



**Royd Nursery
Infant School**

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**Deepcar St. John's
C of E Junior School**

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Newsletter October 2021

We have had an excellent start to the school year and it is hard to believe that we are already nearly at the end of the first half term. It has been wonderful having parents/carers back in school for parents evening and being able to offer opportunities that we had pre-covid.

Staff News

Mrs Lizzie Musgrave is pregnant with her first child. Mrs Musgrave will be starting maternity leave in January 2022. From the 8th November, following public health guidelines, she will no longer be teaching and will be completing other roles around school. Miss Hannah Payne, who is currently in the class fulltime will be teaching the class moving forwards. Miss Payne attended the recent parents evening so parents and children have all met her.

Term dates

INSET days this year are as follows:

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| Monday | 1st | November 2021 |
| Friday | 26th | November 2021 |
| Monday | 21st | February 2022 |
| Thursday | 21st | July 2022 |
| Friday | 22nd | July 2022 |

Coats

Can all parents/carers please ensure that children bring a coat to school every day.

Parking

A couple of weeks ago a local resident contacted school to make us aware that they received verbal abuse from a parent/carer who had parked over their drive. This is simply not acceptable. I have also had a number of parents/carers comment about the dangerous parking around school. I would encourage anyone to take a photo of the car including number plate and report to the police non emergency number 101.

Rabbits

The school rabbits are back at Royd. We are looking for families to have them over the holiday period or at weekends. They come with the hutch and food. Please contact Mrs Lawton at Royd if this is of interest.

Sporting News

Following the disruption to school and our PE offer the past year, we are looking forward to a really big push on PE and sports competitions this year. The following have already taken place or will be completed by the end of the week.

Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 took part in a fun run organized by LINKS

There have been two competitions for the girls football team at St John's.

Rowing competition for Y6

Two competitions for the boys' football teams at St John's.

There are also several sporting/physical activity afterschool clubs.

Reading

A huge plea to parents/carers. **If you have a log in to Lexia please ensure that your child logs in and completes at least 10 minutes a day on the system.**

With Christmas coming you might want to know of suggestions for books for your child's year group. In the link below there are recommended books that your child might enjoy.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>

Bringing toys to school

We have noticed an increasing number of toys, especially fidget toys, being brought to school by the children. Pupils should not be bringing them into school. If pupils need resources to support their needs they will be provided by school.

Sheffield Wednesday Home Top - Raffle

As you know, Deepcar St John's has strong links with Sheffield Wednesday community team. SWFC have very kindly donated a **signed** Wednesday shirt to the school. We are organising a raffle to win the shirt which would make an ideal Christmas present for any SWFC fan. Tickets will be £5 each and a letter is to follow with details of how to enter the raffle. Raised funds will be used to buy additional going home books.

Sleep Helpline

Does your child get enough sleep? One in four children in the UK are not getting enough sleep, this has an impact on their behaviour and ability to learn, as well as their physical health. There is a free helpline run by trained sleep advisors who can talk to young people directly, or their parents. The helpline is open 5 nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, 7-9pm and the number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Macmillan

Thank you all for your very kind donations of cake on Macmillan coffee morning. I know that the children really, really enjoyed your cakes. We raised an amazing £651 across both schools.

Visits to St John's

If any Y2 parents are undecided about a school for Y3 please contact me to make an appointment to have a look around St John's.

Provisional dates for Christmas concerts at Royd

If the event goes ahead we are adding in additional performances so adults can space out. We will also only be allocating two tickets per family.

FS performances- 8th December am and pm and 15th December am and pm

KS1 performances- Thursday 9th am and pm and Tuesday 14th am and pm

A letter with further detail will follow

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

November

1 -Training day- children not in school

3 – Class 9 Victorian Classroom

4 – Class 8 Victorian Classroom

5 – Class 7 Victorian Classroom

19- Children in Need

26 – Bank Holiday, school closed

December

3 – 'Break the rules' dress down day

10 - Christmas Jumper day

17 – break up for Christmas

January 2022

27- Sleeping Beauty Pantomime AM

Deepcar St John's

November

12 - Rock Steady group in at St Johns

19 - Children in Need and individual photos

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w/c 10 - Poetry week@ St John's

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