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**Date: Wednesday, 3rd February 2021**

### **Track and track information**

We had confirmation from the DFE that schools will be closed over the half term, but schools are required to support with track and trace. Please see the message below from the DFE. Please keep an eye on emails, up to Sunday 14th February evening. If a child is currently attending school and has a positive covid test, please email [admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk).

*'Where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.'*

### **Update on opening of school**

We had hoped that schools would be fully reopened for Monday 22nd February, but the government announced that this will not be happening and that schools MAY open on the 8th March. The government will review the decision nearer the time and will give two weeks notice of when it is safe to fully open to all children.

**Masks** – please can we remind parents to please wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your children. If you could please relay the message to any grandparents that may help with the school run too. Thank you to all those that are already wearing them.

### **COVID and curbing the spread**

We are all very familiar with the most common symptoms of Covid-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Loss or change of taste/smell

However, over the last few weeks, other schools have reported that children are showing the following symptoms and these may also be signs/symptoms of Covid-19. Some children with these symptoms (not all) are going on to test positive for the virus:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Loss or change of taste/smell
- Nasal congestion/runny nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea and vomiting
- Stomach ache
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor appetite or poor feeding

As we are all trying our very best to halt the virus and keep everyone as safe as possible, I would advise that you are extra vigilant and keep your child at home if your child is displaying any of the above symptoms or is not well in any way. We appreciate the strain this can put on families, but you will be doing your part in curbing the transition and

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ultimately saving lives. Several local schools have had to close due to increased numbers of COVID cases in school, in some cases parents, children and staff have been hospitalised over the last few days. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the schools and families affected.

**Computers** – thank you to all those who have donated laptops to school for our pupils to use during lockdown. We really appreciate your kindness and support.

#### **Message from Mrs Beck**

It is with regret that we have to announce the closure of the Went Valley Breakfast Club Service. Due to increased cost and staffing difficulties the service has become unsustainable and will not re-open after the current Covid lockdown. We would like to thank all our customers and look forward to continuing to welcome you at the Pre School which will continue as normal.

**Home Learning** – please see below details of where you home learning can be found

Starfish – Tapestry and emails

Dolphins – Dojo

Lions – Dojo and website (<http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/lions-class-y3-4/home-learning-2020-2021/>).

Eagles – Dojo and website (<http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/eagles-class-y5-6/home-learning-2020-2021/>)



**School Lottery** – our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win a family ticket to the Harry Potter Studio tour. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

#### **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  
[admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

After School Club: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: [pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847  
Went Valley: 01977 621 521

#### **Important Diary Dates**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day  
Comic Relief Non-Uniform  
World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

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# KIDZONE



Can you find the three little fishes hidden in the picture?



Mamma Duck is hunting for her three ducklings. Can you help her find them?

Q: Why do bees hum?



A: Because they  
don't know the  
words.

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# Recipes

## Ham & Pineapple Pizza

### Ingredients (serves 5)

175g white bread mix  
80g pizza sauce  
100g grated red cheddar  
75g cooked sliced ham  
125g pineapple pieces

- \* Make the bread mix as per the packet instructions and roll and place in oiled tins
- \* Spread with pizza sauce and sprinkle with cheese
- \* Allow to rise slightly, but do not over prove
- \* Sprinkle with chopped cooked ham and pineapple pieces
- \* Bake in a hot oven until cooked

*Contains crustaceans, milk, molluscs, sulphur dioxide and sulphites. May contain fish.*

## Banana & Ice Cream Boat

### Ingredients (serves 5)

5 Old El Paso Stand & Stuff  
Mini Tortillas  
300g bananas  
600ml vanilla ice cream  
25g fruits of the forest  
5g granulated sugar

- \* Defrost the fruit
- \* Mix together fruit and sugar and bring to the boil until the sugar is fully dissolved
- \* Blitz with a stick blender, mash or strain
- \* Serve drizzled over the banana and ice cream arranged in a tortilla boat

*Contains milk.*

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