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Date: Friday, 6th March 2020

Parents Evenings will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, 11th March for Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

If you have not yet returned your request from please do so as soon as possible.



Mothers Day - on Friday 20th March, we'll be holding a pop-up shop for Mother's Day. Children can wear non-uniform in return for a gift donation to the shop. Children will then be able to purchase a gift for their mum / grandma for £3 during the day. All proceeds will go towards the new canopy. We would also like children to wear odd socks to raise awareness of Down Syndrome.

Special Meal Days – our kitchen team have another exciting meal change coming this term;

Thursday 19th March – All Day Breakfast! Yorkshire sausages, bacon, beans, hash brown, tomato, bagel, mushrooms and a krispie cereal bar.

Children who normally have a school dinner on this day will automatically get the above, but if your child is on a meal plan or normally brings a packed lunch, but would like the special meal, please let the school office know by Friday 28th February.

Careers Day - We are looking to organise another careers day on 22nd June 2020. If you are able to support the school in sharing what you do as a job, we would love to hear from you. Last year, we couldn't have run the day if it wasn't for the support of several parents who inspired the children with their day to day jobs. Last year, our children heard from a fireman, helicopter mechanic, baker, forensic psychologist, nurse, photographer and more. In schools we talk about aspirations for the future on a regular basis, however if children are only surrounded by teachers and their parents professions, we are limiting their opportunities and possibilities for their future careers. Please send an email if you are able to help out and thank you in advance.

Collective Worship - Parents and carers are welcome to attend collective worship on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please join us in our spiritual journey. Collective worship starts at 1pm in the hall and lasts for approximately 15-20 minutes. On Monday we share the bible story for the week. On Tuesday we usually celebrate with Fr Adrian. Friday is our golden assembly.

Help Needed – our wonderful Parents and Friends are looking for a volunteer to assist with the lottery. It doesn't take up much time, and will just require you to communicate with us regarding any finance details, and try to sign up new supporters. If you can assist please get in touch.



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 Fitbit. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

Forest Schools – our outdoor learning with Sally Wolff will resume after the half term, so please remember to send wellies and waterproofs in on Wednesdays. Dolphins and Eagles children will be doing this every other week. Teachers will let children know which weeks to bring their kit.

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Starfish and Dolphins Trip – on Friday 27th March our Starfish and Dolphins will be visiting Cannon Hall Farm. A letter has been sent out (copies available on our website) with full details. Please ensure payment and consent are given on parentpay, and packed lunch choices are returned by Friday 13th March. Our nursery will be open as normal.

Curriculum- if you would like to see information about what your child is learning this term, please see the links below.

Starfish (Nursery and Reception) <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/starfish-class-rec-ks1/planning/>

Dolphins (Year 1 & 2) <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/dolphins-class-y1-y2/planning/>

Lions (Year 3 & 4) <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/lions-class-y3-4/planning/>

Eagles (Year 5 & 6) <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/eagles-class-y5-6/planning/>

Flooding – with the recent storms, a lot of our local villages and towns have become flooded causing a lot of upheaval and upset for the residents. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected.

Sports Relief – on Friday 13th March we invite all children to wear sportswear. Donations of £1 would be greatly appreciated.

Coronavirus - Please see the most recent guidance about the coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Please let us know if you or your child has been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with coronavirus. If you are travelling abroad in the Easter holiday, please be aware of the risk areas and inform school of your travel. The school may ask you to self-isolate, if needed. In the meantime, please encourage children to wash their hands regularly. The DfE have also launched a helpline to answer your questions about COVID-19 in relation to education. You can contact them on;

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

School Produce - We have lettuce and Kale that can be purchased (for a donation to go towards more seeds for next year). If parents could let us know if they would like to order some, we can cut and send home or they can purchase a lettuce grow salad.



New After School Club – on Thursday 21st May, 4th, 11th and 18th June we will be holding a cooking after school club. Bookings can be made online and we will send out the information shortly.

Pupil Questionnaire - In November, KS2 children were asked to give some feedback, please see the PDF document. Thank you to the children in Lions and Eagles. It has lovely to hear about the children's experiences and views. These have been shared with staff and governors and have been used to enhance the curriculum further. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as we have.

Mental Health Awareness Week – for the week commencing 16th March, lots of things will be happening in school in aid of mental health awareness week. Further information can be found [here](#).

Dental Survey – on Wednesday 25th March, a dental nurse from the NHS foundation Trust would like to come and carry out a dental survey on Nursery Children aged 3 - 3yrs 11 months. Consent forms have been sent home to parents of those children it concerns.

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Went Valley Preschool - please be advised that Went Valley Preschool will be closed for elections on 7th May. Starfish Explorers afternoon nursery will be open as normal from 1pm.

