



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 8th March 2024



After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Monday	Arts & Crafts <i>15th January – 18th March</i>	3:15-4:15	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5554
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
13 th March	Dodgeball	Lions	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy - Parents to pick up
20 th March	Dance Rehearsal	Lions, Dolphins	13:00-15:45	Campsmount Academy - Parents to pick up
21 st March	Dance Show	Lions, Dolphins	Doors open at 5.00pm	Campsmount Academy – Parents to take and bring home

Latest News

- Mrs Jones and Mrs Peart Minter have decided to leave Kirk Smeaton CE Primary School at the end of July 24. We thank them dearly for their service and commitment to the school, they will be greatly missed by all children and adults. We wish them both good health and best wishes as they take some time to relax and look after their families. We are currently looking for a new KS1 teacher and will share more information once this appointment is complete.
- Students from Eagles class enjoyed a great afternoon at Campsmount for their latest Dodgeball competition. Well done to everyone that took part!
- After taking part in Pyjamarama, the school raised £92.50 towards the charity, Children with Cancer. Thank you for your support.
- Forest Schools sessions have restarted. Your class teacher will notify you via dojo when it's your child's turn to take part. Please send your child in uniform and bring a bag of waterproof clothes and wellies they can change in to.
- The breakfast club is usually working at capacity every day now, so at times you may not be able to book your child in last minute. We would like to hear from any families who have struggled to add their children to the club or who will need additional days in the near future. If you could let us know, then we may be able to create spaces with advance warning.
- North Yorkshire Public Health's latest public conversation is around access to healthy food and about food waste. They are particularly interested in views from people under 49. The Let's Talk Food survey is part of the wider conversation that has been taking place about food in North Yorkshire, looking at the whole

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food system - from how we grow food, what we grow, to what we buy and eat and how much we throw away. You can fill in an online survey here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk>

Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31st July 2024.
- Parent consultation appointments can now be booked for March – last few slots remaining! If your child has had a target plan meeting, you don't need to book another appointment, however if you want to have a check in, please book an appointment.
- Starfish – the Castle Trip is available to give consent and payment until 12th March.
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

General Reminders

- Summer lunch menu and forms have been sent home. Please can these be returned to school no later than **Friday 9th March**, even if your child selects a packed lunch.
- On 20th March there will be an Easter lunch special consisting of roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli & sweetcorn, and a celebration biscuit. If your child normally has the jacket or packed lunch option and wishes to order this meal special, please place your order by **8th March**.
- Tickets for the Campsmount Dance show (Dolphins & Lions) are available to purchase from the school office. Tickets are £3 each and if you could bring the correct change that would be appreciated.
- Please let the office know of any appointments or absences rather than teachers on Dojo – they often don't have time to check these on a morning. In the case of any absence due to illness, please do let the office know by 9.00am on the day of the absence.
- As per our policy, if a child is picked up 10 minutes or later, there will be a charge of £2 per 10 minutes they are late – this relates to normal school collection as well as after school club.
- We are aware that parking is limited, however this is a general reminder to be considerate to residents, parents and children when dropping and collecting children from school. If residents or parents have any concerns about road safety in general, these can be reported roadsafetyevents@northyorksfire.gov.uk

Where attendance falls below 96%, parents will be issued with an attendance letter. Persistent absence may result in a fine from your local authority, or even prosecution.

Children with attendance less than 90% are missing more than 4 weeks of school each year, and across their time with us this can reach 1 full school year of absence, making it almost impossible to keep up with the work.

Attendance	Days Absent	
100%	0	Excellent
99%	1.9	
98%	3.8	
97%	5.7	Average
96%	7.6	
95%	9.5	
94%	11.4	Below expected national standard
93%	13.3	
92%	15.2	
91%	17.1	
90%	19	

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Monday 11th March

Wednesday 13th March

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Thursday 14th March

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Friday 15th March

Monday 18th March

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 20th March

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Friday 22nd March

Collective worship assembly at 9.00am

Parents evening

Forest school

Lions dodgeball competition

Eagles art showcase @ 8:40

Starfish trip to Conisborough Castle

Comic relief

Nursery stay and play session for Summer 2024 starters

School dinner special

Forest school

Campsmount dance rehearsal

World Down Syndrome awareness day

Easter church service

Campsmount Dance show

School closes for Easter

Reminders

We are a nut and coconut 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
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After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847
Went Valley: 01977 621 521
Mrs Vizard: louisevizard@gmail.com

Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 5th March
Tuesday 2nd April