**Newsletter November 2023**

It’s hard to believe that we have already started the second half term. The children have settled back quickly into school this week.

I am writing to you with some reminders and please look at the dates at the end of the newsletter as there are some important dates for the Christmas period.

**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 consistently marked as late. Parents/carers need to ensure that children are on time ready for the school day everyday.

**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 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:

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Water**

Children should only be bringing water to school to drink. There has been an increase in dilute squash being brought into school in their water bottles. This is part of our healthy eating policy.

**PE days- gentle reminder**

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| **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 9th September and up until and including Tuesday 14th 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 21st November and up until and including Tuesday 30th 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**

All children need to have a PE kit in school. T his needs to be an indoor and an outdoor PE kit. Please look at the school websites for further details.

**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. If they are newly pierced or ears not healed children need to come to school with tape over their ears to fully participate in a PE lesson.

**Pupils at St John’s**

We have had increasing numbers of children bringing cough sweets and pencil cases into school particularly at St John’s. Children should not be bringing either of these items into school.

As ever we are looking towards an enjoyable festive period and looking to see all our parents at parent’s evenings.

Dates for Diary

**Royd Nursery Infant**

**November**

**6 -** Parents evening

**17 -** Children in Need

**29** - FS2 Library Visit

**December**

**13 – 10am and 2pm** KS1 Concert

**19 - 10am** FS1 and FS2 concert

**21 -** School Christmas dinner

**20 - 9-9.40 am** Stay and play 2 year old provision

and Christmas songs

**pm -** mobile pantomime at DSJ pm

**2.20-3pm** Stay and play 2 year old provision

and Christmas songs

**21 - 10am** FS1 and FS2 Concert

**2 pm** Rock Steady Concert

**22 -** National Christmas Jumper Day

**Deepcar St John’s**

**November**

**2 -** Parents evening

**6 -** Hepp DT in Y3

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**7 -** Parents evening

**13 -** W/C Bikeability Y6

**17 -** Children in Need

**December**

**20 - PM** mobile pantomime in school

**20 -** School Christmas dinner

**21 -** Rock Steady Concert 11am

**22 -** National Christmas Jumper Day