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## **Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**

**This week's school attendance is 95.72%**

### **February Half Term**

School closes for the half term holiday at the end of day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens to children on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **School Drop Off/Pick Up**

A few parents have asked recently, why can they not wait on the playground in the morning?

It is our legal duty to supervise children from 8.45am, this is the time we open the gates.

Prior to Covid, when access was given to the playground before the supervised time, we had numerous incidents and accidents when a number of children were left unattended.

Since operating the current arrangements, we have found that children, when they are dropped off at the school door/going straight to class, enables a much calmer and smoother start to the school day and I know many parents have commented on liking this arrangement.

We open the gates at 8.45am and (8.40am on a wet morning), we appreciate occasionally, a circumstance may delay this by a minute or 2 and thank you for your understanding when this occurs. Can I ask, when your child is near the gates, please do not allow them to climb/swing on the gates, this is to prevent any accidents.

I would like to re-iterate the layby is a drop off/pick up zone only from 8.45am, this is a NO Waiting area.

We pride ourselves on having a good relationship with our neighbours who live on the adjoining roads to school. The residents do get frustrated and complain to school when their driveways are blocked. Therefore, please can I ask you to be respectful to our neighbours, and avoid parking across their driveways and obstructing junctions. I have known residents in the past to report such situations to the police and the local authority and car registration numbers have previously been given! I would not like this to happen to any of our families, so I therefore urge you to park sensibly for the safety of our children, families and community, and of course please use the drop of layby if you can.

I hope this helps to clarify the decisions we take.

### **School Lunch Menu Change**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Braised beef will be replaced with gammon.

## **Diary Dates**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (snuggle up with a book, PJ/Onesie day)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Individual school photos and Class Groups for Reception and Year 6

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening on line (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening in person (you will be notified when the booking system is open)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Sats Week

Summer Term commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Swimming lessons for Year 4 and some Year 5's weekly for 11 weeks.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Growing Up Talk

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June to Year 6 Residential

### **School Holidays**

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>

## Term Dates 2023-2024

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2719&type=pdf>

## Term Dates 2024-2025

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2891&type=pdf>

Please can I remind parents that school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking.

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence.

If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the Education Welfare Office at East Riding, who is likely to contact parents directly to discuss the matter.

## Community Notices

