

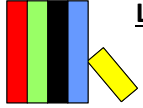


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Lent - We are now in Lent, on Tuesday some of the classes celebrated Strove Tuesday with making pancakes and on Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday in collective worship. We have asked the children to think about ways that they can be better people during this time. They may decide to do something like helping a neighbour, saving their pocket money and giving it to charity, playing with someone who needs a friend etc. Please see below for some ideas on how we can enjoy this time as a family.

Be Informed

1. **Give up something as a family.** Jesus fasted for 40 days. That is a very long time! It would be meaningful to teach your children about fasting by giving up something for the entire Lenten season or on Fridays during Lent. It could be giving up desserts, not going out to eat, or drinking only water. The key is that it has to be something you enjoy and want to do/eat/have. If you hate brussels sprouts and decide to give them up during Lent, you may need to re-evaluate.
2. **40 bags in 40 days.** Instead of or in addition to giving up something for Lent, you could purge a bag's worth of stuff every day during Lent. You choose the size of the bag, and you should definitely make it a family affair. (Unless, of course, you are purging toys or something, and then maybe you don't want to get the kids involved. ha!) Just think of how clean your home will be by Easter!
3. **Build a Lenten Cross.** Similar to an Advent wreath, you light one or more candles each night during dinner for the entire Lenten season. I want to get this going with my family this year.
4. **Attend a church service.** During this season there will be services for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Holy week.
5. **Read Easter books.** [The Parable of the Lily](#), [The Jesus Calling](#), [One Spring Lamb](#) are some really lovely Easter stories.
6. **Read the Bible together every day.** There are so many lovely stories to share with your children and it is a great opportunity to focus on the ministry of Jesus.
7. **Make a prayer chain.** Write a person or situation on each of 40 strips of paper. Assemble them into a paper chain. Remove one link per day, and pray for that thing with your kids.
8. **Grow something.** Make sure you get [The Parable of the Lily](#) which is a wonderful explanation of how something wonderful can grow from something dead and ugly. You could grow some vegetables together and harvest them together.

Phonics – There is an app called ‘Teach Your Monster To Read that can support your child with phonics learning. This is usually a paid-for app, but it is currently free to download until Sunday 10th March.

Y6 parents - Over the holiday you will have had news of secondary school placements. We have been contacted by various high schools, and parents, regarding secondary school admissions and many schools this year are over subscribed and unfortunately, this means a few children have not been offered their first choice. Please can we ask that you confirm your place with your offered school as soon as possible (or let them know if you do not want it), to allow those schools to calculate their final numbers, and offer any spare places to children on the waiting list. Thank you in advance.

Forest Schools – from next week, our Lions and Eagles will be spending some of their Wednesdays with Sally Wolff, taking part in Forest School Activities on school grounds. Please ensure you send your children in with old trousers (Waterproof if possible), waterproof coat, and wellies. Please make sure these are old clothes that are ok to get dirty or paint on. As the weather gets warmer they will also need a sun hat and sun cream.

Non Uniform Days – we have a couple of non-uniform days coming up; Friday 15th March is Comic Relief – we ask that children wear something red and donations of £1 (or more!) would be greatly appreciated – all donations go to

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Comic Relief. On Friday 22nd March, children are welcome to wear any non-uniform, and we are looking for donations of Mothers Day gifts for our Secret Room.

On Thursday 21st March, we invite all children to wear odd socks, to recognize World Down Syndrome Day.

After-School Club –this half terms booking forms are now available. If you require any sessions booking please contact us. Please note that all bookings must be made directly with the school office rather than through Mrs Humphries.

Bookclub – this terms bookclub leaflet has gone home this week. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form and return to the school office with payment (cash or cheque made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') by Friday 29th March.

Went Valley Pre School – on Thursday 2nd May, the pre-school will be closed so the room can be used as the local polling station. Starfish Explorers will be open as normal in the afternoon.

Careers - We are looking to inspire our young people in career choices for the future. We hope to host a careers day on 28th June 2019, we have invited a wide variety of professionals to come and talk to the children. We are now waiting for them to accept. Fingers crossed! If you would like to share your career or career path with the children, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Volunteer Gardeners – on Saturday 9th March, from 12pm, we are holding a gardening afternoon. Please see relevant attachments for more information.

Campsmount Dance – tickets are now available from the school office. 2 tickets per child have been allocated per child. For Year 2 children, this will consist of 1 standing and 1 seated ticket (many parents choose to leave after this performance so priority is given to the older children). For those with a standing ticket, Campsmount will be offering spare seats to these people on a first come first served basis. For children in Lions and Eagles, both tickets will be seated. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 22nd March. Any tickets remaining at this point will be offered to those on our waiting list, including those previously allocated.

Transport has now been arranged for the rehearsals during school time, and a letter will be coming home shortly detailing this, and asking for consent. Please make sure this is returned by Friday 22nd March.



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

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 21 st March	Lions	Netball
Thursday 28 th March	Eagles	Multiskills
Thursday 11 th April	Dolphins	Gymnastics

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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.

Important Diary Dates

Saturday 9 th March 2019 @ 12:00	Gardening Afternoon
Friday 15 th March 2019	Comic Relief – Non Uniform (Wear Red –£1 Donation)
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Lions Netball at Campsmount
Thursday 21 st March 2019	World Down Syndrome Day (Wear odd socks)
Friday 22 nd March 2019	Non Uniform Day (Mothers Day Gift Donations)
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	The Secret Room Opens
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Eagles Multiskills at Campsmount
Monday 1 st April 2019 @ 15:00-17: 00	Campsmount Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 13:00-15:00	Campsmount Dance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 18:30-21:00	Campsmount Dance Show
Friday 5 th April 2019	Y3 Swimming Lessons Begin
Thursday 11 th April 2019	Dolphins Gymnastics at Campsmount
Thursday 11 th April 2019 @ 14:00	Easter Service
Friday 12 th April 2019	School Closes
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	School Opens
Thursday 2 nd May 2019	Went Valley Pre School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May 2019 @ 14:15	Lions Play
Friday 24 th May 2019	School Closes
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 5 th June 2019 @ 9:00	School Class Photographs
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th July 2019	Robinwood Residential
Friday 19 th July 2019	School Closes


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Math Colour By Number


1 =  2+3


2 =  1+6 3+1 6-3 9-4 3+4 9-2


3 =  5+2 3+2 4-2 1+1 6-1

4 =  1+4 7-2 5+3 9-1 8-3

5 =  9-4 2+6 3-2 2+2

6 =  2+1 8-5

7 =  1+5 4+2 7-1

8 =  3+3 8-2 9-3

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