

## Newsletter September 2024

Welcome back to school after the Summer holidays. I hope you have all had a wonderful and restful Summer break. A warm welcome to the new families that have joined in Two-year-old, Nursery and Reception provision and others in different year groups.

I am writing to you with some reminders and dates about events coming up in the next half term.

Can I thank you all for your continued support this year.

### Staff News

#### Royd Nursery Infant

Miss Georgia Terry will be returning part time as Nursery teacher in October working Wednesday, Thursday Friday. Miss Terry is returning after her maternity leave. Miss Terry will be working with Mrs Lizzie Musgrave. Mrs Musgrave will be working Monday and Tuesday when Miss Terry returns.

We have two new teachers in Key Stage 1.

Miss Stephanie Howes and Miss Ellie Aldam have been appointed as KS1 class teachers.

Mrs Rachel Barker had a baby girl, Alice, during the Summer holiday. Both Mum and daughter are doing well.

#### Deepcar St John's

We have had several new staff members who have started in September.

Mr Dean Cefferty has been appointed as caretaker and started before the Summer holidays.

Mrs Katie Cefferty has been employed to work as midday lunchtime assistant.

Mrs Hayley Hall is the newly appointed HLTA and will be working across the whole school.

Miss Hannah Fletcher-Adams is the new teacher in Y4.

### 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.**

### Two and three year old provision

We still have limited places available in these provisions. If you know of anyone looking for a setting please pass on the school details so we can organise a visit.

### **Inset Days**

The remaining INSET days this year are as follows:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

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

### **Leave of Absence**

The school is following the new guidance for fining as described by the Government. A copy of the flyer regarding penalty notice fines is attached to this email.

### **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 have already had a large number of sweaters and coats in lost property.

### **Jewellery**

Pupils can wear a pair of stud earrings and a watch to school. These are the only form of jewellery allowed.

For PE lessons jewellery should be removed for health and safety reasons. Earrings should be removed by parents if children are younger. Older children can take their own studs out. If your child's ears are not healed or if recently pierced tape can be worn over the earrings. This needs to be applied before school by parents. If this tape becomes loose or falls off before PE, teachers will risk assess the PE activity and the sessions will be adjusted for that particular child. The child would not be able to play contact sports.

### **PE – Hairbands**

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.

## PE days

Year group/class		Days
Reception	R1/R2	Monday and Friday
Y1	Class 7	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
	Class 8	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
	Class 9	Thursday (indoor and outdoor)
Y2	Class 7	Swimming Thursday Morning
	Class 8	Swimming Thursday Morning
	Class 9	Swimming Thursday Morning
Y3		Tuesday and Thursday
Y4		Monday and Wednesday
Y5		Tuesday (one class swimming) and Friday
Y6		Wednesday/Friday and Thursday (days swap each week so please bring in for the week)

## Lunchtime Supervisors

We currently have two vacant posts at Deepcar St John's. Please contact the school office if you are interested for further details.

## PE Kit - Extra Curricular Clubs

If your child is attending an extra curricular club please ensure they bring a PE kit with them to school that day.

## Healthy Snacks

Children at Royd have a piece of food provided for them to eat each day by the council.

At Deepcar St John's the **healthy** snacks must be brought in from home. Can you please ensure this is a piece of fruit or something else suitably healthy such as yoghurt.

## Parentpay

Can all new parents in Two-year-old provision, Nursery, Reception and Y3 parents who have moved to Deepcar St Johns please register for Parentpay. If you require any help with registering please contact the appropriate school office.

### **Dinner Charges**

Dinners for Junior school children have been increased by the Local Authority to £2.60 per meal, for Nursery and Two-year-old provision the cost of a meal is £2.30

### **Dates for Diary**

#### **Royd Nursery Infant**

##### **September**

12<sup>th</sup> -Swimming for Y2

##### **October**

16<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photographs

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

##### **September**

10<sup>th</sup> – Swimming for Y5JS/HB

##### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> - Individual Photographs