



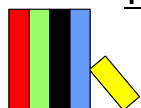
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Date: Friday 10th May 2019



Y6 SATs – Y6 SATS next week! (Week commencing 13th May) Please make sure your children are in school on time, and have had a good breakfast. On Monday- Thursday school will be open from 8.40 where there will be a selection of breakfast treats.

Be Informed

KS1 SATs this year will be held 13th-24th May. The Year 1 phonics screening will be held in June.

Good luck to all our pupils this year ☺

Reception places - This year we were oversubscribed for Reception places, this is super news for the school, but can be upsetting for parents who wish to gain a place at the school. If you want your child to start in Reception in September 2020, please let us know and we can ensure that you are on our mailing list. It is important to apply for a place through admissions within the time allocated, admissions will open in November 2019 for places in September 2020.

Outside play - We have a few eager gymnasts in schools, and during play time we have mats out for the children to perform. If your child has a skirt on, we would suggest wearing cycling shorts so that they are well covered.

Tour de Yorkshire - Thank you for the Parish Council for providing all our children with a hat, the children had the opportunity to see the race and they loved it. The village looked amazing with bunting, scarecrows and blue and yellow sheep too, it is a real testament to the wonderful village our children come to school in. Some children have been part of creating a short video for promoting the tour de Yorkshire, please keep your eyes out for it. Some children had the opportunity to meet Christian Prudhomme. What an exciting week back after Easter!

Sports Day – after discussions with our Parents and Friends, it has been decided that Sports Day will be moved to Friday 14th June (Reserve 21st June) with our Summer Fair being held straight afterwards. Refreshment stalls will be open during the afternoon to allow spectators to quench their thirst / hunger.

Spellings – we are really keen for all children to work on their spellings and increase their proficiency. We have a lot of fun ideas on our website [here](#) . You can also find year group spellings on their class pages;

- [Dolphins](#)
- [Lions](#)
- [Eagles](#)



Be Happy

Recycling – we have teamed with The Recycling Factory to donate any used inkjet and toner cartridges, with money donated to the RSPB for every cartridge we send. If you have any from home that you wish to donate, please pass them to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Eagles Trip – On Tuesday 21st May, Eagles will be visiting Doncaster Wildlife Park. A letter has been sent home with full details, and the trip has been set up on parentpay where consent and payment can be given.

Residential KS2 - If your child is unable to attend the Robinwood residential, we have organised a one night forest school residential at the same time for our Y3's and remaining Y4's. A letter will be going home shortly with further details.

Y1-6 outdoor learning and gardening – could parents please make sure they send their children in with wellies, waterproof coats and trousers on Wednesdays please as they will be taking part in outdoor learning and gardening

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with Sally Wolff. 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.

Residential consultation

We would like to hear your views on residential visits.

Background

In previous years, we have attended Robin Wood in Y3,4,5 and 6 and found that pupils became disengaged by Y5/6, so in recent years, we have tried other places (Kingswood and Bewerley Park). We always take Eagles and Lions together, however this year we could only take a set number of children which meant that some of the Lions children missed out.

The things to consider

- If we do not book with the same centre every year, we can't choose the dates and size of the groups. In addition, the dates are only released until all the other schools have booked.
- Younger pupils can be upset at the thought of leaving their parents, they can be tearful at night and 2/3 nights away can be a long time for them.
- Staffing a residential can be problematic. If we do not get the correct ratios the trip will be cancelled. If we have two separate trips, one for Lions and one for Eagles, we need more staff to volunteer to go and also need cover staff for the children who don't.
- The cost of the bus there and back to the venue can be expensive.
- Many schools only do one residential in Y6 due to the risks of the children being off site.

Questions

1. Should we have a 2 year rolling program so that all children in Y5/6 have a 2/3 night residential every year at a different venue?
2. Should Y3/4 children have a 1/2 night residential in the school grounds with a trained leader each year?
3. Should we run it as a 4-year cycle as we currently do and if the venue has limited bookings, then take this on a first come first served basis?

Please email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk with any comments. Thank you in advance.

Helpers needed- if you would like to come along and help with gardening through the day while Sally Wolff is with us, please let the school office know.

Lions Trip – On Wednesday 3rd July, Lions will be visiting the Jorvik Centre. A letter has been sent home with full details, and the trip has been set up on parentpay where consent and payment can be given.

Starfish and Dolphins Trip – on Thursday 4th July, our Starfish and Dolphins will be visiting Doncaster Wildlife Park. A letter has been sent home with full details, and the trip is set up on parentpay where consent and payment can be made.

