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Date: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



### After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847
Monday	Arts & Crafts	3:15-4:15	<a href="https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3956">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3956</a>
Tuesday	Campsmount 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

**Clubs** – our clubs list has been updated for this half term. For the Arts & Crafts and Campsmount clubs, please make sure you re-book your child if you want them to continue.

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Football	KS2	12:30 – 15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton

**Singing lessons-** Mrs Vizard has 3 places available in her singing groups. If your child would like to join, please let the school office know and your details will be shared with Mrs Vizard.

**Nursery transition-** Children who are starting Nursery with us after Easter are invited to attend a transition session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 -3:00. Please inform the office, if you wish to attend.

**Parent volunteers needed-** Starfish and Dolphins class are learning about superheroes this term, they would love to hear from any everyday superheroes that would be able to give a talk to the class i.e. vets, doctors, emergency service workers etc. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

**Charity fund raiser-** As we enter Lent, we think about those less fortunate and how we can help others. We are having a sponsored walk on W/C 27.3.23. We aim to take Y1-6 for a walk into Brockdale Woods approx. 2.5 miles and Reception will aim to go for a shorter walk around the village. All money will be split and donated to two charities. Sponsorship forms will be sent home next week. Please see the links for more information- <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal> and <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

**Teacher Strike days** - We are not expecting any changes to the school days on the planned National Education Union strike dates on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. If there are any changes we will share with parents and carers as soon as we know.

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

**Governor and parent drop in session-** Mrs Cessford and Mrs Crossley, our governors, are available for a chat with parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Earrings and uniform-** we ask for children not to wear earrings in school time. Schools shoes should be black and not a trainer design. School uniform should be worn across school. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Residential** – we have secured our Robinwood 2023 residential booking for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October. Transport and the balance has been added to Arbor for all those children who signed up for the trip. Payments can be made in instalments from £10, and payment in full must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Comic relief-** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March the school will be celebrating comic relief day. Children are invited to wear fancy dress or cosy clothes. Donations are welcome and will be sent to <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>.

**World Down Syndrome day-** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we are asking children to come in odd socks, this is to celebrate difference. Each class will take part in equality activities during the day.

**Easter service-** Starfish and Dolphins will celebrate the Easter service at 9am. Lions and Eagles will celebrate the Easter service at 9.30am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**Parking** – In the interests of everyone’s health and safety, when dropping off and picking up children please ensure you park safely and legally outside school. We have had several complaints about cars being parked on zigzag lines and even on the pavement on some occasions. The community police are aware and will be monitoring.

**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	Below expected national standard
94%	11.4	
93%	13.3	
92%	15.2	
91%	17.1	
90%	19	

#### **Important Diary Dates**

\* New / Amended dates in red \*

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags 2 School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – R, 2, 4, 6
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Football at Campsmount
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Chat with governors- in the school hall. 9-10
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins trip to Wentworth
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic relief- fancy dress or cosy clothes.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 leaver photographs
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Down Syndrome day- wear odd socks
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Campsmount dance rehearsal in school time.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Campsmount dance show 5pm
W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored walk and Brocodale woods for each class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 parent lunch and Lions trip the Deep
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3pm	Nursery parents- stay and play
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins Gymnastics competition
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter church service EYFS and KS1 – 9am. KS2- 9.30. Parents welcome

### 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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Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140

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