



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

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In the last couple of weeks, the children have been busy across all areas of the curriculum. In Y3/4 rehearsals for their Dragon Days play are in full swing ahead of the performances next week. They have also been making compasses in Science and learning about first aid in PSHE. In Y1/2 the children have been monitoring the temperature as part of their learning about the weather. They have also been finding their way around London landmarks using their mapping skills to follow directions. In DT they have been learning about axles while making model vehicles. In Y5/6 the children have been focusing on non-chronological reports in English, cooking delicious soup in DT and perfecting their routines in gymnastics. We also managed to have lots of fun playing in the snow last week before it all melted!



Red Nose Day

Today we have been supporting Comic Relief with our DRESS UP FOR JOY day. Well done to everyone who wore something that makes you smile, in return for a donation to this worthwhile cause. So far, we have raised £136.

Great British Spring Clean

On Friday 24th March, we will be doing our annual school 'Spring Clean' as part of Keep Britain Tidy's #LitterHeroes challenge.



All children will spend a small portion of their afternoon picking up litter, clearing up classrooms and common areas and tidying the field and playground. At Romanby, we believe that every act to protect the environment, no matter how small, makes a difference. As such, we have pledged for our litter heroes to collect at least 10 bags full of waste – one per class – and will endeavour to recycle and reuse as much as possible.

Feel free to send in gloves with your child on this day if you would prefer them to wear them. We can't wait to share with you how we get on.

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Well done to our Wellbeing Ambassadors from Year 5/6 who led a brilliant assembly yesterday all about the importance of sleep as part of Sleep Awareness Day! Their presentation is available on our Facebook page.

Times Table Rock Stars Trophy

Miss Hillary, who leads on Maths development in school, has decided to award a trophy each week to the class who show the best engagement or improvement with their work on Times Table Rock Stars. Well done to Miss Cable's class and Mrs. Howe's class for winning the trophy in the last two weeks. We found out this week that the world record score achieved on Times Tables Rock Stars in one minute is 210, and was achieved by an eight-year-old on 3 December 2021! Have a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wodnxk6gEYY> to see her in action.



Friends of Romanby School

The next committee meeting is Thursday 20th April at 7:30pm in The Golden Lion in Romanby. We are starting to plan the Summer Fair, so if you have an idea or suggestions please join us.

We will be holding an Easter Craft Competition for the children to enter, keep an eye on the FoRS Facebook page for more details. Raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle will be coming home next week, the raffle will be drawn on the 29th March. We have some fantastic chocolate hampers up for grabs!

Dinner Menu

Please be advised that on w/c 27th March the kitchen staff will be swapping some of the usual desserts for Easter-themed chocolate treats such as chocolate crispy cake or chocolate fudge cake.

Visitors to school

Please can we remind everyone that you must sign in at the main school office when you come into school as this is part of our safeguarding procedures. This also applies at the beginning and the end of the school day e.g. if your child has left their packed lunch at home or you need to speak to a teacher please go to the office and not the classroom.

Midday Supervisory Assistant

8.75 hours per week, 11.30am –1.15pm, Term time only, SCP 2, £10.60/hour

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly and hardworking team.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Supervise the children during lunchtime in the playground, including leading playground games.
- Supervise and support the children during lunchtime in the school dining hall.
- Administer basic first aid and record accidents in the accident book.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. This post will be subject to an ENHANCED DBS clearance.

For further information and an application form please email admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk

Closing Date: 31 March 2023, Interview: to be confirmed

Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy

This policy was recently reviewed by school governors. Please find a copy of the policy at the end of this newsletter.

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, visit [Upcoming FEAST Activities – North Yorkshire Together](#)

There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!

Beetle Drive Update

The beetle drive on the 24 March that was advertised with the last newsletter is now taking place at St James Church in Romanby at 6.30pm and not the WI Hall.

Diary Dates

20 th March	KS1 Bake Sale
21 st March	Y3/4 Play – Dragon Days (9.20am)
22 nd March	Y3/4 Play – Dragon Days (6.15pm)
24 th March	Great British Spring Clean
27 th March	Y5 East Barnby Outdoor Centre Residential Visit
31 st March	Last day of term before Easter holiday
17 th April	Staff Training Day – school closed

18 th April	School open
19 th April	Y1/2 Multiskills event
24 th April	Y3/4 Bake Sale
26 th April	Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics event
3 rd May	Y5 Bikeability – Group 1
5 th May	Y5 Bikeability – Group 2
8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9 th May	Y6 SAT week
10 th May	Y5 Bikeability – Group 1
12 th May	Y5 Bikeability – Group 2
17 th May	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics
24 th May	Y5/6 Careers Morning
14 th June	Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket
20 th June	Class Photographs
21 st June	Y5/6 Dynamo Cricket
28 th June	Y3/4 Mini Tennis
3 rd – 5 th July	Y6 London Residential Visit
12 th -14 th July	Y6 Northallerton School Transition Days
21 st July	Last day of term

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	Archie, Evie, Millie, Reuben
Mrs. Allen’s	Ollie, Max, Rex, Wren
Miss. Hillary’s class	Mila, Ethan, Felix, Isabelle
Mrs. Seal’s class	Violet, Charlie, Sophia, Toby
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Imogen, Joshua, Edie, Elliott
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Daisy, Cameron, Jessica, Erica, Edward Wa
Miss Cable’s class	Sebastian, Thomas, Noah, Seth
Mrs. Holme’s class	India, Molly, Joel, Jack
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Maxim, Lottie, Owen, George
Mrs. Clarke’s class	Harvey, Samantha, Amaya, Taylor, Lola, Kason



Linked to our Secrets of Success we sometimes find out about some of the things that children do out of school that go above and beyond what might normally be expected. In the past we have asked parents to complete blank certificates which we have put on display in school. We are going to use this space to recognise some of these feats that happen from time to time.

