

## Newsletter October 2024

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term at school and what a busy one it has been!

### **Two and Three year old provision**

We are planning ahead for what parents/carers need in terms of our provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a setting after Christmas please do pass on the school details and we can organise a visit.

For parents/carers of children in the 2-year-old provision we already have your information and know when your child will transition to the three-year-old provision. We will be in touch after half term to look at requests for January 2025.

### **Afterschool and Breakfast Club**

Can I please urge parents/carers to complete the booking forms for afterschool and breakfast club. We are very close to capacity on certain days and recently turned people away for last minute bookings. If we are aware of the needs of parents/carers we may be able to make staffing changes to accommodate, however, we cannot do this last minute. Thank you.

### **Inset Days**

The remaining INSET days this year are as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>July 2025</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>July 2025</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>July 2025</b>

Breaking up on the 18<sup>th</sup> July means that there will be cheaper holidays for parents/carers to access. Please note that there may also be bargain holidays available at Easter as many Local Authorities have a different two weeks holiday compared to Sheffield.

### **Punctuality**

School officially starts at 8.50am.

The doors at **both schools will open at 8.40am** and registration will take place at 8.50am. **Both schools finish at 3.20pm**. Please note there are different start times for 2-year-old and 3-year olds.

### **Parking**

Once again, I have received several complaints from parents/neighbours concerned about the parking of a small number of parents/carers around school. This includes parents/carers dropping their child/children off at breakfast club and parking on

double yellow lines, a parent parking on the pavement at the corner of the junction with Webb Avenue and St Margaret Avenue and an adult nearly being run over by a parent mounting a kerb when parking quickly.

Please give yourself time to walk a further distance and be a responsible member of the community. Our focus should be on keeping children safe. In light of this I have contacted the parking enforcement team at Sheffield City Council regarding the issues and they will be sending parking wardens to the site. School council members will also be starting their parking ticket campaign once again.

### **Uniform**

Children should be attending school every day in uniform. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled. Please look at the website for the expectations. We already have a large number of sweaters in lost property, all with no names.

### **Jewellery**

Pupils can wear a pair of stud earrings and a watch to school. These are the only form of Jewellery allowed. Smart watches are not allowed.

### **Bringing items in from home**

There has been an increasing number of children bringing moon balls, bouncy balls, cuddly toys and fidget items into school to play with during playtimes particularly at the junior school. This is causing unnecessary upset when items are lost or damaged. Moon balls and bouncy balls can also be dangerous when used on a busy school yard. We have a large range of equipment for children to play with in school therefore It is not necessary for your child to bring in their own items.

### **Lunchtime Supervisors**

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at Deepcar St John's. Please contact the school office if you are interested for further details.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Children at Royd have a healthy snack provided by Sheffield City Council daily. Children at Deepcar St John's need to bring in a healthy snack from home. This should be a piece of fruit or something else suitably healthy such as a yoghurt.

### **Parents Evening**

The first parents evening of the year is coming up. For Deepcar St Johns further details will follow regarding the online booking of this. Please see the dates for diary information below.

### **Pantomime**

We have some fantastic news! We have booked both schools to go to the pantomime at the Lyceum in Sheffield. Children from Reception to Y2 at Royd will be going on 17<sup>th</sup> December and children at Deepcar St John's will be going on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

There will be no cost to parents/carers. For Deepcar St John's, Bloor Homes have donated £1,000, a donation has been made from PODS (Parents of Deepcar School) and any remaining balance will be paid for from our school fundraising account.

Children at Royd Nursery infant school will have the full cost paid for through the school fundraising account. Please look out for a follow up letter next half term.

A big thank you to PODS and Bloor Homes for their kind donations and for parent/carer contributions through fundraising events throughout the years.

### **Adverse Weather**

I do not like mentioning this but we are coming to that time in the year when we need to prepare for winter weather. Please ensure we have up to date contact details as we will inform you via text, Facebook and our school website if there are any changes to school opening times. Radio Sheffield will also broadcast any school closures.

