

## Newsletter February 2024

### Staffing changes/News

We are pleased to share that Miss Terry had a healthy baby boy weighing 7lb 7oz. He has been named Albie. Mum and baby are doing well.

Mr Horner got married at the start of the February half term. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both.

### Jungle Book

After the success of the pantomime we have booked in a travelling theatre company to come into school to perform for children between Reception and Y6. A letter will follow with further information.

### 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 is interested.

### Upcoming Childcare Changes

You will have heard in the news about changes being phased in for free childcare that the government announced last year. Below is some information so you are aware of what your entitlement is for a two year old child. There are no changes for 3-4 year olds.

Age <b>2</b> years			
FAMILIES RECEIVING SOME ADDITIONAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT			
<b>15</b> HOURS	<b>15</b> HOURS	<b>15</b> HOURS	<b>15</b> HOURS
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
WORKING FAMILIES			
<b>15</b> HOURS	<b>15</b> HOURS	<b>30</b> HOURS	
APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	

If you have a child that will be two in the coming year and you would like for them to attend our provision please contact school. This will enable us to plan ahead as much as possible with our staffing. Thank you.

### **Inset days**

The remaining curriculum days this academic year are as follows:

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

### **Parents Evening**

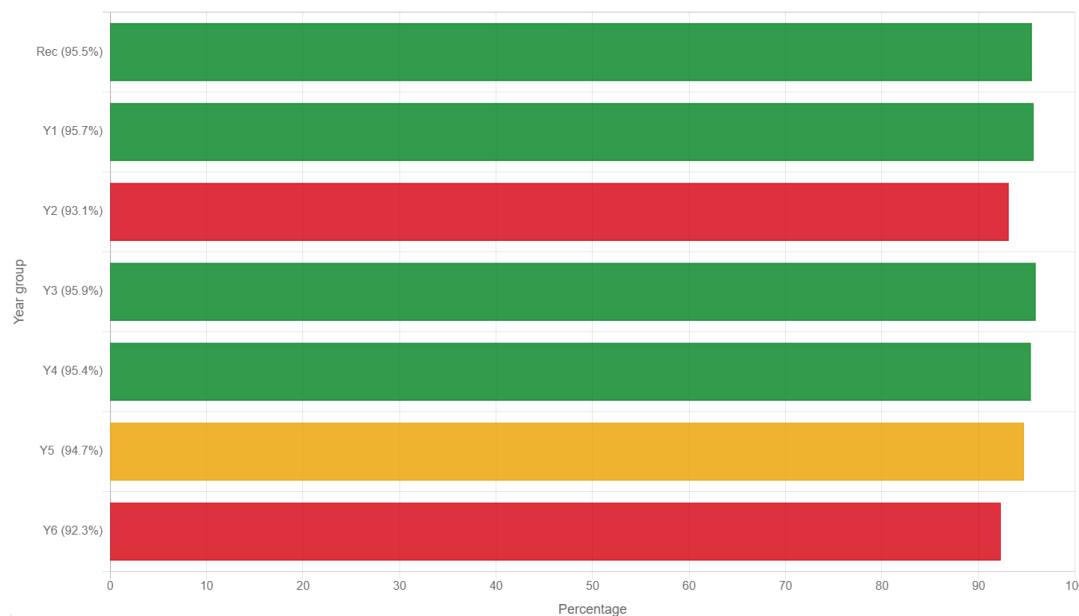
Please see the dates below. Please remember that if your child is on the SEND register you do not need one of these appointments as you will have a structured conversation.

### **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.

### **Attendance**

We are trying really hard to improve attendance at both schools. Our aim is to get our overall attendance up to 96.5%. We are currently at 94.7% at Royd and 94.6% at St John's. We really do need to improve. 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.



## **Parking**

I have received numerous complaints from Parents/Carers about issues with parking around both schools and the danger this is posing to our children. I have been out with the School Council from St John's and the children have placed yellow parking tickets on cars that they feel are obstructing drives, parked on corners where families cross roads, parked on double yellow lines and on grass verges. I have contacted the Parking Enforcement team who will be out on patrol in the next few days.

The school council are planning further walks to identify what they class as dangerous parking for our children. Let us hope you do not receive a ticket.

## **Breakfast and Afterschool club**

Payment should be made upfront of this provision, please make sure your ParentPay account is in credit prior to booking a session. We are hoping to develop the provision further this next financial year and will be emailing Parents/Carers with a questionnaire to see what else they and their children would like to see in the wrap around care.

## **Dates for Diary**

### **Royd Nursery Infant**

#### **February**

**29** – FS2 'Stay and Play' – rearranged due to snow

#### **March**

**4 to 8** – 2 year and Nursery provision  
World Book Day activities

**7** - World Book Day – all school

**13** - Storyteller in school- parents welcome

**15** - Red Nose Day

**21** – Parents Evening – all school

**25 to 28** – 2 year and Nursery provision  
Easter Activities

**25** – Parents Evening Nursery only

**26** – Structured Conversations

**27** - Egg rolling and egg decorating  
Competition

Parents Evening – all school

**28** - Rock Steady concert 2pm  
Structured conversations

#### **April**

**19** - Theatre visit – Jungle book

### **Deepcar St John's**

#### **March**

**6** - Parents Eve 4-6pm

**7**- Parents Eve (Y5MWB Only)

**7**- World Book Day

**13**- Parents Eve 3:30-5:30pm

**15** - Red Nose Day

**27**- Egg rolling and egg decoration  
competition

**28**- Rock Steady concert 10am

#### **April**

**19**-Theatre visit- Jungle Book

**24-26**- Residential Y4 The Oakes

#### **May**

**2**- First aid training Y5