**NEWSLETTER JULY 2021**

This will be the last newsletter for this academic year. It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. I am sure we are all looking forward to a Summer break with our families and having reduced restrictions.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. It has been an incredibly challenging year for everyone with the constant changes that we have had to deal with, often at very short notice. Hopefully we will see you all before the end of term but if we don’t, all the staff at Royd and St John’s wish you an amazing Summer break and hope you have a relaxing time with your family and friends.

I would also like to take this opportunity to praise all the staff at both schools for their hard work, commitment and dedication this school year. It has been an incredibly gruelling year and I cannot thank them enough for their conscientious and unflagging attitude to all the changes and ensuring that all the children have the very best. This isn’t just the teaching staff but all those that work tirelessly behind the scenes. They are both super teams.

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| **School break up and September return**Both schools break up on Friday 16th July and reopen to pupils on Thursday 2nd September.  |
| **Curriculum days 2021-22 – and The Queen’s Jubilee****Wednesday 1st September 2021****Monday 1st November 2021****Monday 21st February 2022****Thursday 21st July 2022****Friday 22nd July 2022**Next year there is an additional bank holiday for the Queens Jubilee. As this will be during half term, the Local Authority will advise schools if they are to take an additional day’s holiday. I will let you know if this is the case and the date when I know more. |
| **Sports Day at both schools**Letters were sent regarding sports days and the organisation to parents/carers at both schools. A risk assessment has been completed and shared with Public Health who have recommended that parents/carers wear face masks even though it is taking place outside. Parents/Carers are to leave the premises promptly due to the increasing numbers of covid cases in our area. Schools are required to follow current Department of Education and Public Health guidance until 19th July 2021 when Step 4 commences. |
| **Y2 Leavers Events** |  |  |
| Local walk with staff | 12 July 2021 | All Day |
| Leavers afternoon film and Mcdonalds | 15 July 2021 | Afternoon |
| Y2 Film and surprise DVD |  |  |
| **Y6 leaver events**SATs breakfast- In place of SATS breakfast children will have a breakfast provided by school week commencing 12th July. Fun day - 14th July - all day until 5pm including ice cream van and Mcdonalds End of year drama/comedy via DVD |
| **Planned work at Royd Nursery Infant**During the Summer holidays and into the first half of Autumn term Royd Nursery Infant are having a new fire alarm system installed. This is very intrusive work with the majority of ceilings being taken down and some being replaced when rewiring. External fire doors are being fitted as well as fire blocks in ceiling voids. Hopefully the bulk of this work will happen during the Summer holiday however, this cannot be guaranteed. This may mean that classes will need to be moved into different classrooms/spaces at short notice. Please bear with us during this period and we will keep you notified as soon as possible of any changes. |
| **Gifts for Staff** We have had several queries about whether parents/carers can bring in gifts for staff. This is very kind and thoughtful – thank you!Please ensure the name of the staff member is clearly labelled on the present and bring to the main office. This will need to be done on either Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th July (next week) at the very latest. We will then store them on tables in the school hall for staff to collect on Friday 16th July. |
| **Photographs**The orders with Wrates have been collected and we awaiting their delivery. |
| **Lexia**This is a massive plea to parents/carers of children that have access to Lexia. Please, please, please ensure your child logs in regularly and reads for short periods of time over the holiday. The staff and parents have worked so hard to help children catch up and it is inevitable that children regress over the long summer break. Anything they do during the Summer will help support their continued progress in September. Reading is the key to learning and I cannot emphasise how important regular reading links to making good attainment and progress. |
| **Healthy snacks at St John’s** At St John’s children can bring in a healthy snack each day to have at break time. This is because the free fruit available to infant children stops at the end of Y2. Please ensure this is a healthy snack such as yogurt, fruits or low sugar and fat snacks. We have noticed an increase in pupils bringing in general snacks - crisps, chocolate biscuits etc. This will be monitored in September and may have to change if the rules are continued to be broken. |
| **Uniform order and school sweater**Please look at the website links below to check your child will be wearing the appropriate clothing. Please ensure cardigans and jumpers have the school logo on. All other items may be bought cheaply at supermarkets.**Royd** - <https://www.roydnurseryinfants.co.uk/uniforms-price-list/>**Deepcar**- <http://www.deepcar-st-johns.sheffield.sch.uk/parent-information/school-uniform> |
| **Uniform donation**If your child is leaving school or simply out grown their uniform would you please consider donating it to the school so we can pass it onto families that would really appreciate not buying new uniform. Please bring into school at the end of next week or the beginning of next academic year. Thank you. |
| **Nut allergy**Nut products are banned at both schools. We have children with significant allergies that are at risk. Please ensure that your child does not bring any food products into school that contain nuts and check the labels carefully of any packaged food. |
| **Stocksbridge Hub foodbank**The foodbank in Stocksbridge has been in touch to say they have large quantities of food available. If you are struggling financially and need some help feeding your children please call in to see them and say that your child attends Deepcar/Royd Nursery Infant. You do not need to provide additional evidence, they will just appreciate the food being used up. |
| **Summer activities** Children that are currently entitled to free school milk and meals have access to a range of Summer activities being held at local venues in Stocksbridge and Deepcar. These activities are free and all eligible families will have received a letter and sign up information sent directly to their home. Please take up these activities. This has been funded by the Government and there are a wide range of activities available. |
| **Track and trace at start of Summer Holidays**Schools do not need to be involved in contract tracing from 19th July 2021.As this is the first day of the school holiday I am unsure whether schools need to be informed by parents of any children that start with symptoms on or before the 18th July. I would recommend that if your child has symptoms and has tested positive prior to midnight Sunday 18th July that you contact either school via the email addresses before and we will seek advice. It may be necessary for the staff to contact you and request for all bubble contacts to isolate.  |
| **Bears of Sheffield**The Bears of Sheffield are taking to the streets and buildings of Sheffield from Monday 12th July. There are 100 little bears designed by schools and 60 big bears designed by professional artists to find.You will be able to track and save the Bears you meet along the way on an interactive web app.(awaiting launch) There will also be a paper trail map for you to find all the Bears. This is the weblink to their page. [**https://bearsofsheffield.com/about/**](https://bearsofsheffield.com/about/) They hope the trail will bring much needed excitement and joy to the city.  |

**Teaching Structure 2021-22**

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| **Year Group** | **Class teacher** |
| **FS1/Nursery**  | Miss Georgia Terry |
| **FS2/Reception**  | Miss Brook/Mrs Barker |
| Miss Brown |
| **Y1/Y2** | Miss Rawding |
| Miss Watts |
| Miss Bamford |
| **Rainbow Room** | Mrs Swales |
| **Y3** | Mrs Hannah Bradwell/Mrs Nicola Thompson |
| Mrs Sam Bell/Mrs Nicola Thompson |
| **Y4** | Miss Anne Danks |
| Miss Jane Steward |
| **Y5** | Mrs Tamsin Riley/Mrs Claire Stewart |
| Miss Megan Woods-Booth |
| **Y6** | Mr Matt Horner |