### **Cashpot - ASDA**

Thank you to those parents/carers that have downloaded the Asda rewards App and selected our schools for the Cashpot for schools fundraising initiative. So far approximately £200 has been raised for each school. The scheme will continue to run until the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### School communication - Who to contact:

1 <sup>st</sup> contact				
Royd NI		Deepcar St John's		
<p><b><u>Class teacher</u></b> Please speak to the class teacher about any of the following:</p> <p>Academic progress</p> <p>Behaviour</p> <p>Concerns about learning</p> <p>Friendships</p> <p>Home circumstances that might impact learning</p> <p>Homework</p> <p>Reading books</p> <p>Spellings</p>	<p><b><u>Office team</u></b> Please speak to the office team about any of the following:</p> <p>Administering medicines</p> <p>Changes to pick up and drop off</p> <p>Communication - letters/ emails etc</p> <p>Dinners</p> <p>Extra-curricular clubs</p> <p>General queries</p> <p>Illness and absence requests</p> <p>ParentPay</p> <p>Trips</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Request for term time leave (holiday forms)</p>	<p><b><u>Class teacher</u></b> Please speak to the class teacher about any of the following:</p> <p>Academic progress</p> <p>Behaviour</p> <p>Concerns about learning</p> <p>Friendships</p> <p>Home circumstances that might impact learning</p> <p>Homework</p> <p>Reading books</p> <p>Spellings</p>	<p><b><u>Office team</u></b> Please speak to the office team about any of the following:</p> <p>Administering medicines</p> <p>Changes to pick up and drop off</p> <p>Communication - letters/ emails etc</p> <p>Dinners</p> <p>Extra-curricular clubs</p> <p>General queries</p> <p>Illness and absence requests</p> <p>ParentPay</p> <p>Trips</p> <p>Request for term time leave (holiday forms)</p>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> contact				
For any further queries please contact the staff below				
<p>Sean Sly – Senior Leadership Team</p> <p>CLA (children looked after)</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <p>PP (pupil premium)</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Joanne Swales – SENDCo</p> <p>Special needs including EHCP (education health &amp; care plan)</p>	<p>Holly Brook-EYFS lead</p> <p>Baseline</p> <p>Early years</p> <p>Reception</p> <p>Transition in early years</p>	<p>Hannah Bradwell – Senior Leadership Team</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <p>Behaviour</p>	<p>Jane Steward - SENDCo</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <p>Special needs Inc. EHCP (education health &amp; care plan)</p> <p>CLA (children looked after)</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> contact				
Louise Jones – Executive Headteacher				

**All queries to breakfast and afterschool clubs should be made by email to [breakfastandafterschoolclub@deepcarprimarypartnership.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastandafterschoolclub@deepcarprimarypartnership.sheffield.sch.uk)**

## Dates for Diary

### Royd Nursery Infant

#### November

- 11 - Parents Evening
- 12 - Y1 & Y2 trip to Warwick Castle
- 13 - Flu Vaccination
- 15 - Children in Need
- 18 - Parents Evening for Reception
- 19 - Parents Evening
- 25 - Parents Evening for Reception

#### December

- 4 - Stay & play 2-year old's AM & PM
- 11 - KS1 concert 10 am and 2pm
- 12 - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
- 17 - Pantomime Lyceum Reception to Y2
- 18 - EYFS Christmas Concert 10am
- 19 - EYFS Christmas Concert 10am
- 19 - Christmas Dinner – Whole School
- 20 - Christmas Jumper Day

### Deepcar St John's

#### November

- 13 - Flu Vaccination
- 14 - Parents Evening
- 15 - Children in Need
- 18 - Parents Evening

#### December

- 4 - 6 - Y5 Residential
- 10 - Pantomime - Lyceum
- 12 - Rock Steady Concert 10am
- 18 - Christmas Dinner – Whole School
- 19 - Christmas Service 2pm
- 20 - Christmas Jumper Day