



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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It has been a busy couple of weeks in school as everyone has launched into their new projects. In Y5/6 the children have been learning all about allotments; the Dig for Victory campaign during the Second World War and also about farming in the UK as part of the Sow, Grow and Farm project. They have had lots of fun exploring and studying the plants and natural objects in our school grounds and have produced some brilliant sketches of what they found. They have been writing diary texts in English, as well as having lots of fun in Active Maths.



The children in Y3/4 have completed a soil investigation to find out what type of soil we have on the school grounds. In PE,

they have performed some amazing gymnastics and been outside in the cold playing football and invasion games. In computing, they have been learning how to search for information on the internet while in English, they have been hot seating important people to help their work on information texts.

The Reception children have been using the story of the Owl Babies as part of their Starry Nights project. They have discussed nocturnal animals and also started to talk about people who work at night.



The children in Year 1 have been building on their knowledge of numbers bonds and numbers to 20 in Maths while in Y2 the children have been learning how to write instructions for magic bread! In Science the work has focussed on learning about different types of trees and developing art skills by sketching the textures of different materials.

School Meals Update

We have been informed by our catering provider that the increase in inflation has added approximately 10% to their staffing costs and between 20% and 40% to their food costs. Whilst they have avoided passing the inflation increases on to school, and have been proactively re-negotiating contracts with their suppliers, they are no longer able to sustain this position. Unfortunately, this means that the price of a school meal will rise to £2.73 per day or £13.65 per week from 20th February.

In the next few weeks our new cook, Mrs Jones, will be working with children and parents to suggest further improvements for the dinner menus to our catering providers. Look out for an online survey coming soon. As of next week Mrs Jones will be providing samples of the school dinners for those children that are currently having packed lunches so they are able to try the food and hopefully consider having a school dinner sometimes. All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) are entitled to a universal free school meal. As parents you do not need to complete any paperwork, all children in KS1 will automatically get a free school meal should they wish to have one.

The local authority maintains their commitment to ensuring all children eligible for free school meals are accessing the provision and benefiting from this nutrition. They have developed an online application form to assess eligibility to free school meals, to make this process as easy as possible for parents. This can be accessed at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Parent – Teacher Meetings

Attached to this newsletter email is information about the upcoming parent teacher meetings. We are continuing to use the online booking system but all meetings will be in school.

Swimming Gala



On Friday 13th January, eight swimmers representing Romanby, Jack R, Owen W, Matthew J, Dan B, Amaya M, Eva B, Poppy C and Scarlett S, took part in a competition at Hambleton Leisure Centre. We had great fun and everyone came away with lots of medals (33 in total!) and Romanby came second overall. A big thank you to all the parents who took us to and from the pool.

MarvellousMe/Facebook

Keeping you informed of your child's activities and achievements at school is important to us, so we are really pleased that 96% of families use our MarvellousMe parent engagement system. MarvellousMe is a free app that you can share with partners, grandparents and carers. It helps you to see some of the activities the children take part in at school as well as when they get team points. Our Facebook page is also proving a good way of seeing, in a bit more detail, some of the activities that each year group take part in.

If you don't have access to these platforms please contact the school office for details of MarvellousMe or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1830025573811297> for our Facebook page.

Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs

With Year 6 SATs just around the corner, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child. Please see attached [poster](#) for dates and how to book your place.

Diary Dates

25 th January	Y3/4 Tchoukball competition
26 th January	Spelling Bee competition
27 th January	KS2 Pantomime Visit, 6.30pm
30 th January	Rec & Y6 children height and weight checks
7 th February	Parent / Teacher meetings
8 th February	Parent / Teacher meetings
8 th February	KS2 Cross Country competition
1 st March	Y5/6 Dodgeball competition
15 th March	Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball
17 th March	Comic Relief
27 th March	Y5 East Barnby Outdoor Centre Residential Visit
29 th March	Key Steps Gymnastics Y1-Y6

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:

Mrs. Hugill’s class	Isaac, Marnie, Zac, Olivia
Mrs. Allen’s	Toby, Theo, Daisy, Aria W
Miss. Hillary’s class	Lola, Ruby, Thomas, La Vaiyah
Mrs. Seal’s class	Leo, Inas, Olivia W, Scarlett
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Oliver, Rowen, Elliot, Grayson
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Macey, Matthew, Tom, Reggie
Miss Cable’s class	Amelia, Jayden, Harry, Emilia
Mrs. Holme’s class	Molly, Olivia W, Oscar, Florence
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Jimmy-Lee, Thomas, Lizzie, Lewis
Mrs. Clarke’s class	Rosie, Alex, Effie, William, Noah, Tegan

Team Point Scores

Team	Total this half-term	Total for the year
Birch (B)	176	1453
Sycamore (G)	167	1591
Hawthorn (R)	165	1592
Oak (Y)	165	1605

The letters in brackets link to the old colour teams.

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.



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.