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Date: Wednesday 6th April 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 4 th May	Eagles	Tag Rugby	Campsmount
Wednesday 18 th May	Lions	Tag Rugby	Campsmount
Wednesday 25 th May	Dolphins, Lions, Eagles	Cheerleading	Campsmount

National assessments

Schools will take part in national assessments this year, please see the dates and months below. It is extremely important that children have good attendance around these dates.

Reception- will be assessed by the teacher May-June

Y1- phonics screening test in June

Y2- SATS tests in May and June

Y4- Timetable test in June

Y6- SATS 9th May- all week.

Campsmount Dance – well done to everyone that took part in this years dance competition. All the children were amazing!



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.

School Systems – We are officially moved over to Arbor now and we can't wait to share it with you all. This week you'll be receiving log-in details for the parent portal and a guide form us on how to get set up. You can access the system through a web browser, but we ask that you download the app also (instructions to follow) as we'll be sending in-app notifications as well as our emails and text messages.

Sponsored Walk for Ukraine – we cannot thank you all enough for the donations received for this. The children raised a humongous £3900 which we have sent to the Samaritans Purse Ukraine Appeal.

Planting Season – The children will be bringing home a plant this half term, we ask that you help your child to look after it at home and when it is ready to be planted in the allotment area we will ask for them to come back to school. Thank you for your support and help.

Food Bank Non-Uniform – children are invited to join us on Thursday 7th April in non-uniform, and we are asking for donations for our Knottingley Foodbank. We recognise that not all children will be able to contribute to this cause and ask for all children to take part in non-uniform. Any donations can be left at the entrance of the school hall please.

School Photographs – photo proofs have now been sent home. Please make sure you return any orders to school by Monday 25th April. For class photos, make sure you add your child's name to the order form too so we can send these out to the correct people.

School Bus – from Monday 25th April, our school bus will be departing school at 3:15 for the remainder of the school year.

Careers Day – Friday 1st July we will be hosting our annual careers morning. This is a great time for the children to meet people from a range of different professions. If any parents are interested in sharing their profession with the children we would love to hear from you.

Easter Lunch – on Wednesday 27th April, our wonderful kitchen team will be preparing an Easter special of roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli & sweetcorn, and chocolate pudding with chocolate sauce. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but they would like the special, please let the school office know by Friday 7th April. Meals are charged at £2.64 for children in Year 3 and above.

Inset Day – please don't forget school will be closed on Friday 8th April for staff training.

Easter Raffle – thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Easter raffle. A big thank you to all the parents who organised the event. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 6th April.

Staffing next term - We are happy to say that Miss Yardley will be staying with Y1/2 for an extra week after Easter. Her last day with the children will be 29th April. We welcome Mrs Douglas to join us on 2nd May. Mrs Douglas has a wealth of experience and is excited to work with our children in Y1/2. Miss Yardley and Mrs Douglas will be working together in providing a smooth transition for the children.

We welcomed Mrs Lister to the team last week who is working in Starfish with Miss Ghent and Miss Whittles.

COVID vaccinations - A guide for parents regarding the vaccinations for 5-11 year olds. <https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/covid-19-vaccine/resources/covid-19-guide-parents-5-11-year-olds/>

COVID risk assessment

The new guidance from the DFE as of 1st April is below.

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID 19 test results should try and stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Earrings – a number of our pupils are still wearing earrings, despite our previous reminders. Children are not permitted to wear earrings at school due to health and safety reasons. If you are thinking about getting your child's ears pierced, it is recommended to do this at the start of the summer holiday to ensure there is enough time for the ears to heal for safe removal during term time.

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

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Important Diary Dates

Thursday 7th April
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Monday 25th April
Wednesday 27th April
Wednesday 4th May
Wednesday 18th May
Wednesday 25th May











Forest Schools – Eagles
Non Uniform Day – Food Bank Donations
School Closes
School Opens
Easter Lunch Special
Eagles Tag Rugby @ Campsmount
Lions Tag Rugby @ Campsmount
Cheerleading Competition @ Campsmount

KIDZONE

EASTER ISPY



COUNT AND COLOR. HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?

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HAPPY EASTER

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