



16th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

We would like to share with you our diary of events for the autumn term, including all the important Christmas performances and parents' evenings. A copy can be found at the end of this Principal's Update with further details/information to follow on certain events.

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September:**

A reminder that the school will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday.

#### **Our children's safety:**

- For the safety of those pupils in school who have severe allergies, could we please remind parents that packed lunches from home should not contain nuts or nut products e.g. chocolate spread sandwiches. Our school is also designated a Healthy School. Morning break times – Foundation/KS1 pupils have free fruit provided from Doncaster Council's fruit in schools' scheme, KS2 pupils can bring their own healthy snack, but this should not contain nuts/nut products. A drink of water will be provided by school for all pupils either on school dinners or packed lunches. Pure fruit juice (not squash) can be included in packed lunches as part of your child's 5-a-day.
- We have recently seen an increase in the number of dogs being brought to school at both the beginning/end of the day school run. As part of our risk assessment, for the health and safety of all our children, dogs, even if they are carried, are not allowed on school premises and should not be brought through the main school gates at both the KS1 and KS2 entrances.
- We also need to stress to parents that children on their way to/from school should avoid attempting to make a detour through the Levett School grounds (next to the KS2 gate). The car park in their grounds can be very busy and we need to keep our children safe. The Levett school also politely ask our parents not to park in their car park, even if the barrier is not in operation, as they have restrictions in place.

#### **Changes to Spellings and Maths Homework:**

**Spellings** – There will be a change to the way that spelling homework is issued due to the school engaging with the Read Write Inc. spelling programme. The programme is for pupils in Years 2 to Year 6 who have completed Read Write Inc. Phonics and for children who have met the English National Curriculum expectations for reading in Year 2. This ensures the strong RWI phonics programme we have in school continues into spelling moving forward. The spelling programme will continue to be taught cumulatively and systematically, with deliberate, focused practice within lessons. Constant revision and practice are key to children's success. Therefore, the log book your child will bring home allows them to practice this at home.

**Maths** – We no longer use the Maths with Parents programme for homework. Instead, Years 1-6 will be sending home a short task that is related to, and consolidates, the learning for the week. This will be sent home on Thursdays to be completed and handed into teachers the following Monday.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Secker  
Principal



<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y5 Visit into school Reptile Rendezvous
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Y3 Visit to the Forbidden Corner
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Rose Learning Trust Choir at Woodfield School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Charity – cake donations to be brought into school for the following day's Macmillan Coffee Morning KS2 children to bring their donations to the hall on arrival via the main school entrance Reception/KS1 to the staff in your child's classroom
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - form to book a ticket to be sent out shortly with a £1 donation to the charity on the day 9.00am Reception/KS1 parents/carers 2.00pm KS2 parents/carers
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Deadline Nursery Applications 2023/2024 to Doncaster Council
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Visit to Sprotbrough Library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Rose Learning Trust Choir at Woodfield School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes to pupils at 3.15pm for October Half Term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Training Day 2 – school closed to pupils
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 October Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re-opens Deadline Secondary School applications 2023/2024 to Doncaster Council
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evening 1 Face to Face appointments 3.15pm-6.15pm – details on how to book an appointment to follow
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents' Evening 2 Phone appointments 3.30pm-4.30pm – details on how to book an appointment to follow
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND Review Week for pupils with a SEND Support Plan
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs – individual pupils and siblings
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly Rose Learning Trust Choir at Hatchell Wood School
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Rose Learning Trust Choir at Hatchell Wood School
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Richmond Hill Primary Academy Choir Christmas Performance at the Dome – details to follow from the choir leaders Mr & Mrs Mellors
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Christmas Performance – Year 3 10.30am Christmas Performance - Reception 1.00pm Christmas Performance – Year 4 2.15pm Christmas Performance – Year 6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am Christmas Performance – Year 2 10.30am Christmas Performance – Year 1 2.15pm Christmas Performance – Year 5
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/Y2 Visit to the Cast Theatre 11.00am Christmas Performance for ALL Nursery children
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisation Programme for Reception-Y6 pupils – consent forms from RDaSH (Rotherham Doncaster South Humber NHS Trust) Vaccination Team to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Hot Chocolate Break for KS1/Reception pupils (morning break)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Catch Up Session Vaccination Team (for any absent pupils from 8/12 with consent for vaccination) Hot Chocolate Break for KS2 pupils (morning break) Christmas Dinner will be served to pupils as the meal choice on this day (usual booking of meal option via Parentpay)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day for ALL pupils
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre for Reception-Y6 pupils during school day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023