



Friday 8th September 2017

Roundhay St. John's SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back as we start a new academic year. The children have been fabulous this week as we have begun to establish the routines of the term and have had many tales to tell about their adventures over the summer weeks. Though, as I'm sure you will agree, it's always good to get back into a routine! A special warm welcome to our new children who are joining us in Reception this September. The first of our children have joined us this week and they will all be here within the next week. I'm sure you will make all our new parents feel welcome.

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff, Mrs Meadows who is working as part of a job share with Miss Casey in Year 1 and Miss Aldred who is teaching Year 3. We're delighted to have them here and wish them both well in their new roles in school.

As we begin the new school year, remember that 'the door is always open' to you. If you have questions or concerns you need to raise then I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There's no point worrying about things when we can get on with solving problems as soon as they arise. I would really appreciate it if you could aim to catch members of staff for a chat after school wherever possible as mornings are a very busy time as we prepare for the teaching day. If something won't wait however, or if it concerns something that needs to be addressed during the day then do let us know. I am also around most of the time. Can I just mention that if you need to get a message to a member of staff during the school day and you are not dropping off or picking up children, the best means of doing this is by phone. The message will be brought to their attention very quickly. If you need to contact a teacher about something less urgent and you prefer to E Mail that is fine.

MEET THE TEACHER

I would like you to have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher really soon. We have arranged a short session with each class teacher after school (3.20pm) starting soon. This is an informal opportunity for you to come in after school, meet your child's class teacher, and give you the opportunity to hear about any new routines that will be in place. It will also give you, along with other parents, the opportunity to put any early questions you might have. It would be good for you to have the opportunity to meet without the distraction of the children so they can occupy themselves in class next door to the meeting. The meeting should only last 15/20 minutes. Please come along if you can - We look forward to seeing you.

Meetings are:

Monday 18th September - Year 2
Tuesday 19th September - Year 6
Wednesday 20th September - Year 1
Friday 22nd September - Year 5
Monday 25th September - Year 4
Tuesday 26th September - Year 3

Dinner Money

**Charges for school dinners from September are:
£2.40 daily for children in Key Stage 2 and Nursery.
(Children in Key Stage 1 continue to be provided with a
school meal free of charge)**

As you know, we now ask all parents to pay via Parent Pay. Meals should be paid for in advance. Should you have any queries about this please ask at the school office.

Please can we have an update from parents on any special dietary requirements related to medical conditions. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Data Sheet

A copy of the data sheet we hold for your child will be coming to you in the next couple of weeks; please update this with any changes and keep the office informed of any other changes during the year. It is important that we can contact the right person when we need to and in an emergency in particular.

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 13th September
Year 5 to Lineham Farm

Wednesday 27th September
Year 6 to Robinwood

Friday 29th September
MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2-4pm in school hall

Wednesday 4th October
PTA Annual General Meeting
6.00pm in the school hall

Friday 20th October
School Closes for half term

Monday 30th October
School Opens after half term

Wednesday 11th October AND 2nd November
Open Afternoons for parents
applying for school places in 2017

Tuesday 7th November
Parents Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm

Thursday 9th November
Parents Evening 3.30 - 7.00pm

Wednesday 15th November
Individual School Photographs for all children
(*All children in full school uniform including jumpers*)

Friday 24th November
TRAINING DAY - No children in school

Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6th December 9.30am and 2.30pm

Reception and Key Stage1 Christmas Performance
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December
At 2pm

Years 3,4 and 5 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December
At 6.30pm

Friday 15th December
End of term

Dates for this term's Church Services to follow soon....

Curriculum Briefings for Parents this half term:

Mrs Richard's will be leading a short session on
**Reading for Parents with Children in
Years 1 and 2**

Tuesday 10th October

at

2.30 – 3.15pm in the school hall

Just arrive at the school office

**Reading and Phonics for Parents
in Nursery and Reception**

Come and hear about how you can help us
develop your child's early reading skills

Wednesday 11th October at 6pm
in the school hall

(Further information to follow)

Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

School starts on Tuesday 5th September 2017

Half term: Break up 20th October. Return to school Monday 30th October.

Training Day: Friday 24th November

Christmas: Break up 15th December. Return to school 3rd January 2018.

Half term: 9th February. Return to school 19th February

Easter Holiday: Break up Thursday 29th March. Return Monday 16th April

May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Half term: Break up Friday 25th May. Return Tuesday 5th June

End of term: Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please note: Four of our planned training days for next year have been attached to holidays so you won't notice them as separate dates but for one which will fall during the course of the term –

Friday 24th November, when there will be no children in school or nursery.