Bookclub – the latest bookclub leaflets have now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are returned to the office, with payment by cash or cheque (made payable to Kirk Smeaton School) by Friday 20th March.

Sports Trips – Please see below dates of our upcoming sports trips to Campsmount – a letter for each trip will be sent out closer to the time with full details. Reminder- it is important that the children go straight into the classroom alone to get changed. Parents will be unable to come inside due to safeguarding – thank you for your understanding.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 23 rd March	Y2-Y6 (unless opted out)	Campsmount Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 25 th March	Y2-Y6 (unless opted out)	Campsmount Dance Show

Campsmount Dance – tickets for the Campsmount Dance are now available, and an email has been sent to all parents with further information. As a reminder, on 23rd March a bus will take all children participating to Campsmount for 3pm, and parents need to collect them from Campsmount at 5pm.

Nursery – our days request form for next term has now been released and sent home with our current Starfish Explorers. Please ensure this is returned by Friday 27th March. Places will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis.

Stay and Play – on Tuesday 31st March we are hosting a stay-and-play for nursery children joining us from after the Easter break. Invitations have been sent to all those who have requested a place, but if you have not heard from us, or would like to join us please get in touch.

School Disco – on Tuesday 31st March we will be having a school disco (further information already sent home). Tickets should be available to purchase from next week, but we will confirm this via email when they are ready.

Sponsored Walk – on Friday 3rd April at 2pm, we'll be completing a sponsored walk around Brockadale Woods. A portion of the money raised will be used to support our link with Tanzania, supporting the staff and running costs of the Leeds Diocesan Tanzanian School Links project. Any remaining funds will be put towards our new canopy over the Dolphins outdoor work area. Parents are welcome to join us on our walk, though we ask that you register your interest with the school office so we can prepare ourselves accordingly for numbers. Sponsorship forms have been sent home today and we ask that these are returned along with money collected by Friday 3rd April. Good luck all!

Reminders

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

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

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497
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After School Club: 07940 111 816

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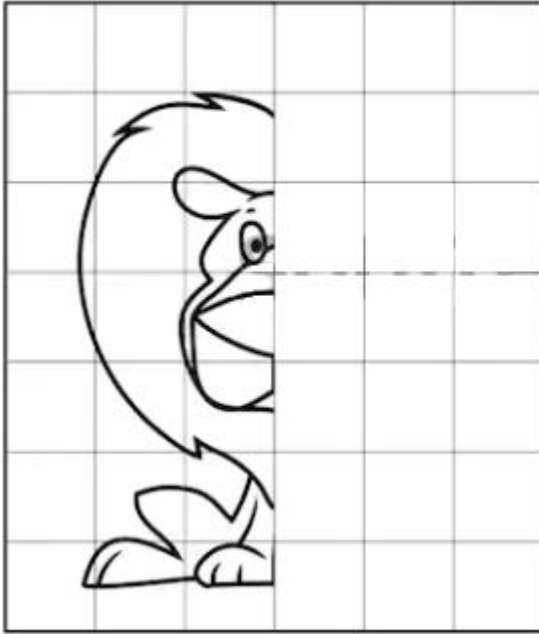
Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 11 th March	Parents Evening (Reception, Y2, Y4, Y6)
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief (Sportswear, £1 donations)
Thursday 19 th March	All-Day Breakfast Day
Friday 20 th March	Non Uniform Day / Mother Day Shop
Friday 20 th March	World Down Syndrome Awareness – Wear Odd Socks
Monday 23 rd March @ 15:00 – 17:00	Campsmount Dance Rehearsal
Monday 23 rd – Tuesday 24 th March	Bikeability
Wednesday 25 th March	Campsmount Dance Show
Wednesday 25 th March	Dental Survey (Nursery Children)
Friday 27 th March	Starfish and Dolphins Trip to Cannon Hall Farm
Monday 30 th – Tuesday 31 st March	Bikeability
Tuesday 31 st March	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
Tuesday 31 st March	School Disco
Thursday, 2nd April (Time tbc)	Easter Service
Friday 3 rd April @ 14:00	Sponsored Walk
Friday 3 rd April	School Closes
Tuesday 21 st April	School Opens
Wednesday 29 th April	Lions Play
May	KS1 SAT's
Thursday 7 th May	Went Valley Preschool Closed
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 11 th May	KS2 SAT's Week
Friday 15 th May – Monday 18 th May	School Book Fair
Thursday 21 st May	School Closes
Monday 1 st June	School Opens
June	Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Tests
Friday 19 th June	Sports Day
Friday 26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 29 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Y4-6 Residential
Friday 17 th July	School Closes

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