

## Newsletter June 2025

This year is moving so quickly and I cannot believe we are in the last half term of the school year.

I am writing to you with some reminders and dates about events coming up in this half term. This is the busiest half term of the school year.

### Staff news

#### Royd Nursery Infant

We will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Donna Stephens who works in our two-year-old provision. She is wanting to spend more time with her husband at home and enjoy their weekends in the campervan.

Miss Laura Jowitt is leaving us in a couple of weeks and has found new employment in a nursery setting.

We wish them both well in the future.

#### Deepcar St John's

No changes

### Two and three-year-old provision

You may already be aware that Royd Nursery Infant school has been successful in the Nursery Capital Grant. We are absolutely thrilled to receive this funding. Our Nursery building will be going through some upgrading ready for September 2025. There will be work taking place in the outdoor area during the months before the Summer break and then during the Summer the nursery building will be extended, and the interior will be upgraded. The aim of this work is to increase the number of places we have for children aged 2 and 3 years old. The Government has set out new funding available for working parents.

If your or anyone that you know are wanting additional hours please contact school so we are aware of needs in the local area and can plan staffing accordingly. We will currently not be offering any provision for children younger than two.

### **Inset days**

The remaining INSET days this year are as follows:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Breaking up on the 18<sup>th</sup> July means that there will be cheaper holidays for parents to access.

### **Leave of Absence**

The school is following the new guidance for fining as described by the Government. We have seen an increased number of holiday requests this term and parents need to ensure they know the guidance changed in August 2024 and implications for the future.

### **False nails**

We have identified that there are still a number of children in upper key stage 2 that have worn false nails to school. This is not part of the uniform policy and children are not allowed to wear them into school.

### **Afterschool and Breakfast club**

Parents have already been informed about these changes. The window for booking for July and September dates will close on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025. If you do need to book any sessions after this date you will need to contact the school office and make bookings over the phone. Payment will need to be made at the same time.

### **Extra-Curricular clubs**

We are looking for ideas for clubs that we currently do not run at either school. If you or your child have any ideas on what you would like being run please let us know by emailing the schools.

### **School Budgets**

The school budgets for 2025-2026 have been reduced this year even though the government has stated that schools have never been so well funded. This is certainly not what we are seeing at ground level. I had a meeting with Marie Tidball (MP) recently to discuss this issue.

### **Issues with WhatsApp**

We have been made aware of a number of issues with children that have set up WhatsApp groups in Key stage 2.

WhatsApp guidance age is age 13 upwards. Often these groups have been set up with the best of intentions but they often seem to go awry with unkind comments,

threats, photographs and memes being added. This ends up with children and families being very upset.  
If you have allowed your child to go in a WhatsApp group please, please, please monitor what they are doing on their groups on a daily basis.

### **Dates for Diary**

#### **Royd Nursery Infant**

##### **June**

9 - Phonic Screening Starts Y1 and Y2  
18 - Y2 residential to Whirlow

##### **July**

2-4- Transition days across school  
10 - Rocksteady concert 2pm  
14 - Sports Day Rec, Y1 and Y2 AM only  
16 – Summer Fayre- joint with St John's

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

##### **June**

5- Global awareness day  
5 - Y3 Synagogue Trip  
18- Yorkshire sculpture park trip Y3  
20-Y4 trip to Yorkshire wildlife park

##### **July**

2-4 Transition days across the school  
7-10 Y3 residential  
10- Rocksteady concert 10am  
10- Y6 production 2pm and 6pm  
14- Bastille Day  
15- Prom  
16 –Summer Fayre- joint with Royd  
17- 2pm Y6 Leavers Service