Romilly Newsletter

Edition 6 - Friday 19ᵗʰ January 2024

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance target: 95%

Attendance for each year group for 08/01/24 – 12/01/24:

Reception	98%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%

⭐ **Well done everybody** - every year group hit our target of 95%! This is a brilliant achievement, thank you to everyone for working hard to get to school everyday. ⭐

Late Children - Number of late children last week: 58

Our gates close promptly at 08:55am. Arrival after this time means your child has missed the register and will receive a late mark. If your child arrives after this time, they will be asked to wait with school staff who will take them to their classrooms. If your child likes you to take them to their class, please ensure you arrive before 08:55am to minimise any distress to them. Our gates open at 08:40am to allow plenty of time for this.

Welsh Phrase of the Week

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

Mae hi'n amser chwarare / amser cinio / amser mynd adref meaning It is play time / lunch time / home time

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Parking

Please can we ask all parents when dropping children to school and collecting children at the end of the school day, to be mindful of our surrounding neighbours when parking. We understand and appreciate parking is limited around the school area. If you are able to, please use public transport or walk to school to reduce the pressures on outside traffic at school during peak times.

Attendance Codes - A Guide for Parents

Here at Romilly we have high expectations for your child's attendance because we know when pupils attend school regularly, they are more likely to make friends, enjoy their learning, achieve better results, and increase their life chances. As a result, our attendance target for all children is 95% and above for this year.

We have recently had some queries from parents regarding the codes we use so we have put this guide together to help explain the codes we use regarding attendance.

All register codes either fall under the '**present**' category or the '**absent**' category.

All absent codes are then split into either '**authorised**' or '**unauthorised**'.

Any absences (authorised or unauthorised) will reduce your child's attendance figure.

Authorised/unauthorised – what is the difference?

Authorised absence – these codes are used when the school approves the absence. An example of an authorised code is the 'I' code which is used to authorise an illness. Even authorised absences though will reduce your child's attendance figure. Schools do not have to authorise illnesses, if your child has persistent absences, we may ask to see medical evidence before we authorise an illness.

Unauthorised absence – these codes are used when the school does not authorise the absence. An example of an unauthorised code is the 'G' code which is used for a family holiday. If you as a parent/carer are ill and are unable to get your child to school, this will also count as an unauthorised absence.

What if my child is late?
If your child arrives after the gates close but before the register is closed, they get an 'L' mark. This means they arrived late, but they will still be counted as '**present**' as they are in time to start their learning. Gates open at 8:40am and School starts at 8:55am. After this time your child is late.

If your child arrived after the register closes, they will receive a 'U' code. This means they arrived after the register closed. This mark is counted as an **unauthorised absence** as they will have missed some learning. Having a 'U' code will reduce the attendance figure for the year as it is counted as an absence.

What if my child has an appointment?
If your child has a medical appointment, they will receive an 'M' code. This is counted as an **authorised absence** and will affect their overall attendance figure. Where possible, please try to arrange any medical/dental appointments outside of school hours.

What if the school closes for a day, e.g. due to a strike or snow?
If the school is not open to pupils, that day will not be counted so will not affect your child's overall attendance figure.
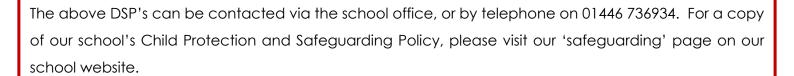
What is counted as persistent absences?
Welsh Government defines persistent absence as pupils whose absence level is more than 10% (i.e. if their attendance is less than 90%).

We hope this information has helped to clarify any attendance concerns you may have had, however, if you do still have any further questions, please get in touch with Niki Williams.

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.

Dates for your Diary

January

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

PE Timetable 2024

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

Week commencing 05/02/2024

Tuesday 6th February - Year 1

Wednesday 7th February - Reception

Thursday 8th February - Year 2