



Romilly Newsletter

Edition 5 - Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome Back!

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas period!

I have been so impressed at how well the children have settled back into school this week, displaying wonderful manners and our key values, especially kindness, and respect! A great start to 2024! It has also been a delight to see them coming in with smiles on their faces, despite the weather being so cold!

We have lots of wonderful things planned for the children over the next term, and will continue to use Marvellous Me to inform you of what your child is learning, and also celebrate their successes.

The children have been working hard this year, to improve and practice their Welsh language skills in and outside of classroom. I have been very proud of how much they are all trying to use different sentences and vocabulary, and how they're not afraid to get it wrong. What's important is that they are 'having a go', and growing their confidence in using the Welsh language, as well as having fun with it! Please encourage this at home if you can.

This year, we will continue to focus on our school improvement priorities, which the children, staff and governors have been working hard at achieving.

These are:

1. Further improving writing across the school
2. Ensuring equity of provision in Foundation Learning
3. Ensuring that teaching and feedback impacts successfully on developing pupil's skills.
4. Enriching our own personal learning (We are all learners; both staff and pupils)

We couldn't do this without your continued support, so thank you for supporting our mission statement of;

"Learning, Growing and Succeeding Together"

As always, our door is always open, so if you have any worries or concerns, or need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

K. R Williams
Headteacher

Lost Property & Labelling Items

We have a lost property box outside the school office, under the window of 5DW. Please can we ask parents to label all items of children's clothing, especially coats, jumpers and cardigans. We are finding lots of lost items with no names, which we cannot return to children.

Attendance

As mentioned before Christmas, we are very proud of how hard families have been working to ensure good attendance and punctuality. Because of this, our attendance has risen from 89% to 94% due to everyone's effort and support.

Our target is 95% which we are really hoping to achieve this year. To help us achieve this, please ensure your child comes to school if they are well enough and that they arrive before 08:55am.

If your child arrives after registers close, they may be marked with a 'U' for 'Unauthorised Absence', which ultimately affects their overall attendance record. Please make every effort to get here before the gates close at 08:55am.

We are happy to work closely with any families who need support in improving their child's attendance. We are always here to help and offer guidance in this important aspect of your child's education. Once again, we extend our thanks to all parents for your commitment to improving our school's attendance.

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance target: 95%

Attendance for each year group for 18/12/23 – 22/12/23:

Reception	90%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	88%
Year 3	88%
Year 4	87%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	91%

★ **Remember our school target is 95%** - let's see how many year groups can achieve this next week! ★

My School Fund

Did you know we are part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work? - Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved - Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free and link to **Romilly Primary School**. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at myschoolfund.org



Safeguarding - Who to contact if you have a concern about a child

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding People (DSP) for Romilly Primary School:

- Miss N Williams (Lead DSP)
- Miss K Williams (Deputy DSP)
- Mrs E Durrant (Deputy DSP)
- Mrs D Lee (Deputy DSP)
- Miss R Gould (Deputy DSP)
- Our school governor for safeguarding is: Emma Davies-Powell.



The above DSP's can be contacted via the school office, or by telephone on 01446 736934. For a copy of our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, please visit our 'safeguarding' page on our school website.

Criw Cymraeg

Helo, shw mae? We are Romilly's Criw Cymraeg, we are responsible to helping our school's Welsh language journey. We have all been working hard to speak more Welsh in and outside of the classroom, we have made posters for the canteen with useful Welsh phrases and have started using 'Tocyn Iaith' to reward other children who are using Welsh well.

This term we are going to try to get our Cymraeg Campus Bronze Award - this is to show that a positive Welsh ethos is held in our school. If any Welsh speakers want to help us on our journey then please let the school office know.

Diolch, Criw Cymraeg

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Our Welsh phrase of the week we will be practicing in school next week is:

Dw i'n teimlo... hapus/drist/wedi blino/gyffrous which means I am feeling... happy/sad/tired/excited

PE Timetable 2024

Week commencing 15/01/24

Monday 15th January - Year 5

Tuesday 16th January - Year 4

Wednesday 17th January - Year 6

Thursday 18th January - Year 3

Week commencing 22/01/24

Tuesday 23rd January - Year 2

Wednesday 24th January - Reception

Thursday 25th January - Year 1

Week commencing 29/01/24

Monday 29th January - Year 5

Tuesday 30th January - Year 3

Wednesday 31st January - Year 6

Thursday 1st February - Year 4

Dates for your Diary

January

Tuesday 16th January - Year 6 trip to Cardiff Museum

Wednesday 31st January - Wednesday 13th March (every Wednesday) - Year 2 Drama Club - Aladdin

February

Tuesday 6th February - Movie night for drama club children (Year 2 4:30pm & KS2 6:00pm)

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Thursday 22nd February - Aladdin ticket sales for Year 2 & KS2 at 5pm, Canteen

Friday 23rd February - Aladdin tickets on sales for Year 2 & KS2 at 3:45pm, Canteen

March

Monday 11th March - Thursday 14th March - Parents Evening (Reception - Year 6) further information to be sent home shortly. Nursery dates to follow.

Sunday 17th March - Extra drama rehearsal for KS2 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Monday 18th March - Extra drama rehearsal for KS2 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Tues 19th March & Wed 20th March - Year 2 drama show at 4:15pm - Aladdin

Tues 19th March, Wed 20th March & Thurs 21st March - Key stage 2 drama show at 6:00pm - Aladdin

May

Friday 24th May - INSET - school closed to all children