

# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

Issue 1, September 2022

## Welcome Back!

It has been great to have all the children back in school again and we have all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children's different experiences over the summer. Once again there are some changes for the children to get used to, but everyone has settled very quickly, adapted to the new routines and worked hard. We are particularly delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school along with seven other new children who have joined us over the summer.

Alongside this newsletter is information from each year group about our new Imaginative Learning Projects (ILP) for this term (this information is also on our school website). This year we have made some changes to our curriculum plan so that in Years 1 to 6 the curriculum content is organised into a range of main and mini subject-driven projects. Our English work continues to follow the Talk 4 Writing approach and links with key stories and non-fiction texts. The Maths curriculum follows the White Rose Maths termly projects. We have made a few updates to our homework expectations based on some of the feedback from last year. An updated table showing this information is at the end of this newsletter.

This year we will continue to keep you updated on school life using our school Facebook page. Here is the link to access it: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830025573811297>. If your child is a new starter, please send us a 'Friend Request' and state which class your child is in. We will also continue to use Marvellous Me for team points and other class learning.

## Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Holme (Y5/6) and Miss Cable (Y3/4) who have both started teaching their new classes. Miss Cable has also taken over the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Mrs Allen (Acting Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Clarke (Acting Y5/6 Team Leader) will continue their roles from last term while Mrs Mayhew is on maternity leave.

Ms Fisher has joined the team of staff working in the office and we have a new cook starting work with us shortly who is employed by our catering providers. For the next few weeks we have a temporary member of their staff helping the ladies in the kitchen.

Mrs Hudson obtained another job over the summer holiday so will not be returning as a Teaching Assistant in Y5/6. We wish her every success in her new career and thank her for all her hard work.

## Extra-curricular activities

Over the next few weeks we will be restarting some of our afterschool activities. Private music lessons are also restarting. Details will be sent out with newsletters or please contact the school office for further information.

## Food

Please can we remind everyone that we have a number of children in school who have a food allergy. We particularly ask that children do not bring nuts into school and that packed lunches do not contain nuts. For children who have school dinners and where parents have previously informed us about the specific allergy we will be sending home new forms from our caterers this week as they need to be updated for the new year. Please note that for the caterers to provide specific products for meals due to an allergy they require a letter from a doctor to confirm the allergy. Please can you also remind your children that once they have ordered their school meal in the morning they can't change their choice when they get to the serving trolley in the hall as we will not be able to give everyone there chosen

choice if they do this. We operate a rota system for the children in KS2 so if they are last in for lunch they will not be happy if they don't get what they have asked for

Thank you to everyone for their patience with school meals this week. The disruption was caused by a fault with the gas supply to the kitchen which has taken time for the engineers to solve.



### United Against Bullying

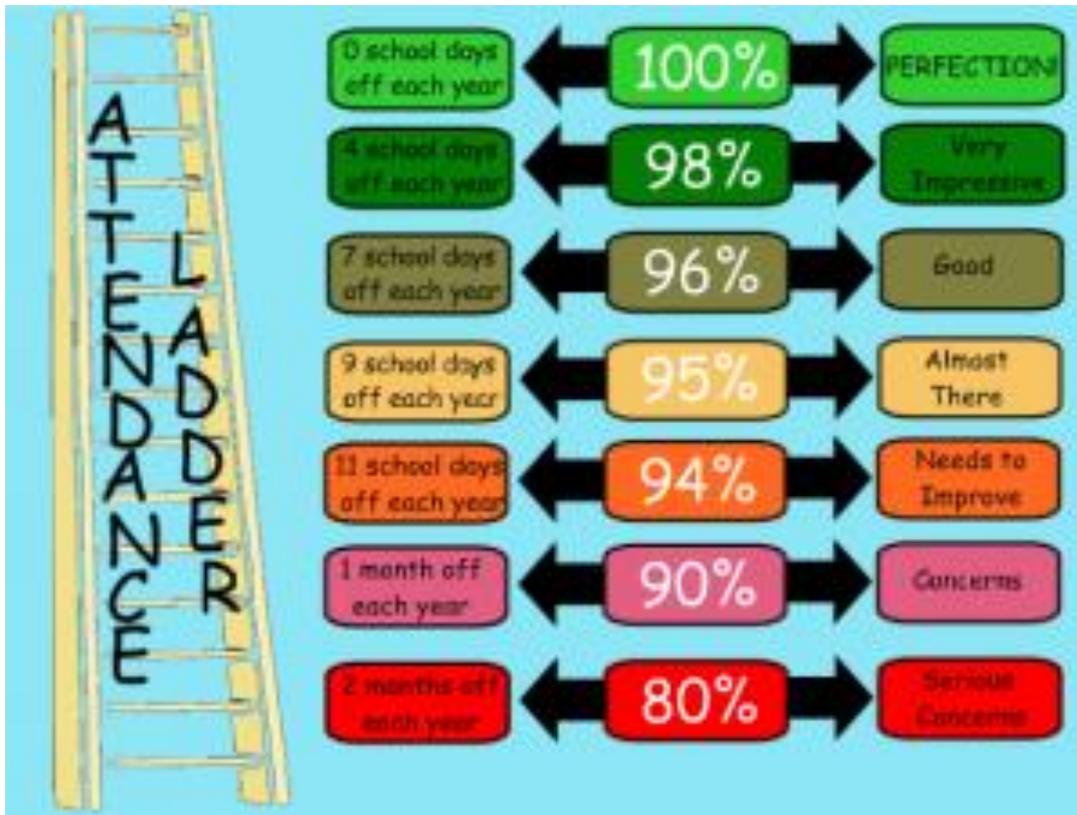
Last year the children in Key Stage 2 took part in the United Against Bullying programme which is the Anti-Bullying Alliance's anti-bullying programme. It supports schools to reduce bullying and improve the wellbeing of all children. We were one of only 217 schools nationally who completed the programme. Over the summer we received an email to tell us that we have been given the Silver award for our work. This year we will continue to build on the outcomes from the work completed last year.

