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Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



### After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

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

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Dodgeball	Eagles	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy - Parents to pick up
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Dodgeball	Lions	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy - Parents to pick up
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Rehearsal	Lions, Dolphins	13:00-15:45	Campsmount Academy - Parents to pick up
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Dance Show	Lions, Dolphins	Time TBC	Campsmount Academy – Parents to take and bring home

### Latest News

- Dolphins headed to Campsmount for a basketball competition and placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools. Well done guys!
- A team from KS2 took part in the swimming gala at Askern and they came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 schools. They did really well and we are proud of the sportsmanship they all showed.
- We had our Pyjamarama day yesterday to raise money for Children with Cancer and it was a great success. We raised £92.50. Thank you to all that donated and to our kitchen staff for preparing a lovely breakfast lunch for us all.
- We had Candlemas in church to celebrate and pray for our link school in Tanzania.
- Starfish parents joined us in class for an IT information session, we hope you found it useful, it was lovely to see such a good turnout.
- The Yorkshire Owl Company were in school yesterday, we're sure the children told you all about it, but what a fantastic time we had! We learnt so much and even got to hold them! Thank you to everyone that contributed to this event, we're so grateful.
- Today we say goodbye to Mrs Maltby, we all thank her for her hard work over the past 8 years. She will be greatly missed. We thank Mrs Maltby for supporting Mrs Alty in her induction this week. We are excited to welcome Mrs Alty to the team on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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

### Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
- Dolphins – the Ledston trip is available to give consent and payment until 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Tea Towels can be ordered via the Arbor School Shop
- Parent consultation appointments can now be booked for March
- Starfish – the Castle trip is available to give consent and payment until 12<sup>th</sup> March

### General Reminders

- On 7<sup>th</sup> March there will be a World Book Day special consisting of BFG Beefburger in a Bun, Witches Wedges, Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans & Sweetcorn, and Charlie's Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Muffin. Orders must be received by 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> March there will be an Easter special consisting of roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli & sweetcorn, and a celebration biscuit. Orders must be received by 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Starfish parents – please don't forget to submit your castle trip packed lunch choices by 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- 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.
- 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.
- Campsmount Dance tickets will be on sale from the school office from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb until 15<sup>th</sup> March. 2 tickets per child have been allocated, £3 each. The child performing will not need a ticket. Any remaining tickets after 15<sup>th</sup> March will be returned to Campsmount.
- There is still lots of room on Fridays in Debbie's club – she'll be leading fun games such as tennis, dodgeball and cricket, and the club is open to all ages. To sign up, please head to Arbor and activities.

### Message from Mrs Maltby

After a wonderful 8 years, today I say my goodbye's for the last time 😞 It has been an absolute pleasure meeting you all and watching your little ones grow up. I will truly miss each and every one of you. Thank you for all the kind words, cards and gifts – I've been so overwhelmed with your generosity (and very emotional!) I wish you all so much happiness and good things for the future ♥

**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\***

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Parents session in class @ 8:40
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Dolphins gymnastics competition - CANCELLED</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y6 Parent session in class @ 8:40
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Collective Worship assembly at 9.00am</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Parent session in class @ 8:40
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Food bank collection
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Forest schools
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Parent session in class @ 8:40
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Collection worship assembly @ 9am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagles dodgeball competition
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Parent dinner
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School dinner special
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags 2 School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Parent session in class @ 8:40
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins trips to Ledston
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Collective worship assembly at 9.00am</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lions dodgeball competition
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Eagles art showcase @ 8:40
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Starfish trip to Conisborough Castle</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic relief
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School dinner special
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Campsmount dance rehearsal
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Down Syndrome awareness day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter church service
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Campsmount Dance show
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School closes

### 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

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### Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April