

25 May 2011

Dear Parents

After a busy but very short half term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

### **OFSTED Report**

You should have received a copy of the full OFSTED report which was very positive and gives us a clear platform for continued improvement. If you have not received a copy (check in the bottom of the school bag) you can access one via the school website.

### **Academy Status “Fact Finding”**

Many thanks to the parents/carers who attended the information evening. There were some interesting questions posed. We will work hard over the next few months gathering the necessary information/guidance to ensure that the governors are in a position to make an informed decision in the best interest of the school in the autumn term. We are setting up some ‘academy status’ information pages on the school website (available after half term) in the parents section.

### **Important information for parents of Year 10 pupils**

For the school year 2011/12 (September 2011 – July 2012) we have changed the dates of the Year 11 Work Experience programme. All Year 11 pupils will be on Work Experience from Monday 12 September to Friday 23 September.

### **Nutritional Standards**

Our school meals service meets the government nutritional standards. If this is to have a significant impact on the future health of our youngsters then parents/guardians will also play an important role by ensuring that the principles are carried forward into their diet outside the school day. The range of food on offer at both the breakfast bar and at lunchtime is extensive and pupils have a wide variety of healthy options. Pupils can bring a packed lunch to school but it would be helpful if these did not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or crisps.

Reminder – pupils are only allowed out at lunchtime if they are **going home** for lunch.

### **Personal Information**

We will be sending out Data Sheets this term showing the contact details we hold for your child and also other important information – can I ask you to please check and return these as soon as possible. This is a general annual up date of school records. Obviously it is vital that parents let us know immediately of any changes to personal information as they arise, including medical, so that we have up to date information at all times.

### **Mobile Phones**

May I remind parents that mobile phones are not allowed in school under any circumstances you will have read in the press no doubt about some of the problems caused in school by the inappropriate use of mobile phones and I would not wish for any child/or member of staff to suffer any distress because of the consequences of this. If mobile phones are brought into school and seen by a member of staff they will be confiscated.

### **SSA Events**

The School Association have organised a number of events for the summer term:

**Bags to School** – a reminder that we are once again collecting unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, belts, curtains, blankets, bedding, soft toys etc These are then collected and turned into funds to be used for the benefit of the pupils. Please have a search and drop off any items at Reception. Any donations will be collected on Monday 27 June.

**Extra Summer Disco** for Year 7, 8 and 9 - this will take place on Friday 24 June 7.30-10.00 pm. Admission price £3.00.

**Parent helpers** are needed for all Discos – just ring Carole O'Connor on 01405 860327 if you are interested in helping.

### **Ready Steady Cook – Thursday 30 June – 7.30pm**

The event is a first for the Snaith School. Come and watch Mrs Pickerill and other staff take part in an exciting and fun cooking event against the clock. Tickets will be on sale after half term £3.00 adults and £1.50 concessions. I will send out more details after half term (when I have attended a cordon bleu cookery course!!!!!!)

### **Anyone for Tennis**

Snaith and Cowick Together is considering starting a Tennis Club at Snaith School. There is a meeting for anyone interested at the Town Council Office, the Manor House, Selby Road, Snaith on Monday 6 June at 7 pm. If you can't attend the meeting but are interested please ring Cath Hird on 861085.

### **Uniform Concerns – reminder – all Year 11 must attend their examinations dressed in school uniform**

As the shops seem to be full of school uniform at this time I have decided to send a reminder to all parents about the uniform expectations and to highlight one or two concerns that need to be sorted out as soon as possible. A full uniform list is attached and there will be uniform on sale in school on Monday 4 July from 5.30- 6.30 pm.

During the summer months young people are often tempted to experiment with fashion. *Extremes of hairstyle and colour* are not acceptable in school (we seem to have a few with close shaved hair at the moment – reminder – no shorter than a number 3 cut is acceptable for school or tramlines etc), neither are adornments such as those involved in facial and body piercing. Apart from the fact that the latter are inappropriate in a school setting, they do constitute a serious health and safety risk in a busy environment. Pupils with extremes of haircut or colour, inappropriate uniform or facial or body piercing may be sent home.

