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Date: Friday 6th May 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 18 th May	Lions	Tag Rugby	Campsmount
Wednesday 25 th May	Dolphins, Lions, Eagles	Cheerleading	Campsmount
Wednesday 8 th June	Eagles	Rounders	Campsmount

School Day Consultation - Following the consultation with parents, the governing body have had extensive talks and a decision has been made to slightly extend the current school day. This change will take effect from the beginning of the Autumn term, September 2022.

From September 2022, the school day will be 8.40am (time of morning registration) - 3.10pm (home time). Recognising comments made, the change will include an extra 10 minutes which will be added to the lunchtime, so that children and teachers have a 40 minute lunch break.

Time was spent by governors looking at parent consultation responses, consulting with staff, reviewing health and safety records, finances and recently published government white papers before reaching this decision. Please note that based on currently available guidance, the extension of the school day is also expected to be in line with the Government measures published last month that schools are expected to offer a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023 at the latest. The governors would like to thank all parents and carers for your time in completing the consultation, your patience whilst governors have deliberated the next steps and for your support going forward for this extension

Year 6 SATs - Next week is SATs week for the Year 6's. Please make sure they are punctual and have a good breakfast and good nights sleep. Keep going Year 6's – only 1 more week to go!

Y1 and Y2 assessments- Mrs Douglas is settling into class lovely with the children. We aim for the children to settle with Mrs Douglas this week and administer the Y2 SATS tests between 16th May and 26th May 2022. Y1 children will complete the phonics screening test 13th- 24th June 2022. It is important that your child attends school unless they are ill.

School dinners- Please have a look at the menu with your child, there are often meals that children don't like and we can provide a jacket potato with either cheese or beans. Please let the school office know if you wish to change your child's meal.

Please see the healthy pack lunch information for any child choosing to bring a packed lunch.

We use NYCC catering, which plan their meals on the government guidance, please see the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/school-meals-healthy-eating-standards>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-food-standards-resources-for-schools/school-food-standards-practical-guide>

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



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.

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.

Fire Safety – NY Police have been in touch regarding fire safety – please remind children the importance of staying safe and not starting fires. Recently, a fire was started on the edge of a wood and the embers have blown onto the dry earth / surroundings and a fire took hold burning approx. 40,000m of land and new trees. Although this wasn't intentional, it was certainly reckless and avoidable.

Arbor – thank you to everyone who has already activated their Arbor account. We hope you're finding the system easy to use and convenient. For anyone who still needs to log in, you can use the link previously emailed, or head to <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/arbor-login/> for information.

Parentmail will no longer be used, so please do not use it to log any absences.

Parentpay is also no longer being used, apart from for those still with a debt to clear. We have messaged all of those with balances remaining and ask that these are cleared asap so we can reconcile our systems. Any credits left on accounts have been transferred to Arbor.

All meals, trips, and clubs can now be paid via Arbor. We also send in-app messages so make sure you download the app.

Bookings for our breakfast club and after school club are now done through Arbor also – the school office cannot book any children in on your behalf. You can sign them up any time up to 30 minutes before each session starts.

To cancel a club session, unfortunately parents cannot do this themselves, but instead need to email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can do it. To cancel a/s club you must email the school office by 9am on the day. To cancel breakfast club, you must email the school office by 1pm the day before.

School Logo – please don't forget that from September, our new logo will be fully implemented, and uniform will no longer be accepted with our old logo.

Lions Trip – on Wednesday 11th May, our Lions will be visiting Ledston. A letter has been sent home with more details, and payment and consent can be made on Arbor.

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

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

Important Diary Dates

W/C 9th May

Wednesday 11th May

Thursday 12th May @ 12:15

Monday 16th May – Friday 20th May

Wednesday 18th May

Wednesday 25th May

Wednesday 8th June

Monday 13th June – Friday 24th June

Year 6 SATs

Lions trip to Ledston

Year 3 Parent Lunch (reserved places only)

Year 2 SATs

Lions Tag Rugby @ Campsmount

Cheerleading Competition @ Campsmount

Year 4 Parent Lunch (reserved places only)

Year 1 Phonics Screening