

Newsletter May 2024

Summer has been and gone... hopefully it will improve again in the coming weeks. Please ensure that on forecasted hot days your child arrives wearing sun cream, with a water bottle and sun hat.

Two Year old Provision

We are expecting a larger number of children to start our 2-year-old provision in September due to the Government's funding supporting working parents. If you or someone else you know are interested in a place please contact the school to express an interest and help us organise our staffing to meet the needs of the community. Please pass this information to other families you may know in the area.

School Dates

School closes on Friday 19th July

Please see the attached calendar for next year.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Local Residents

We have received a complaint from a local resident on St Margaret's Avenue about parents/carers parking on the grass verge outside their house and damaging the growth of the grass. Can parents/carers please park on the road. I believe the resident has contacted the Council.

Attendance

We are trying really hard to improve attendance at both schools and our aim is for overall attendance to be 96.5%. Every day at school counts. The attendance at St John's has improved since the last newsletter in March with Royd's attendance remaining the same.

If your child is not feeling 100% in the morning, please give them some medication and bring them into school. Give your child the chance to attend. Staff are great at looking after our children and should they need to come home we will give you a call. Usually, once children are in, they do feel better. Thank you to all the parents/carers that are currently working with both schools on this matter.

Royd

The attendance currently is 94.8%. Y2 pupils have the lowest attendance at 93.2% and Y1 the highest at 95.8%. This remains the same since March 2024.

St John's

The average attendance at St John's is 95.3% which has increased from 94.6% at the end of half term in February. Y6 has the lowest attendance at 93.5%. The highest attendance is Y3 and Y4 at 96.1%.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Payment should be made upfront for this provision. We are getting very close to capacity on many sessions so I would recommend that parents/carers complete the booking forms to ensure a place.

School Uniform

Royd

Office staff keep the stock of uniform for parents/carers to purchase at school. Children new to Reception and Nursery will have an order form to complete at the parent/carer induction meetings. If you would like to buy new uniform, please contact the school office so we can ensure that we have it in stock for you before the end of term.

If you are interested in good condition, second hand uniform please contact the school office. We have quite a bit of stock available for families to purchase.

St John's

This Summer we are coming to the end of phasing in the new school uniform at St John's. Therefore, all children attending St John's in September 2024 must wear the new uniform. This includes a royal blue sweater/cardigan with the new logo. Please see the school website for details. The company used is School Trends. This link takes you directly to the order page.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/DeepcarStJohnsCEJuniorSchoolS362TE>

It would be worth ordering this sooner rather than later for guaranteed delivery before September 2024.

Are there any parents/carers that have the new school uniform at home that no longer need it? Would you be willing to donate it to school so we can supply new parents/carers with cheaper options? Please send into the school office at St John's where we will ensure that it goes to a good home. Thank you

Vacancies/Employment at St John's

We will shortly be advertising on the Department for Education (DfE) website for a several jobs within school.

- Caretaker
- HLTA full time
- Teaching Assistant Level 2 post full time

Please feel free to pass on the details to anyone that may be interested.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

May

Y2 SATS month

w/c 20 May – Walk to Sch0ol Week

June

5- Class Photographs

W/C 10- Phonics Screening Y1

10- 2 Yr Stay & Play

11- FS1 Stay & Play

12- 2 Yr Stay & Play

Choir – Valley Music Festival

13- FS1 Stay & Play

19-21 Y2 Whirlow Residential

26-28 Transition visits across school

July

2- Planetarium Visit KS1

11- 2pm Rock Steady Concert

12- Reports to parents/carers

15- Sports day – Royd

16- Summer Fayre - PM

18- Y2 Leavers

Deepcar St John's

May

21- 22- Y6 Residential London

June

W/C 3 – Multiplication Check Y4

4- Class Photographs

6- AM Y5/6 Sports day

6-PM Y3/Y4 sports day

7- Yorkshire wildlife Park Y4

10- Y3 singing at Sheffield Cathedral AM

12- 14 Y5 Residential Loosehill Hall

26-28 - Transition visits across school

July

1-3 Y3 Residential Cliffe House

10- Y5 Longshaw Visit

11-10am Rock Steady Concert

11- Y6 Prom/Disco

12- Reports to parents

15- Bastille Day

16- Summer Fayre -PM

17-Y6 performance - evening

18- Y6 Leavers service PM