Newsletter – November 2026

We hope you had a restful half term; this newsletter contains important reminders and key dates for the upcoming half term and general reminders.

Staff News

Deepcar St John's

Mrs Ruth Haywood left at the end of last half term; we wish her well in the future and thank her for her long serving commitment to the school.

Mrs Katherine Gibson was appointed as a teaching assistant and has started with us this week.

Building Works

Royd

The delayed door replacement will take place over the weekends at the end of next half term.

Deepcar St John's

The new climbing frames and equipment at St John's are due to be installed at the beginning of November. This will take approximately a week. The work will be completed when children are in their classrooms.

Two and Three-Year-Old Provision

We still have a limited number of places available within our two and three-year-old provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a childcare setting, please encourage them to contact us so that we can arrange a visit.

We are also beginning the process of allocating places for **January 2027**.

INSET Days

The remaining INSET days for this academic year are:

- **Monday 12 April 2027**
- **Friday 28 May 2027**

Where possible, these days have been scheduled immediately before or after school holidays to help families take advantage of lower travel costs.

Parking

The schools have received some complaints about parking on local streets around the schools. Please can all parents park responsibly.

Jewellery

We have a few older children wearing hoop earrings - please ensure your child wears one pair of studs only.

PE

For health and safety reasons, all jewellery must be removed before PE lessons.

Parents/carers of younger children should remove earrings before school on PE days. Older children may remove their own stud earrings.

If ears have been recently pierced and earrings cannot be removed, tape may be worn over them. **This must be applied before school by parents/carers.**

If the tape becomes loose or falls off before the PE lesson, staff will carry out a risk assessment and adapt activities where necessary. In these circumstances, children may be unable to take part in contact sports.

Thank you to those parents that always ensure that their child has their PE kit in school.

Swimming

The groups will be changing over in the next couple of weeks.

If your child is attending swimming, their hair must be tied back if it covers their eyes. You must give consent to goggles and if they must remove their earrings. If they have newly pierced ears you must provide a band to cover their ears which you can buy online. The swim team are very strict about this.

Hair Ties

Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons. Please ensure your child brings a hair bobble and leaves it in school for future PE sessions.

Mr Horner

Mr Horner a teacher in Y5/6 has recently completed his first marathon in York managing a fantastic time of 3:44, well done Mr Horner! He linked this event to sponsorship to buy books for the children at St John's. He was overwhelmed with the response by many parents- Thank you! The total amount raised is £313.

Updating contact and home details

If you have moved house, changed phone numbers etc please let the office staff know. It is important that we are kept up to date so we can contact you in an emergency.

Donations

Thank you for all your harvest donations, we had a fantastic response. All donations have been greatly received by Food Matters Stocksbridge who provide support to our local community.

Notifying school

Please notify the school office at the relevant school if your child will not be attending a prebooked afterschool or extra-curricular club.

Breakfast and afterschool club – New form

If your child already attends wrap around care or you would like to enrol your child, you will need to complete our new online form. This is to ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child. This replaces the old paper form previously used. This form will be sent out in a separate communication in due course.

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Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

November

11 - Remembrance Day

13 - Children In Need

16- Odd Socks Day - start of Anti bullying week

17- New swimming group in Y2

20 – Class 2 trip to Library

23 - Parents evening Royd

25 – Storyteller visit EYFS

27- Class 1 trip to library

December

3 - 2-Year-old stay and play 9-9.45am and 2.15- 3pm

9 – 10am and 2 pm KS1 Christmas play

10 - Rocksteady concert 2.30pm

10 - Parents evening

15 - FS1 and FS2 Christmas play 10am

16 – FS1 and FS2 Christmas play 10am

17 - Christmas dinner

18 - Christmas Jumper Day

Deepcar St John's

November

11 - Remembrance Day

12 - Parent evening St John's (not Mr Horner's class)

13 - Children In Need

16 - Odd Socks Day- start of Anti bullying week

17 - New swimming group Y5

17- Parents evening St John's

18 - Flu Vaccinations

26 - Mr Horner's - additional parents evening

December

7- 9 – Y5 residential

9 – School disco- PODS St John's children only

10 - Rocksteady concert 10am

16 - Christmas Dinner St John's

17 - Christingle at St John's Church

18 - Christmas Jumper Day

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