

Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School Main Street, Kirk Smeaton, Pontefract West Yorkshire, WF8 3JY

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In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club
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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday, 4th December 2020

<u>Primary School Application</u> – for those with children starting in Reception class from September 2021, applications open on 12th October, and close on 15th January 2021. Please remember that although your child may be in our nursery, you will still need to apply for a reception place via your home council. A letter from NYCC can be found under 'Notices' on our website with further details.



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.

<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u> – on Friday 11th December, children are invited to join us in Christmas Jumpers (school uniform trousers / dress and school shoes as normal though). £1 donations will be sent to Save the Children.

<u>Christmas Raffle</u> – Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for our raffle – we have some wonderful items ready for you all including a voucher for afternoon tea from Dainty Doris, tempting treats, and beautiful homewares. Tickets are on sale from Monday 7th December for £2 per ticket – parents can send cash into school with the children, and ticket numbers will be emailed across to you. We'll then draw the tickets w/c 14th December, and let our winners know by email.

<u>Christmas Gifts</u> – w/c 14th December, children will be able to buy a gift bag ready prepared to hand to their wonderful parents. These will be £5 per gift, with 1 being available to purchase for each child in school. If anyone would like to purchase more than 1, they will be added to a waiting list. Please note the gift will be perfect for 1 adult or 2 to share.

<u>Parents & Friends</u> - Parents and friends have worked wonders over the years, we have been so lucky to see the benefit of their work. They have funded books, audio systems, playground equipment, school trips, pantomimes, school bus fundings and IT devices as well as other things. A massive thank you to all! Many members have left the group so we would like to hear from parents who are interested in leading the charity. There are many roles in the charity, chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary, plus more.

<u>Information Session</u> – On Thursday 10th December at 10am, Miss Ghent will be holding a virtual information session for our Reception Parents. A link to this has been sent out, but if you need any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<u>TikTok</u> – NYCC police have been in touch to warn us of a video currently making the rounds on TikTok, labelled 'Megan Is Missing'. The content of the video is extremely violent, so please make sure you are vigilant if your children use this platform.

<u>Christmas Service</u> – on Thursday 17th December at 1pm, we'll be holding a virtual Christmas Service on zoom. Father Adrian will be joining us, and each class will link up too. If any parents would like to join us, please use the details below:

https://zoom.us/j/96403973804?pwd=YUFOY3Y4bkFvRk5XRXdBM0VmZjN6QT09

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

Meeting ID: 964 0397 3804

Passcode: 7RC2nC

<u>Flu Vaccination</u> — our Healthy Child Team have asked that if your child had the flu vaccination at school this year, please spend some time with your child completing a survey at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/J5298JJ. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and they hope to gain more of an understanding of the children's experience of their flu vaccination in school and use this to improve their service for next year.

<u>Church Service</u> – on 25th December, St Peters Church will be holding a service at 9:15. Spaces are limited so if you would like to attend please contact Carol Cessford on 01977 620929.

<u>After School Club</u> – booking forms for next half term are now available. If you require a space, please email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk for a booking form, or download from our website.

<u>Healthy Eating</u> – we've noticed that some childrens packed lunches contain items that go against our packed lunch policy. Please can parents review our policy at http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/school-meals/ where you can also find healthy packed lunch ideas, and links to the NHS Change 4 Life site.

<u>Keyboard Lessons</u> – Mrs Vizard will be offering keyboard lessons after the Christmas holidays, in school for groups of 3 children at a time. These will be on alternate Fridays, and prices will be approx. £5 per session (if 3 children are in the group). If anybody would like to access these sessions please email the school office so we can plan accordingly.

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: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: <u>pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk</u>

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

Important Diary Dates

W/C 7th December Tuesday 8th December

Thursday 10th December @ 10:00

Friday 11th December
W/C 14th December
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Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December
Tuesday 5th January
Wednesday 6th January
Tuesday 23rd February
Thursday 4th March
Friday 19th March

Monday 22nd March

Raffle tickets on sale

Bags 2 School Collection

Reception Parents Online Information Session

Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Raffle

Christmas Gifts Available to Purchase

Christmas Dinner Day

School Closes

School Opens

Non-Uniform Day – Childrens Society

Pupil Photographs World Book Day

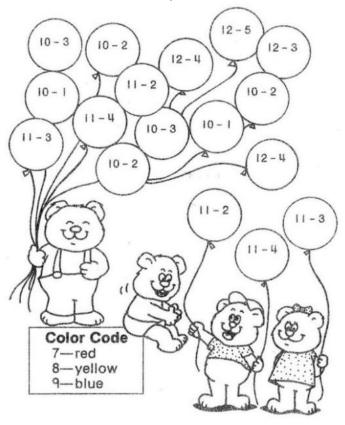
Comic Relief Non-Uniform

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

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KIDZONE

Colour By Number







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