*School bags* – pupils need a school bag big enough to accommodate all the books etc they need for one day – a small handbag (which some of the girls seem to be using at the moment) is not appropriate.

*Skirts* – these seem to be quite fashionable at the moment and we have quite a number of girls choosing this uniform option. Please ensure that the skirt is not too short or too tight and that tights or socks are worn in line with uniform policy.

*Pumps* – again these seem to be the height of fashion but are not suitable footwear for school.

*Jewellery* – some pupils are wearing very expensive jewellery for school (Pandora bracelets etc), clearly it would cause a great deal of upset if such items were lost - such items of jewellery are not allowed in school.

### **TESCO vouchers**

We have a collection box in our main entrance area. Please send any vouchers in by 17 June. The vouchers will buy additional resources for our PE Department.

### **School Buses**

A reminder to all parents about school buses (those organised by either East Riding of Yorkshire Council or North Yorkshire County Council). The pupils are allocated by the local council to a specific bus. Pupils are not able to swap and change if more than one runs through their village. All pupils should carry their bus pass; failure to carry their bus pass may well mean they will have to pay £1 to travel.

### **Open Door Project**

Year 8 will be involved during the summer term in the 'Open Door Project'. The project will involve pupils looking into the history of local places of interest. If you have any old photographs/information about any of the local places of interest in Snaith and the surrounding area and would be willing to share (loan/let us look at/copy information from) these with us, please contact Sarah Mallinson at the school on 01405 860327.

We have a number of events before the end of the school year:

Thursday 23 June	Mathematics Competition – Pontefract College
Friday 24 June	Lower School Disco
Thursday 30 June	Ready Steady Cook
Sat 2/Sun 3 July	D of E assessment weekend
Monday 4 July	Year 6 Induction Day and Parents Evening
Tuesday 5 July	Primary School Sports afternoon
Thursday 7 July	Mathematics Competition – John Leggott College
Monday 11 July	Business and Enterprise trip – Yr 10 – pm
Tuesday 12 July	Scunthorpe Athletics Competition

Wednesday 13 July	Lower School Presentation Evening
Thursday 14 July	Year 7 Rewards trip – Yorkshire Show
Sunday 17–Monday 25 July	Watersports trip
Monday 18 July	Whole School Sports afternoon
Tuesday 19 July	German trip departs
	Music Jam/Talent Show
	Year 9 Rewards trip – Flamingoland, Meadowhall
	Year 10 Rewards trip
Wednesday 20 July	Year 8 Rewards trip – Flamingoland
Thursday 21 July	School Closes
Thursday 25 August	GCSE Examination Results Day

**End of Term reminder**

The term finishes at 3.35pm on Thursday 21 July and re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 6 September. You should receive a copy of the parents' calendar for 2011/12 before the end of term and a further newsletter outlining staffing and other changes for the start of the new year.

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 – 2011 - 2012**

School Opens	Tuesday 6 September	School Closes	Thursday 20 October
School Opens	Monday 31 October	School Closes	Tuesday 20 December
School Opens	Thursday 5 January 2012	School Closes	Friday 17 February
School Opens	Monday 27 February	School Closes	Thursday 29 March
School Opens	Tuesday 17 April	School Closes	Friday 1 June
School Opens	Monday 11 June	School Closes	Friday 20 July
Teacher Training Day	-	Monday 5 September 2011	
Teacher Training Day	-	Friday 21 October 2011	
Teacher Training Day	-	Wednesday 4 January 2012	
Teacher Training Day	-	Friday 30 March 2012	
Teacher Training Day	-	Monday 16 April 2012	
Bank Holiday		Monday 7 May 2012	