Lions Play – We invite our Lions parents (And grandparents) to our production of 'Jonah and the fishy tale' on Wednesday 22nd. The show starts at 14:00. We hope you can all make it.

Careers - We are looking to inspire our young people in career choices for the future. We are hosting a careers day on 28th June 2019, and 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.

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Went Valley – due to further elections, Went Valley Pre-school and breakfast club will be closed on Thursday 23rd May. Starfish explorers will be open as normal from 1pm.



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

Starfish Class – on Tuesday 21st May, Starfish and Starfish Explorers will be taking part in the hungry Caterpillar Wiggly Walk for Action For Children. Parents and grandparents are invited to cheer them on as they wiggle round the playground dressed as their favourite animals from 2pm onwards. Sponsorship forms will be coming home shortly, and if we could ask for donations of refreshments and treats that would be amazing. All proceeds will be going towards Action For Children.

Bookclub – bookclub leaflets have now been sent home. If you would like to place an order, please hand back your order form and payment in cash or cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton Primary School' by Friday 17th May.



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 the 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 16 th May	Lions	Rounders
Thursday 23 rd May	Eagles	Rounders

Reminders

We are a nut free school. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks.

Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club will be closed on 23rd May.

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497
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After School Club: 07940 111 816

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Important Diary Dates

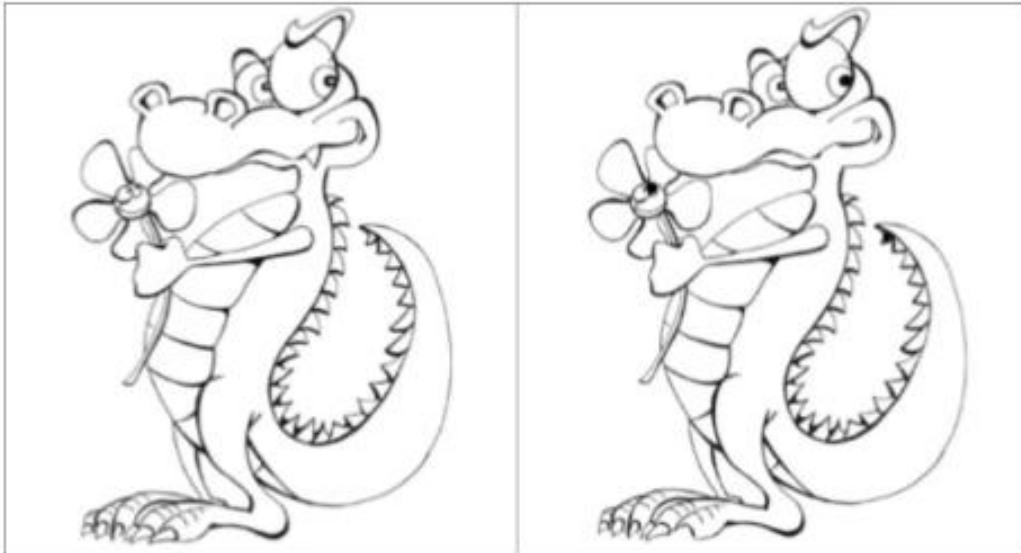
Monday 13 th May 2019 – Friday 17 th May 2019	KS2 SAT's
Tuesday 14 th May 2019	Starfish Birds of Prey Workshop (In School)
Thursday 16 th May 2019	Lions Rounders @ Campsmount
Tuesday 21 st May 2019 @ 14:00	Starfish and Explorers Hungry Caterpillar Wiggle
Tuesday 21 st May 2019	Eagles Trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park
Wednesday 22 nd May 2019 @ 14:00	Lions Play
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Eagles Rounders @ Campsmount
Thursday 23 rd May 2019	Went Valley Pre School Closed
Friday 24 th May 2019	School Closes
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 5 th June 2019 @ 9:00	School Class Photographs
Friday 14 th June 2019	Sports Day
Friday 14 th June 2019	Summer Fair
Friday 21 st June 2019	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 28 th June 2019	Careers Day
Wednesday 3 rd July 2019	Lions Trip to The Jorvik Centre
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Starfish and Dolphins Trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park
Tuesday 16 th July 2019 @ 9:15	Reception Graduation
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th July 2019	Robinwood Residential
Friday 19 th July 2019	School Closes

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Spot the Difference

Can you find the 5 differences below?



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