

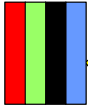


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Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



**After-School Club** – next terms bookings forms have now been released and are available from the front office, or by downloading from <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-clubs/after-school-clubs/> . If you do require a space please ensure you complete this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Staffing and Lions Class – January 2019** – Following a very rigorous and intense interview process, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs C Braer has been appointed as Job Share Class Teacher for Lions Class and will take up her post at the beginning of next term. She will of course be working with Mrs Hursthouse who we must thank for teaching Lions full time while the appointment process was undertaken. Mrs Hursthouse will be teaching the class Monday, Tuesday and some of Wednesday and Mrs Braer will teach for the remainder of Wednesday to Friday. This new structure should work very well as it has time built in for both teachers to plan together and discuss the needs of the children.

I am also delighted to tell you that Mrs A Wilson has been appointed as a general teaching assistant and will take up her post after the Christmas holiday. She will mainly be working in Lions class to support the children during day to day lessons.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming both Mrs Braer and Mrs Wilson to the Kirk Smeaton team.

We will also be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Newsome at the end of this term as she is moving on to other opportunities. She has brought so much to school during the five years she has worked here and her creative and musical talents have enriched the lives of children and staff. We want to say a huge thank you and wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

**Refuse Truck Problems** – Some parents have raised the issue of the weekly refuse collection causing issues as it sometimes happens during school drop off time and causes disruption and congestion. This has been monitored by Governors and while it does not seem to be a consistent, recurring problem they do want to continue to monitor it. If you have any issues or problems during drop off or pick up can you please let the Governors know via the school office and it will be followed up with the council should it become necessary.

**Recording of School Plays** – Some parents have raised the issue of recording school plays and whether the school policy can be reviewed. As a result, this was discussed by Governors at the recent Governors' Curriculum Meeting (4/12/18). Governors and school staff really do understand that not being able to record children in plays, such as the upcoming nativity, can be very disappointing for parents however, we do have a duty to protect the rights of parents who do not wish their children to appear on any media that may find its way into the public sphere or appear on social media. There can be many reasons for this including, in some cases, significant safeguarding concerns. As a result, we cannot allow the filming of plays, nativities, sports days etc by anyone other than school staff who are aware of which children can or cannot appear on digital media. We can then make these photographs or videos available on the school website if appropriate or on the school newsletter. If at all possible, we record plays on school equipment and then make copies of these available to parents either on the website or via DVD for a small charge. However, dependant on the number of children who cannot be filmed and their involvement in the production this may not always be possible. We also do always try to give the opportunity for parents to take photographs of their own children in costume on the stage at the end of a production.

We know this is disappointing for some parents but we ask for your understanding and cooperation in this sensitive issue and in helping us to ensure our policy is followed.

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You can find a copy of the policy on the school website, or by clicking [here](#) if you are reading this newsletter electronically.

We would also like to ask that if you have had a change in circumstances or you wish to either add or remove your child from our list please let the school office know and we will update our records accordingly.

**National Christmas Jumper Day** – On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we invite all children to come in ‘Christmassy,’ non-uniform to support Christmas Jumper Day. Donations of £1 would be greatly appreciated, and all proceeds will be going towards Save the Children

**Breakfast Club** – please ensure that if you require the use of Breakfast Club, that you book your child in with Mrs Beck. This can be done via her website <http://www.wentvalleypreschool.co.uk/>.

**Packed Lunches – Nuts** - In the interests of our pupils health and safety, can we please ask parents to refrain from putting nut products in their children's packed lunches where possible as there are some children in our school with Nut allergies We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



**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 Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can. Please see the attachment

**Christmas Dinner Day** – our wonderful kitchen staff will be serving up a bountiful Christmas feast on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not normally have a school dinner on a Thursday, and you have not pre-ordered one, you must send a packed lunch on the day. On the day requests will not be able to be accommodated.

**Donations** – thank you to everyone who has donated to our recent causes. For Children In Need we raised £105.65, and for Bags2School we raised £132.00. Thank you so much everyone!

**Starfish Explorers** – if your child turns 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, they are able to join us in our wonderful afternoon nursery from next term. For any children wanting to join us from January, we will be holding a parent information session on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30, and a stay and play session for your child on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 1:30-3:00. If you would like to join us at these please let the school office know.

**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. Consent has already been given – many thanks for this. Can we also remind parents that on the day of your child's class trip, 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 issues – thank you for your understanding.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Lions	Multi-skills
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Eagles	Netball

**School Dinners** – next terms school dinner menu has now been released and can be found attached to this email. If you would like to change your meal plan based on this please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**Christingle Service** – This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the very first Christingle service in a Church of England church. We will be celebrating this with a special Christingle assembly/service during the last week of term. Each

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child will make their own Christingle which they will take to the service which will be led by Father Adrian. We will be asking each child to bring in an orange next week which they will transform into a magnificent Christingle.

