

Romanby Primary School Newsletter

8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

It has been great to have 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 the other new children who have joined us over the summer.

This week you will have received information from each year group about our new Learning Projects for the term (this information is also on our school website). This 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.

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. For those children new to school, details of how to access Marvellous Me will be sent home next week.

Welcome to Miss Irving who has started teaching in Y5/6 while Mrs Clarke goes on maternity leave. Miss Turner is teaching in Y2 while Miss Hillary is away from school this term. Congratulations to Miss Cable who got married over the summer and has returned as Mrs Whittaker.

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.

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 their chosen meal if they do this. We operate a sitting system for the children so if they are last in for lunch, they will not be happy if they don't get what they have asked for.

Updating contact details

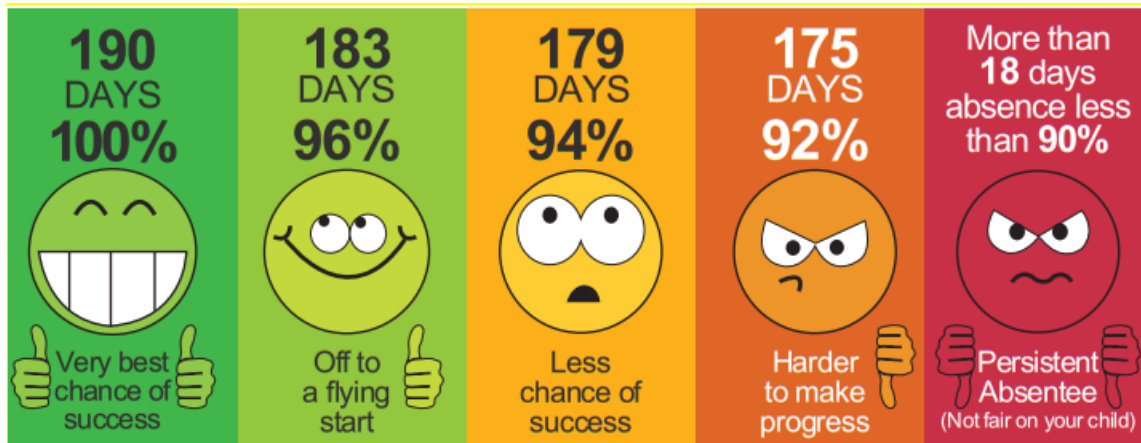
Please can you ensure that the school office hold the most up to date contact details for your child. If you need to update contact details, please do this by emailing admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk. Thank you.

Reading Volunteers

Are you a parent/ grandparent who has some spare time and would like to help develop children's reading? We are looking for reading volunteers for this year for all year groups. If you are interested please contact Mrs Mayhew via the school office.

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. We are aiming for at least 96%.



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, 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!

School Meal Prices

A reminder that due to the increased cost of ingredients and staff wages, the price of a school meal increased to £2.95 from September. Please can you ensure your parent pay account has sufficient funds in it to cover the cost of the school meals your child will have that week to avoid your account going into arrears.

SEND Autumn Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our first SEND newsletter which provides information of events or courses/advice to support you and your child with any SEND issues.

Walking home permission slips

If you have a child in KS2 they will have come home this week with a consent form to be completed if you wish your child to walk or cycle home alone after school. Please note that we need a new form to be completed at the start of each academic year therefore if you signed a form last year you will be required to sign another form this year.

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 this week.

Miss Jenkins’ class	Joshua P, Lily R
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Jimi B, Harper S
Miss. Turner’s class	Toby P, Daisy P
Mrs. Seal’s class	Layla G, Oliver T
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Charlie T, Seth W
Mrs. Holme’s class	Lleyton M, Emily J
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Emily F, Jessica B
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Jessica P, Eva B, Oliver W
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Cornock’s class	Ashton A, Lucas S
Miss Irving’s class	Samantha B, Peter G

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 Miss Jenkins.

Behaviour

We have made some changes to our behaviour policy over the summer term following feedback from parents and children as well as looking at best practice.

We have simplified our three school rules even more to make it easier for the children to understand and refreshed our Secrets of Success. Further details will be shared over the coming weeks.



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.