

April 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian

As a busy term draws to a close there are a number of items I would like to draw to your attention.

Non-uniform day – Friday 15 April

Year 11 have been involved in a number of campaigns as part of their Citizenship GCSE including RSPCA, NSPCC and the RNLI – to support their work we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15 April. Pupils will be charged £1 and the money will be split between the different charities. The usual non-uniform rules apply – knee length shorts only are acceptable, no kitten heels, no extremes of fashion or dress.

Public Examinations/Easter Revision School

Years 9, 10 and 11 will be involved in public examinations immediately after the Easter break. Your child should have brought home a letter and booklet at the beginning of this week giving further details together with a timetable of the examinations they are involved in. Please encourage them to revise over the Easter break in preparation. Pupils in Year 10 and 11 should have already received a letter about the Easter Revision School which is open to all Year 10/11 pupils will run from Monday 18 April – Thursday 21 April. If you have not received a letter let Miss Bentley know.

School Uniform

I would like to thank all parents for their co-operation in ensuring that our pupils continue to come to school dressed in the correct uniform. We would like to maintain this very high standard and would ask for parents continuing support with the few remaining specific problems outlined below:

Shirts - these must be long enough to tuck into skirts/trousers not fitted or with darts and should have a top button.

Jewellery/Body Piercing - apart from a watch and one pair of earrings in the form of gold/silver studs for pierced ears, jewellery must NOT be worn in school. **No other forms of body piercing allowed.**

Hair - some boys have adopted a rather short hair style – if pupils wish to have very short hair please ensure it is cut on razor setting No 3 or above. Tram lines are not acceptable for school. Just a note about colour – if pupils are dyeing their hair it should only be a natural colour.

Skirts – Plain navy blue, medium weight material, smart uniform type of a practical/ appropriate length for moving around school/school type activities (**not too short, too long or with splits**).

Cardigan – navy blue with buttons – **not zipped**.

Shoes Black or brown, flat heeled, with laces tied, not trainers, pumps (canvas) or boots (footwear that covers the ankle and above).

False Nails/Acrylic Nails are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

Please continue to support us by helping us keep up this high standard throughout the school year. In particular this is a reminder for parents of Year 11 pupils who will of course be required to wear their full school uniform until the end of the examination period on 30 June.

Clothes for Little People on Pasture Road in Goole are very helpful in supplying items of uniform all year round. PE kits and school ties are available to purchase in school at any time in addition we are holding a uniform sale on Monday 4 July from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Parents who bring their children to school by Car and/or collect them at the end of school – a reminder

We are again concerned about the potential for an accident as parents' cars compete for space with buses at the front of school as they offload/collect pupils between 8.40am and 9.00am and 3.35pm and 4.00pm. It would be in everyone's interest if this procedure could take place a short distance away from the school, with the pupils walking the last stretch. However, be aware that our close neighbours are concerned about parking directly in front of their driveways. We have recently had the situation at 3.45pm in particular, when parents have been waiting in cars at the front of the school in such a way as to prevent buses from accessing the site properly, leading to problems on Pontefract Road itself. I would be grateful if parents could bear these points in mind.

Use of pupil photographs

A number of curriculum areas now use digital photography. The images will only be used in school to feedback teaching and learning points or provide presentations to parents. If, however, pupils appear in press releases or on the school website (we would never include pupil details) I will continue to monitor the appropriateness of the article, but hope parents would not have a problem with their child taking part. If any parent/guardian requires further clarification or has a query please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Term dates

School closes on Friday 15 April and re-opens on Wednesday 4 May - 8.45am.

Parent Governor

We welcome Mrs Liddan (parent of a pupil in Year 9) to the post of Parent Governor.

OFSTED Report

Many thanks to all parents who returned the OFSTED parental questionnaire. The report will not be published for a few weeks but we will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

Facebook/Formspring

We are dealing with an increasing number of problems caused by comments made on Facebook and Formspring (an anonymous off shoot of Facebook). It is essential that parents/guardians monitor their child's use of social networking sites to ensure that they are being used appropriately. Children under 13 years old are not allowed to use social networking sites. However, we know that a huge number of Year 7 and 8 pupils are using Facebook. Comments made about the school staff should not be made on Facebook or other social networking sites. Any incidents of this nature will be treated most seriously.

Important dates for next term

Monday 2 May	May Day
Tuesday 3 May	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 May	Start of new term
Tuesday 10 May	GCSE Exams start
	Snaith School Association Meeting 6pm – all parents welcome
Friday 27 May	School closes 3.35pm – Half term
Thursday 23 June	Maths Competition – Pontefract College
Friday 28 May	School closes 3.35 pm – Half term

At the end of this newsletter please find the term dates for the rest of the school year.

The school profile can be viewed at <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk> and the school website on www.tss.eriding.net.

The Snaith School will, on request, provide this document in large print. If English is not your first language and you would like a translation of this document please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

J D Pickerill
Headteacher

School Term Dates – 2010 - 2011

School Re-opens	Wednesday 4 May	School Closes	Friday 27 May
School Re-opens	Monday 6 June	School Closes	Thursday 21 July
School Closed, Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May 2011		
Teacher Training Day	Wednesday 5 January 2011		
Teacher Training Day	Tuesday 3 May 2011		
Teacher Training Day	Monday 25 July 2011		