodshare are very grateful for any donations you can give on this day, however, below you will find a list of products they're especially in need of:

Tinned Chicken in white Sauce	Tinned Minced Beef	Instant Mash
Rice	Individual cereals	Cereal bars
Small Jars of Coffee	UHT Milk	Sweetcorn
Jam	Creamed Rice	Custard
Angel Delight	Jelly	

(Please ensure all donations in unopened and in-date).

We will put some boxes out on the playground next week for any donations. Thank you from the Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Miss Payne.

## Reading books

Thank you to everyone who has donated books to our school library. These have been excellent additions and are much appreciated. There is a red box in the entrance to the school which you can drop any books no longer wanted or needed which you think would be of benefit to the children. Many thanks once again.



## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day which takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Staff are busy planning a range of activities for the day including an 'extreme reading' challenge and shared story telling. Children if they wish may dress up as their favourite book character for the day. We would encourage families to make and put together costumes from existing items rather than feel any pressure to buy a

costume. We would also like to encourage children to bring in their favourite book to share with their peers in the classroom. Book tokens will be given out at the end of the day to enable children to purchase a specific book or get £1 off any book [2021s-1-books \(worldbookday.com\)](https://www.worldbookday.com)

## Valentine's Day Menu

A reminder that we have a change to the set menu on Monday with our caterers providing a special Valentine's day dinner menu (see attached poster).

## Cycling for All

In conjunction with the Big Lottery Fund and Stage 1 Cycles Hawes, Northallerton School on Brompton Road will be hosting a six session cycling training event for all abilities. These sessions will be fun, game lead and skilled based, and will be tailored to meet individual needs. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. **Closing date: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.** Cost is £29.00 per person.

**Dates:** 09.05.22    16.05.22    23.05.22    06.06.22    13.06.22    20.06.22

**Times:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**To book a place:** e mail: [yes@aretelearningtrust.net](mailto:yes@aretelearningtrust.net) or call: 01748 850111 ext 8165

## Advert

Funday Friday

Romanby Methodist Church

Friday 18th February 3.30-4.30pm

Come for: Light refreshments, fun, chat, games, craft and story

All are welcome

Children need to be accompanied by parents/guardians at all time

The event is free

## Parent's Evening

A reminder that parent/teacher meetings are taking place online next week. Please see the letter sent out last Friday for details.

## Homework

Over the last few weeks we have reviewed the homework being given to the children. We hope this grid helps everyone to see the homework for each year group.

Year Group	Homework
Reception	<p>At the beginning of each half term, the Knowledge Organiser for the Imaginative Learning Project (ILP) is sent home for all year groups. This is also available on the school website. Any of the optional homework tasks are extra tasks that can be completed if desired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Learn to read' book – 5 minutes daily reading</li><li>• 'Learn to read' eBook (<i>set weekly</i>) – read through once</li><li>• Letters and Sounds cards and Harder to Read and Spell words (tricky words) - 5 minutes daily</li></ul>
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Learn to read' books – 5 -10 minutes daily</li><li>• 'Learn to read' eBook (<i>set every 2-3 weeks</i>) - read through once</li><li>• Letters and Sounds cards and Harder to Read and Spell words (tricky words) - 5 minutes daily</li><li>• Reading comprehension activity linked to 'Learn to read' book (<i>set weekly</i>)</li></ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'Learn to read' books – 5-10 minutes daily</li><li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books – 5 minutes daily</li><li>• Reading comprehension activity linked to 'Learn to read' book (<i>set weekly</i>)</li><li>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 5-10 minutes a week</li></ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10-15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li><li>• 1 x Education City task</li><li>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 10 -15 minutes a week</li><li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books (<i>optional</i>)</li><li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li></ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10-15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li><li>• 1 x Education City task</li><li>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 10-20 minutes a week</li><li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books (<i>optional</i>)</li><li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li></ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li><li>• 2x Education City tasks</li><li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books <i>10-15 mins a week</i></li><li>• Times Table Rock Stars (<i>optional</i>)</li><li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li></ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li><li>• SATs booster booklets</li><li>• Times Table Rock Stars (<i>optional</i>)</li><li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books (<i>optional</i>)</li><li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li></ul>

## Slapped Cheek Syndrome

Please be aware that we have had a case of slapped cheek syndrome in school. The first sign of slapped cheek syndrome is usually feeling unwell for a few days. Symptoms may include a high temperature, a runny nose and sore throat, a headache. A red rash may appear on 1 or both cheeks. A few days later, a spotty rash may appear on the chest, arms and legs. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

## Parish Council compliant

We have been contacted by the Parish Council following a complaint from a parishioner regarding parking on the grass verges around school. This is becoming more common across the Parish (along with parking on pavements) but in particular on The Close near school and further down near The Link. Please can we ask for your support in parking considerately around school and reducing the chances of any accidents to pedestrians.

## Warm and Well

As the cost of living continues to rise we have seen a significant increase in the number of families who are struggling to pay for their gas and electricity bills, with many having to make difficult decisions over heating or eating. The energy price cap will increase in April which is expected to drive more families into fuel poverty as industry predictions suggest bills could rise as much as 50%. Living in a cold home can have a significant effect on health and wellbeing with increased rates of respiratory illnesses and a negative impact on mental health. North Yorkshire has higher rates of fuel poverty compared to the national average. There is support available through the Warm and Well Service <https://www.warmandwell.org.uk/> who can offer advice to households, help with energy switching, signpost to home upgrade measures and access to emergency fuel vouchers.

## Midday Supervisory Assistant

8.75 hours per week, 11.30am –1.15pm, Term time only, Grade B SCP 2

We still have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to support the children at lunchtimes. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role then please ask them to contact the school office.

## 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>Mrs. Allen’s class</b>	Evie, Max, Ted, Miley
<b>Mrs. Hugill’s class</b>	Harper, Scarlett, Nirmol, Toby
<b>Miss. Hillary’s class</b>	Pippa, Elliot, Lleyton, Emily
<b>Mrs. Week’s and Mrs. Crocker’s class</b>	Summer, Lucy, Edward, Oliver
<b>Miss Lewis’ class</b>	Leon, Charlotte, Emilie, Gabriel, Daniel, Kason
<b>Miss Payne’s class</b>	Maxim, Peter, Thomas, Amaya
<b>Mrs. Bradnam’s and Mrs. Everitt’s class</b>	Ethan, Sebastian, Issa, Nathan
<b>Mrs. Seal’s class</b>	Aiden, Scarlett, Tegan, Mylo
<b>Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class</b>	Joshua, Maisie, Will, Logan

## Team Point Scores

Team	Total this school year	Total this half-term
Blue Sharks	1453	432
Green Geckos	1281	400
Red Dragons	1295	372
Yellow Lions	1289	399



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*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.