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Learning, caring and sharing together

Newsletter September 2023

Welcome back to school after the Summer holidays. I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful Summer break. A big welcome to the new families that have joined in Two-year-old, Nursery and Reception provision plus different year groups. The children have all settled in well.

I am writing to you with some reminders and dates about events coming up in the next half term.

Can I thank you all for your continued support this year.

Staff news

Royd Nursery Infant

We are pleased to announce that Miss Georgia Terry is expecting her first child around Christmas. We will write to you shortly with details about the maternity cover.

Punctuality - start and end times

Both schools for the age groups Reception to Y6 have had to increase the school day for an additional 5 minutes due to new Government guidance. Therefore, the doors at **both schools will open at 8.40am** and registration will take place at 8.50am. Your child will be marked as late if they arrive after this time and children will have to enter by the main school doors. Several pupils are already marked as late. Parents/carers need to ensure that children are on time ready for the school day.

Two Year old Provision and Nursery

Places are available in these provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a setting do please pass on the school details and we can then organise visits around school for prospective families. We can also help parents/carers find out if they are eligible for funded places. There are around 25% of families not accessing provision that they are entitled to in the city.

Inset days

The remaining curriculum days this academic year are as follows:

Friday 20 October 2023 Monday 22 July 2024 Tuesday 23 July 2024

Uniform

Children should be attending school every day in uniform. If you are unsure of the expectations details are on the school website. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled.

PE days

Year group	Class	Days
Reception	Class 1 and Class 2	Thursday and Friday
Y1	Class 7	Tuesday and Thursday
	Class 8	Tuesday and Thursday
	Class 9	Monday and Wednesday
Y2	Class 7	Tuesday and Thursday (Please note that children that are Year 2 and in Class 7 will be swimming every Tuesday starting on Tuesday 9 th September and up until and including Tuesday 14 th November).
	Class 8	Tuesday and Thursday (Please note that children that are Year 2 and in Class 7 will be swimming every Tuesday starting on Tuesday 21 st November and up until and including Tuesday 30 th January).
	Class 9	Monday and Wednesday
Y3		Tuesday and Thursday
Y4		Monday and Wednesday
Y5		Tuesday (one class swimming) and Friday
Y6		Monday and Wednesday

PE kit for afterschool club

If your child is attending extra curriculum clubs please ensure they bring a PE kit with them to school that day.

Parking

We received several complaints last year from local residents and one already this academic year plus a school visit had to be cancelled due to inappropriate parking.

Please respect the residents in the local area and park safely for the benefit of all our children.

Wall Outside St John's

A local resident has asked me to request that families waiting outside St John's not lean on his wall. Last year, due to parents leaning on the wall, the top layer of the wall was pushed off. The gentleman has spent money replacing the parts and asks that families not lean and make them loose again. The wall is located on the left hand side as you look at the front of school. Thank you

PE - Hairbands and Earrings

If your child has long hair they must bring a hair bobble to tie their hair up for PE. Please tell your child to leave the hair bobble in school for future PE lessons. Please remove earrings on PE days before they come to school or teach your child to take them out.

Healthy snacks

Children at Royd have a piece of fruit/vegetable provided for them to eat each day by the council.

At St John's the **healthy** snacks must be brought in from home. Can you please ensure this is a piece of fruit or something else suitably healthy such as yoghurt.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

September

12th - Class 7 swimming

October

4th - Macmillan coffee morning 2 year old provision and Nursery parents/carers invited to a stay and play session Reception, Year and Year 2 parents/carers invited to phonic session

18th - Individual photographs

Deepcar St John's

September

12th – swimming for Y5SB/HB commences 29th - Macmillan coffee morning Maths Measures day

October

6th - Individual photographs