



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 2nd December 2022



After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847
Monday	Arts & Crafts	3:15-4:15	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3189
Tuesday	Campmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins	3.10-4.10	Arbor (No charge)
Wednesday	Rugby	3:10-5:00	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847
Friday	Football	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847

Parent Lunches – this year, we will again be inviting parents from each year group to join us for lunch with the children. Invitations will be sent out closer to the time – please make sure if you want to join us that you email the office to confirm attendance.

Children In Need – thank you to all that donated to our Children In Need Appeal – we raised £72.

Poppy Appeal – thank you to everyone that donated to our Poppy Appeal – we raised £164.85!

School Dinners – we’ve recently seen a high number of children taking dinners when they should of brought a packed lunch. This has left us short on food on a number of occasions. Please remind yourselves of your child’s lunch patterns – copies of your requests are available if needed. If you are aware you haven’t provided a packed lunch and your child needs a dinner – please make sure the school office are aware by 9:30 so we can prepare extra food.

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
7 th December	Multi Sports	Dolphins	12:30-14:30	

Nativities – the children have been working hard on their nativities and we know they’ll put on a wonderful show. Please can we ask that no more than 4 guests per child attend each performance. Parents and Friends will be serving teas and coffees so please bring your change.

Sing-Along- Mrs Vizard and the children have a wonderful line up of festive songs for you all on Thursday 15th December from 1.30pm. Please can we ask that only 2 guests per child attend. Again, Parents and Friends will be serving teas and coffees – bring you change ☺ The Smeaton’s Event team will also be joining us with some of the local residents to enjoy our melodic offerings.

Christmas Crafts – P&F will be holding a craft session for the children in school, giving them a chance to make a beautiful gift for their loved ones. In order for your children to take part, payment needs to be made on Arbor (the activity can be found in the trips section) by Monday 5th December at 8am.

Let God's love shine as we care for each other and learn together.

Christmas Service – on 15th December, our children will be heading to church for a service. Parents are welcome to join us in prayer, but please be reminded this is not a performance. KS1 and EYFS will be in church at 9am, and KS2 at 9:30

Christmas Cards – our Christmas post box will be back from today outside the main reception office. Children can post their cards and these will be distributed weekly by office elves. The last day for posting will be Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Fair – we hope you're all excited about the Fair next week – Parents and Friends have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this magical for everyone.

- The fair will be open from 3:15 – 17:15 – all are welcome
- If anyone is able to provide any bun / cake donations please let us know
- If anyone can volunteer their time to un a stall or help set up, we would love to hear from you.

Raising money for school- All money that is raised for school funds will go towards a new kitchen for school. Currently the school kitchen is very dated, with limited space and no oven facilities. We have plans for a new kitchen area, with an oven and a big table for the children to access more baking in school. The school council have reached out to a range of companies to ask if they could support us with a discounted kitchen, but we have been unsuccessful so far. If any parents and carers know of any companies that could help us, we would love to hear from you.

School club from January 2023 - We have monitored numbers of children accessing wrap around care since September and we have recorded a reduction in numbers. We have made a change to the booking system in order to make wraparound care financially viable to school. Parents and carers will need to book their child in to the club one working day in advance. This is so that we can see how many children are booked in and if there are no bookings then the club won't run. In the past, we had several sessions with no one accessing the provision, but staff were still working and therefore paid. It is imperative that parents manage their bookings themselves on Arbor and ensure that their child is booked in, or there might be a possibility that the club won't be running.

There is also a change of staff in the after school club. Miss Whittles has decided to stand down from the role as after school club leader. We thank Miss Whittles for her hard work and dedication to the after school club. Mrs Whittles will still work in school as Starfish teaching assistant. Mrs Holt has offered to run the after school club. Mrs Sheen will continue to run the breakfast club.

Policies - Please see the list of policies that have been updated and are now on the school website.

- The Emergency policy has been updated to include more information about removing the children and staff from school if there was a potential threat in school. <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Emergency-procedure-Nov-22.pdf>
- The home school agreement-<http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Home-school-agreement-Sept-22.pdf>
- Accessibility plan- <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Accessibility-plan-22-25-Kirk-Smeaton-CE-Primary-School.pdf>
- Discipline (Good behaviour policy) policy - <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Disciplinepolicy-Oct-22.pdf>
- Attendance and punctuality policy- <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/ATTENDANCE-AND-PUNCTUALITY-POLICY-kirk-smeaton-Sept-22-1.pdf>
- Parents, carers and visitors behaviour policy- <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/PARENT-CARER-AND-VISITOR-BEHAVIOUR-POLICY-Oct-22.pdf>
- Phonics policy- <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Phonics-policy-Sept22-1.pdf>

Where attendance falls below 96%, parents will be issued with an attendance letter. Persistent absence may result in a fine from your local authority, or even prosecution.

Children with attendance less than 90% are missing more than 4 weeks of school each year, and across their time with us this can reach 1 full school year of absence, making it almost impossible to keep up with the work.

Attendance	Days Absent	
100%	0	Excellent
99%	1.9	
98%	3.8	
97%	5.7	Average
96%	7.6	
95%	9.5	
94%	11.4	Below expected national standard
93%	13.3	
92%	15.2	
91%	17.1	
90%	19	

Important Diary Dates

* New / Amended dates in red *

Tuesday 6 th December	Reception Parents Lunch 11:45-12:15
Wednesday 7 th December	New Nursery Stay and Play 14:15-14:45
Wednesday 7 th December	Dolphins Multi-Sports Competition
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Fair 15:15-17:15
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Craft Session – Explorers, Starfish, Dolphins
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Craft Session – Lions, Eagles
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donations
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity 14:00
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 14:00
Thursday 15 th December	Church Christmas Service 9:00 KS1 & EYFS, 9:30 KS2
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Sing-Along
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (with Uniform)
Friday 16 th December	School Closes
Wednesday 4 th January	School Opens

Reminders

We are a nut free school.
Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks.

We are a healthy school.
Packed lunches should not contain chocolate or sweets.

Please send in your old batteries and printer cartridges for us to recycle.

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497
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After School Club: 07521 952 373

Parents and Friends: pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Starfish: Helen Murphy 07512 867 160

Lions: Sarah Broomfield: 07709 344 606

Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140

Eagles: Vicki Lowes 07933 7223 813

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