

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

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

All children need to have a PE kit in school. This 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
- 20 - School Christmas Dinner
- 20 - 9-9.40 am Stay and play 2 year old provision
and Christmas Songs
- pm - Mobile Pantomime in School
- 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
Weighing and Measuring Y6
- 7 - Parents Evening
- 13 - W/C Bikeability Y6
- 17 - Children in Need

December

- 20 - School Christmas Dinner
- 20 - PM Mobile Pantomime in School
- 21 - 11am Rock Steady Concert
- 22 - National Christmas Jumper Day