

Newsletter March 2024

This term has gone so quickly. It is hard to believe that we are at the Easter break already. I would like to wish all our families a very happy Easter and hope you all enjoy your well-earned break.

Two Year old Provision

We have a few spaces left for starters after Easter. Please contact the school office at Royd if you, or anyone you know, are interested.

Inset days

The remaining curriculum days this academic year are as follows:

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Flood repair work

We have a lot of work taking place during the Easter holidays across the two schools.

There are several carpets being replaced at Royd in the reception classrooms, entrance lobby and school office.

At St John's we have a new carpet, ceiling outside the Y3 area and a new floor being fitted in the hall. Hopefully this will all be completed during the break. There is some remaining work that will be completed during the May half term.

Parent Governor

A huge thank you to the two parents that put themselves forward for nomination. We were pleased with the number of returns. Thank you to those parents that did respond. It was very close and Mrs Katie Smith was elected.

Fining for absence

During the Summer Sheffield City Council are changing the fining amounts for children's term time absence from school. This is due to changes implemented by the Government who are concerned about the absence and persistent absenteeism rates across the country. Please see the attached poster. Changes will come into effect Summer 2024. A letter with further details will follow.

Attendance

We are trying really hard to improve attendance at both schools. Our aim is to get our overall attendance up to 96.5%. Every day at school counts. If your child is not feeling 100% in the morning please give them some medication and still bring them into school. Give them a chance to attend. We are great at looking after them and if they need to come home we will give you a call. Often, once they are in, they do feel

better. Thank you to all the parents that are currently working with school on this matter.

Royd

The attendance currently is 94.8% which has increased from 94.7% at the end of the half term in February. However, this does need to improve further. Y2 pupils have the lowest attendance at 93.2% and Y1 the highest at 95.8%

St John's

The average attendance at St John's is 94.9% which has increased from 94.6% at the end of half term in February. Y6 has the lowest attendance and it is crucial that this improves being such an important year before high school. The highest attendance is Y3 at 96%.

Breakfast and Afterschool club

Payment should be made upfront for this provision. We are getting very close to capacity on many sessions so I would recommend that parents complete the booking forms to ensure a place.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

March

28- Rock Steady concert 2pm

April

19- Theatre Visit – Jungle Book

24- Reception to library

May

Y2 SATS month

6- Bank Holiday Monday

17- Science afternoon KS1

June

5- Class Photographs

W/C 10- Phonics Screening Y1

19-21 Y2 Residential Whirlow

26-28 Transition visits across school

July

2- Planetarium Visit KS1

Deepcar St John's

March

28- Rock Steady Concert 10am

April

19-Theatre Visit- Jungle Book

24-26- Residential Y4 The Oakes

May

2- First Aid Training Y5

6- Bank Holiday Monday

W/C 13- Y6 SATs

21- 22- Y6 Residential London

June

W/C 3 – Multiplication Check Y4

4-Class Photographs

12- 14 Y5 Residential Loosehill Hall

26-28 - Transition visits across school

July

1-3 Y3 Residential Cliffe House