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Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to everyone returning after the summer break and to those families just joining us, welcome to our school.

This week all of the children have wowed us with their positive start to the school year, from children settling into Reception so well, to seeing some fantastic writing in year one and two, and to keys stage two's walk around Snaith as part of our heritage and 'Back in time for school' theme where once again they displayed excellent behaviour.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding while the building work continues. We appreciate that there is a little congestion at drop off and pick up times, especially for parents of children in Y1 to Y4. Please note this is only temporary while our school hall and outside area are being developed. We can't wait to show you our wonderful facilities. The children have been very excited this week, as have the staff. High on the list impressing the children is the dedicated school library area!

Before and After School Club

Please can I remind all before/afterschool club parents when dropping off and picking up to use the external door directly into the classroom (rather than through the cloakroom area).

Dojo (years 1-6)

We know many of you have already joined your child's Class Dojo site. Thank you. This app is free for all to use. Please do not feel that you have to upgrade to any other plan which can be advertised from time to time.

Dojo is for direct communication with your child's class teacher regarding school work, homework, short non-urgent information/notes. Staff may not be able to respond to you straight away as they will be teaching. Therefore, it is essential that any communication regarding illness, appointments or any concerns you have are made to the school office to ensure that staff can get back to you promptly as requested. If you have not already registered for this or experiencing glitches, please speak with your child's class teacher who will be able to resolve this for you.

Childcare Vouchers

Childcare voucher payments will not be up to date until early next week

Lifestyle

Congratulations to our community lifestyle team, Bobby, Dylan, Ethan, Freddie and Luca who have been working so hard over the summer raising money for the Priory with cake and bake sales, washing the Snaith fire engine and helping in the community cleaning the gravestones etc. The children have currently raised £897, they have certainly been 'Shining' in so many ways!

Uniform

Everyone looks so smart in their school uniform. Please remember to name your child's items to ensure they come back to you if lost.

PTA – fundraising events

Bunday Monday is Back!

If you are not familiar with this, we ask on selected dates for parents from year groups to donate buns/cakes for the PTA to sell in the

playground after school for a small donation.

These can be homemade or shop bought. Some of our children have food allergies, if you are making buns which are dairy/gluten for example, please could these be labelled clearly and can we request NO NUTS! If you are putting your baked goods in a container you want back, please label it with your child's name and class. On your selected day, please hand to the class teacher who will keep them safe until the end of the school day. A calendar date will be put on the school app to remind you when it is your child's year group's day.

Mon 18th Sept – Year 1

Mon 25th – Reception

Mon 2nd Oct – Year 2

Mon 9th Oct – Year 3

Mon 16th Oct – Year 4

Mon 23rd Oct – Year 5 / 6

Bags 2 School

The PTA have arranged for a 'Bag 2 School' collection for Thursday 21st September. The bags will be sent home next week. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used. All bags are weighed and we will pay you by the total weight collected.

School Holiday

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

Some Information Reminders

Absence From School

A little reminder:

If your child is ill, please ring the school daily to keep us informed of their absence. For a medical appointment, please pass a copy of

the appointment card/letter to the school office.

If your child is absent from school for any reason other than illness or a medical appointment, we do require an 'Absence from School

for Exceptional Circumstances Request Form' completing.

Please can we politely remind everyone of the Local Authority's Policy of no term time holidays. These are all unauthorised absences and the Local Authority do enforce a penalty charge.

Please see details of term times and holiday dates on the school APP and website. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring high attendance. This does have a direct and positive impact on children's learning and progress.

The local authority do request no absence is taken during these times

- The first half term of any academic year (applies to all pupils)
- Year six transition day (for pupils in year six)
- Year six SATs week 13th -16th May 2023 (for pupils in year six)
- Year 2 – May Assessment Month

For further information please go to the school website

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Attendance+%26amp%3B+Punctuality&pid=77>

First Aid

If a child hurts themselves a member of staff trained in first aid will assess the child. We will continue to send accident notes home and a text will be sent notifying you of this. In the case of a more serious incident, parents or guardians will be contacted as soon as possible. It is important, therefore, that the school has details of parents' home and emergency telephone numbers.

Parking

We pride ourselves on having a good relationship with our local residents on the adjoining roads and cul-de-sacs near to the school. During drop off and pick up times the roads around school can become very busy, we therefore

ask for you to be mindful and considerate about where you park when dropping off and picking up from school and avoid blocking driveways/parking bay, parking on the pavements and near to junctions. The layby in front of school is for **drop off only**, please do not park here to watch your child walk into school.

We also politely request that car owners kindly turn off their engines whilst parking/waiting along Bourn Mill Balk Road at the start or end of the school day due the amount of fumes that are circulating, especially where people are waiting along the footpath. (Hopefully this would also help save some fuel too!)

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.