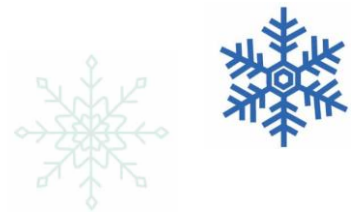
Unfortunately, due to our current high level of pupil numbers, for health and safety reasons we are unable to invite parents / carers to our Christingle service as the Church is too small to accommodate the children and a large congregation of parents. We thank you for your understanding and hope you will all be able to join us for our 'Carols in the Hall' event on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Come and join the Parents and Friends of  
Kirk Smeaton School.



Small schools like ours need your support.  
Please ask the school office for details.

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE - £1 PER TICKET!**



Join us for Kirk Smeaton School's  
*Christmas fundraiser*  
**DECEMBER 14TH 2018**

Straight after the finish of school at 5.50pm in the school hall

 Tombola  
Games  
Tea and coffee  
Cake stall  
Games  
Forest School tent

Raffle prizes include...

- Afternoon tea at Wentbridge House
- Adwick play voucher
- Shake, rattle and Roll voucher
- £50 Marks & Spencer voucher
- 2 tickets to volcano falls adventure golf
- 2 tickets to laserzone
- £25 Vue Cinema voucher
- Meal for 4 at McDonalds
- Forest School Holiday Club voucher
- Pontefract Racecourse voucher

...and many more!!



**TOMBOLA PRIZES AND BAKING DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

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**Pantomime Trip** – our wonderful team of Parents and Friends have arranged for all children in Reception and above to attend the Doncaster CAST Pantomime this year on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has been sent home with full details (and a copy can be found on our website). There is no cost to you for this trip, but we do require your consent and ask that you return the complete slip by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Non Uniform Day** – on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December we would like to invite all children to wear non-uniform, and ask for a tombola prize donation for our Christmas Fundraiser. Thank you in advance.

#### **Important Diary Dates**

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 13:30-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Non Uniform Day – Christmas Jumpers
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	KS2 Carols in the Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 15:30	Christmas Fundraiser
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	Christingle Service
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	School Closes
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	School Opens

#### **St Peters Church, Kirk Smeaton Dates**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 18:00	Village Carol Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018 @ 16:00	Family Christmas Service
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 9:15	Christmas Communion Service

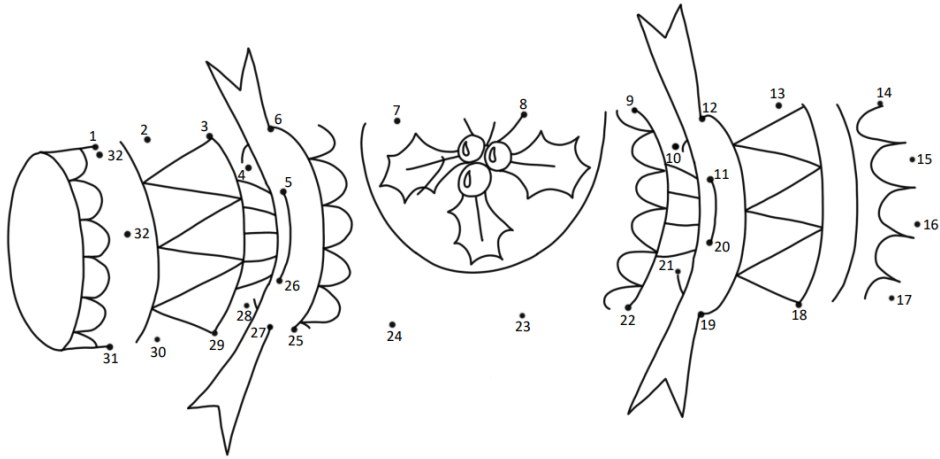
#### **St Martins Church, Womersley Dates**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	Afternoon Bell Ringing and Carols (with refreshments)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 @ 19:30	Carols by Candlelight
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 15:00	Crib Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 23:00	Midnight Mass

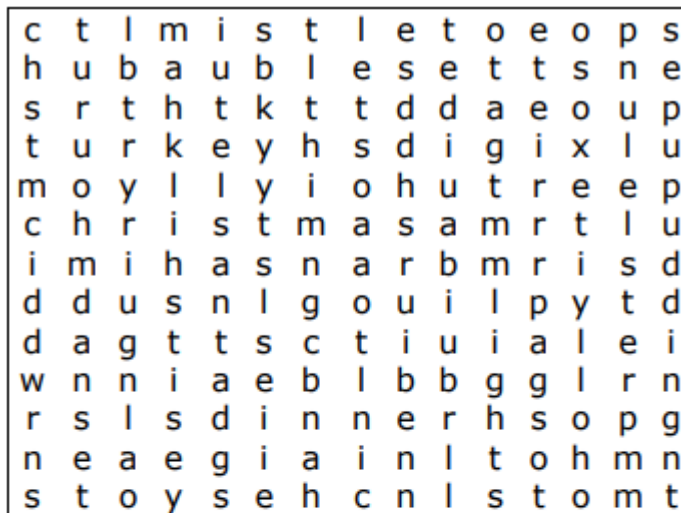
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