



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 8TH September 2023



After School Clubs – Summer Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Monday	Arts & Crafts	3:15-4:15	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4956 (starts 25th Sep)
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins	3.10-4.10	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
11 th October	Football	Lions	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy
18 th October	Football	Dolphins	13:15-15:30	Campsmount Academy

Latest News

- We've had a lovely first week back – the children came back energised and excited to start learning again.
- Our new nursery and reception starters have settled in brilliantly, getting used to new routines and friends.
- Well done to all children who took part in our summer challenges. Certificates will be handed out today!

Arbor Reminders

- Lions swimming lessons. Please make payment by 10pm today.
- Please download the Arbor app if you haven't already. We will be using this as a form of communication and it is important all families have access to it.

General Reminders

- Hair that is long enough to be tied up, should be.
- Children should not wear jewellery in school (this includes earrings).
- Gates open at 8:40 and close at 8:50. Any late arrivals after this must be signed in with the office.
- Whilst the weather is so warm, don't forget to apply suncream, send sun hats, and of course a water bottle.
- Appointments should be made outside of school hours. Where this is unavoidable, a copy of the appointment confirmation must be shown to the office team in advance.

Sports Competitions

This year, the sports competitions timings will be slightly different, ending at 3:30 for KS1, and 3:45 for KS2. We will take children to Campsmount on a minibus, but we ask that parents collect children directly from Campsmount instead of Kirk Smeaton. If your child has been selected to take part in a competition, we will contact you to confirm this and remind you of pick-up times and locations.

School Dinner Special

On Thursday 5th October, our kitchen staff will be preparing a special meal consisting of hot dog, chips, peas, sweetcorn, ketchup, and jelly & ice-cream. All children that would normally have a dinner on this day will receive the special. If your child would normally have a packed lunch but would like the special, please email the school office by Friday 29th September.

RAAC update

You may be aware of the recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete and is deemed to be weaker than regular concrete. Concerns have been raised about its long-term durability and the Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC.

We feel it's important that we inform and reassure you that the NYC team has recently carried out examinations of the school in line with Government guidance, and our school is not affected.

Harvest Festival

Parents are invited to join us for our harvest service at Church on 21st September. 9:00 for Starfish and Dolphins, and 9:30 for Lions and Eagles. We are also asking for donations towards our Harvest Food Bank Appeal. Please leave any donations in the school office on Thursday 21st September.

Christmas Cards

In the next couple of weeks children will be bringing home their Christmas Card artwork and order forms.

Instructions will be enclosed, but all orders should be placed online and artwork returned to us by 6th October.

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Thursday 21 st September	Individual photos
Thursday 28 th September	Harvest Festival (9:00 KS1 & EYFS. 9:30 KS2) Parents welcome
Monday 2 nd October – Wednesday 4 th October	Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 11 th October	Lions Football Competition
Wednesday 18 th October	Dolphins Football Competition
Friday 27 th October	School closes
Monday 6 th November	School opens

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	

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
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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 19th September
Tuesday 17th October
Tuesday 14th November