Team Point Scores

Team	Total this half-term	Total for the year
Birch (B)	319	2036
Sycamore (G)	312	2158
Hawthorn (R)	333	2188
Oak (Y)	325	2202

The letters in brackets link to the old colour teams.










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

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.

PARENT, CARER AND VISITOR BEHAVIOUR POLICY: ROMANBY SCHOOL

The Governing Body and Headteacher strongly believe that our school should be a welcoming and safe place for our children, staff, parents and visitors alike, and that our parents share that belief. We have legal responsibilities for the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children and staff, and a duty of care to all users of our school.

All adults who enter our school site at any time set examples of behaviour and conduct which influence children and young people, and we believe that they should therefore demonstrate high standards of conduct in order to encourage our pupils to do the same. Parents, carers and visitors must show respect to all other parents, carers, children, staff and visitors.

All members of staff have the right to work without fear of violence and abuse and we expect parents, carers and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way at all times.

Adults who do not behave in an acceptable manner may be asked to leave the site and the Headteacher has the right to further restrict their access. This policy highlights our expectations in respect of the conduct of parents, carers and visitors to our school and outlines the steps that will be taken where behaviour is considered to be unacceptable.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour

- Shouting at members of staff, either in person or over the telephone;
- Use of offensive language towards other adults, staff or children;
- Physically intimidating members of staff and/or other parents or pupils;
- Approaching someone else's child in order to question or chastise them;
- Physical abuse, threatening, oppressive or aggressive behaviour;
- Using aggressive hand gestures;
- Swearing;
- Pushing;
- Hitting, slapping, punching, kicking or poking;
- Breaching the school's security procedures;
- Attempting to gain entry to any part of the school in disregard of procedure or without permission;
- Entering the school site under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Smoking/vaping/using drugs whilst on school property;
- Bringing alcohol onto school premises or excessive consumption of alcohol at school events;
- Bringing dogs, with the exception of Assistance Dogs, on to the school site without the explicit permission of the Headteacher;
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Displaying any signs and/or handing out notices or messages which could cause unreasonable upset and/or harm to any member of staff, governor, parent or child.

The above list shows examples of unacceptable behaviour; however, this is not exhaustive. Should any of the above occur on school premises, or any other behaviour which is considered unacceptable, the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities or considering restricting the offending adult from entering the school premises.

School-related issues which parents or carers may have concerning the school, pupils or their families must be brought to the attention of a member of staff. Parents or carers must not try to resolve any issues themselves by direct action. If issues cannot be successfully resolved by speaking to a staff member, the correct course of action is for parents and carers to use the school's Complaints Procedure as appropriate. This is available on the school website or a copy can be requested from the school office.

We expect all communication between parents and the school to be conducted in a polite and respectful manner. Communication may be similarly restricted if it becomes unacceptable, for example, abusive, persistent or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication.

Social Media

On occasions some parents are tempted to make comments about the school, school staff, other parents and/or pupils on social media. Social media is not the forum for raising concerns or complaints about the school. If parents have a concern about the school, they can raise their concern directly with the Headteacher and complaints can be raised through the school's Complaints Procedure.

Parents and carers should take care when posting messages on social media. Parents are expected to treat everyone with respect and professionalism – even on social media - and adults should set a good example to their children and other pupils. Do not use social media to criticise the school or its staff or pupils or make inappropriate comments.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a pupil is found to be posting inappropriate comments on social media, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the social media site and consideration will be given to taking further action. Making potentially defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about others on social media could have legal implications. In addition, threats of violence can lead to a criminal action. The school will also expect any pupil or parent/carer to remove such inappropriate comments immediately.

Legal framework

Under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 it is an offence for any person to be on school premises to cause or permit a nuisance or disturbance. It provides the right to remove and prosecute any person who is believed to have committed an offence.

Whilst a parent or carer of a child attending the school normally has implied permission to be on the school premises at certain times and for certain purposes, this permission may be withdrawn if the parent or carer exhibits behaviour which the Headteacher believes is unreasonable. This also applies to all other individuals invited into the school for other reasons.

In the event of any parent/carer/visitor breaching this Policy then proportionate action will be taken, for example:

- Parents, carers or other visitors exhibiting unacceptable behaviour could have their access restricted which prevents access to the school premises.
- Anyone who has had their access restricted and then ignores the restriction and enters the school site may be removed from the school site and prosecuted, if it is believed they have committed an offence.
- The Governing Body, in conjunction with the Headteacher and North Yorkshire County Council, will take the lead in authorising the removal of a person believed to be causing a nuisance or disturbance, and, if necessary, will bring legal proceedings against them.

In cases where the unacceptable behaviour is considered to be a serious and potentially criminal matter, the concerns will in the first instance be referred to the Police. This will include any or all cases of threats of violence, and actual violence, to any child, staff, visitor, contractor or Governor of the school. This will include anything which could be seen as a sign of harassment of any member of the school community, such as any form of insulting social media post or any form of social media cyberbullying.

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