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Date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Sport Trips** – we will be reducing team numbers going forward for our sports trips in line with Campsmounts Activity Rules, but we will try and keep things fair so that children can attend different events. Parents of those attending each event will be sent a letter prior to the event. We do ask however that all children in the class bring their PE kits in case of absences, so we can substitute. A list of our upcoming trips are below.

Date	Class	Event	Location
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins	Dodgeball	Campsmount
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagles	Dodgeball	Campsmount
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lions	Dodgeball	Campsmount

**Jewellery** – please can we remind parents that children are not to wear jewellery in school (including earrings), with the exception of a wristwatch.



**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.

**World Book Day** – thank you to everyone that donated to our World Book Day. Together we raised £29.90 which will be given to Book Aid International.

**Campsmount Dance** – tickets are now available to purchase from the school office. An email has been sent out with full details regarding costings and entry.

- Rehearsal 15:00 – 17:00 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will transport the children by bus, but parents must collect from Campsmount at 5pm
- Main Show starts 17:00 24<sup>th</sup> March. Parents will need to transport children there and back.

#### **Attendance reminder**

What is the expectation is? 97.5% for the whole school year.

#### What does this look like?

97.5% attendance works out to be 5 days off in a school year.

95% attendance works out to be 9.5 days off in a school year.

#### What school will do.

Anything lower than 95% is considered as a concern and attendance is monitored each half term. A letter of attendance may be issued if attendance continues to drop.

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Anything lower than 90% is considered a persistent absence. A letter of attendance will be issued and there is constant monitoring.

If your child is late into school they will miss out on the same subject every time, that can have a detrimental effect on their learning and therefore could highlight them as a child who needs additional support. If there is a pattern of lateness then a letter will be issued.

**Yoga** – Mandy Green will be offering a free yoga session (adults) in the community room on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm. She will be limited for spaces, so if you would like to join her, please email [mandysyogatab@gmail.com](mailto:mandysyogatab@gmail.com)

### **Message from the Parish Council**

We are liaising with the school on important village matters, and value input from the school community as a whole.

There are currently three topics which both the school and Parish Council share concerns about and are taking action:

#### **Speeding**

We receive repeated complaints from residents about traffic entering the village at speed, which endangers us all. We have approved Police bike positions in the village for catching offenders. We have also recently begun deploying our Community Speedwatch team, who are equipped with a radar device to record and report offenders. We hope, with your support, that we can keep traffic to a safe and considerate speed.

#### **Parking Around the School**

We support the school's request to parents to park safely and considerately around the school, and avoid the zig zag zone at all times. We know there are safety concerns around blind corners and having a clear zig zag zone to cross safely, and we will support the school with requests to the authorities to enforce safe parking when necessary.

#### **Dog Fouling**

There are a minority of local dog owners who allow their pets to foul on the pavements and footpaths locally without bagging up and disposing of the waste. Dog waste is a health hazard, as well as being very unpleasant. It is a legal requirement to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. We receive multiple complaints, including from parents with children and push chairs. The Parish Council provide bags and have a number of dog waste bins sited through the village. We ask all dog owners to please obey the law and respect your fellow villagers by clearing up after your dog.

For more information on Kirk Smeaton Parish Council matters, and to contribute your thoughts on local topics, please see our website and Facebook page.

**School Systems** – we will be introducing a new system for school from the 4<sup>th</sup> April. We're moving across to Arbor, where we will be able to consolidate all our current platforms. From this one place, parents will be able to make payments, book breakfast and after school clubs, record absences, receive emails/texts and see their child's information. This will replace Parentmail and Parentpay for our parents. We'll send out more information closer to the time on downloading the app and getting set up, but in the mean time please can we ask that everyone checks their Parentpay for any outstanding payments (trips, clubs, dinners etc) and clear these before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This includes dinners taken up to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any queries please get in touch.

**Tik Tok** - NY Police have been in touch to say recently, the game 'knock-a-door' has become a serious issue within parts of the District and the issue raised with the Police over social media platforms. An increasing number of youths have been kicking resident's doors across the District, they believe due to some TikTok craze that is circulating. They've had several calls for service, with each reporting person feeling scared and unnerved by the

incidents. Some doors have even been damaged. We have spoken to children in assembly about this issue and we ask that parents continue to be vigilant with their children's internet usage and behaviour too.

### 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

After School Club: 07521 952 373

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

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 15:00-17:00

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 17:00

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Dolphins Dodgeball @ Campsmount

Eagles Dodgeball @ Campsmount

Comic Relief (£1 donations)

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

Campsmount Dance Rehearsal

Campsmount Dance Show

Pupil Photographs

School Closes

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## Spot The Mouse



## Maths Puzzle

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Monkey} + \text{Monkey} + \text{Monkey} = 12 \\ \text{Giraffe} + 3 = \text{Monkey} \cdot 2 \\ \hline 2 \\ \text{Giraffe} = ? \end{array}$$

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