### Updating contact details

Please can you ensure that the school office hold the most up to date contact details for your child. If you need to update contact details, please do this by emailing [admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk). Thank you.

### Attendance

It is so important to stress how important Good attendance is for your children. We know that children who attend regularly, do better, achieve more, and have better chances of success than those who don't. The national average for primary school attendance is 96%. The table below shows how this looks over the course of a year.



The evidence shows that children with poor attendance are unlikely to succeed academically and they are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

Unfortunately, over the last term, we have had an increase of families taking holidays during term time. We really do understand the reasons that parents are more attracted to booking holidays during school time, however as a school, our ultimate responsibility and concern is the educational welfare and achievement of your children and we would urge families not to do this wherever possible.

On the other hand, we are not saying send your children to school when they are ill! Longer term, this can be worse for your child's health (and others if contagious!) and they certainly will not learn well. However, all we ask as a school, is that you keep in mind how important school is for your child's achievements, particularly if you are unsure if they are really that unwell – and please be re-assured, that if they are, we will contact you to take them home for lots of TLC!

### **Wraparound Care for Service children**

Attached with this newsletter email is information regarding childcare provision for Service Children. The 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.

### **Year 6 Pupils transferring Secondary School in September 2023**

A letter has been emailed to Y6 parents to inform them that that they can apply for a secondary school place for September 2022 from **12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2022.**

Applications are online at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Current diary dates**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct Y5/6 Tag Rugby
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Oct Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Y5/6 Girls Football
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Y5/6 Football
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Y1/2 Multiskills

### **Term dates for this year**

#### **Autumn Term**

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| Friday 21 October 2022  | Half Term Holiday       |
| Monday 31 October 2022  | Pupils return to school |
| Friday 16 December 2022 | Last Day of Term        |

#### **Spring Term**

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| Wednesday 4 January 2023 | First Day of Term       |
| Friday 10 February 2023  | Half Term Holiday       |
| Monday 20 February 2023  | Pupils return to school |
| Friday 31 March 2023     | Last Day of Term        |

#### **Summer Term**

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| Tuesday 18 April 2023 | First Day of Summer Term |
| Friday 26 May 2023    | Half Term Holiday        |
| Monday 5 June 2023    | Pupils return to school  |
| Friday 21 July 2023   | Last Day of Term         |

### **Training Days:**

5 September 2022, 3 January 2023, 17 April 2023, 24 July 2023, 25 July 2023

### **Stars of the Week**

Every Friday we have a special celebration assembly when staff give out awards that link to our "Secrets of Success". We also use the Marvellous Me app to record Team Points and send home information about the learning activities taking place in each class. Even if you don't have the app at home we can still use it in school to record Team Points etc. but last year 98% of families used this free app with very positive feedback. Details of how to access this app for new starters will come from the office shortly.

Congratulations to the following children who received the “Star of the Week” award in our celebration assembly today:

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| <b>Mrs. Hugill’s class</b>                  | Layla, Rob                     |
| <b>Mrs. Allen’s</b>                         | Isaac, Oliver                  |
| <b>Miss. Hillary’s class</b>                | Ruby, Lincoln                  |
| <b>Mrs. Seal’s class</b>                    | Charlie, Koby, Scarlett        |
| <b>Mrs. Week’s and Mrs. Crocker’s class</b> | Elliott, Tyler                 |
| <b>Mrs. Slaney’s class</b>                  | Reggie, Ellouise               |
| <b>Miss Cable’s class</b>                   | Sadie, Sebastian               |
| <b>Mrs. Holme’s class</b>                   | Finley, Jessica                |
| <b>Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class</b> | Eleanor, India, Avleen, Daniel |
| <b>Mrs. Clarke’s class</b>                  | William, Willow, Constance     |

| <b>Year group</b> | <b>Homework</b>   |
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|                   | 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.   |
| <b>Reception</b>  | <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>   |
| <b>Year 1</b>     | <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>• CPG Reading Comprehension</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Year 2</b>     | <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>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 5-10 minutes a week</li> <li>• CPG Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths booklets</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Year 3</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li> <li>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 10 -15 minutes a week</li> <li>• CPG Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths booklets</li> <li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books (<i>optional</i>)</li> <li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Year 4</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li> <li>• Times Table Rock Stars practice online 10-20 minutes a week</li> <li>• CPG Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths booklets</li> <li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books (<i>optional</i>)</li> <li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li> <li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books <i>10-15 mins a week</i></li> <li>• CPG Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths booklets</li> <li>• Times Table Rock Stars (<i>optional</i>)</li> <li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li> </ul>                |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes of reading (<i>at least 5x per week</i>)</li> <li>• Spelling Shed / Spelling books <i>10-15 mins a week</i></li> <li>• CPG Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar, Maths booklets</li> <li>• Times Table Rock Stars (<i>optional</i>)</li> <li>• Creative homework linked to ILP (<i>optional</i>)</li> </ul>                |

### 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.