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Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024



### After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles to 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Tag Rugby (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Tennis	Dolphins	1.30pm	Campsmount
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	KS2	TBC - PM	Campsmount

#### Latest information for all

- **Staffing update** - I regret to inform you that Mrs Holmes will be leaving Kirk Smeaton CE Primary School at the end of this academic year. Mrs Holmes has worked at Kirk Smeaton CE Primary School since 2017 and will be sadly missed by many. We thank her for her commitment and hard work to the school and wish her luck and good health for the future. We are currently advertising for a KS2 teacher, we will have more information on this in the next few weeks. <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/4804/0/427704/20051/ks2-class-teacher-kirk-smeaton-church-of-england-pontefract> if you know of someone who would be interested in applying for the post, please share the link.
- **Job opportunity** - We currently have Mrs Whittles, Miss Whittles and Mrs Holt running the after-school club. They are doing a fabulous job, however this was never a long-term plan, so we are advertising the role for a September start. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share the link. <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/I/3500/0/426567/20051/after-school-club-playworker-kirk-smeaton-church-of-england>
- **Governors**- The governing body is eager to engage with stakeholders regarding the possibility of academisation. We have established a dedicated subgroup of governors to oversee this matter. Presently, we are actively engaging with various Church of England academies to explore how their offerings align with our school's needs and vision. It's important to note that there is no obligation for us to pursue academisation at this time. However, we value input from all stakeholders and seek to consult with them to better understand their perspectives on this matter. If you would like to share your comments, please email [admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk) or post a message in the governor/parent carer postbox at the top of the school drive.
- **Summer fun**- As we look towards summer, we are looking for parents to help out with Summer Fair preparations this year, if you are interested in supporting with events, please let us know. We have timetabled this for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

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

- **SATS breakfast**- The Y6 pupils are welcome to join us on Monday-Thursday next week from 8.20am for a breakfast, before they take their tests.
- **Activity day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June**- We have Circus Sensible joining in us school. Children will have the opportunity to try out and learn a new skill such as juggling and stilt walking! We are all looking forward to a great day!
- **Brayton High school**- the Y6 children will meet with a member of their team to discuss transition for Y7.
- **Growing up in North Yorkshire survey** - Children in Y2,3,5 and 6 will complete the survey in school time during the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May. Parents and carers have already had a letter for this. If you require any other information, please get in touch.
- **Food bank**- we have a food bank collection on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. If you can help in anyway it will be greatly appreciated. All donations are to be left in the school office on the morning.
- **Bike to school days**- We have two dates for Dolphins and Lions to bring their bikes to school. There will be an opportunity to use their bike during the day and someone will be available to check their bike. Please bring a helmet. We have a smoothie bike in school on this day so the children will be adding fruit to the blender and as they pedal it will create a delicious smoothie. Dolphins (Y1/2) day is 14<sup>th</sup> June and Lions (Y3/4) day is 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Sponsored fun run**- on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the children will take part in a sponsored fun run around the school field. Sponsorship forms and further information will be shared with parents shortly.

### Latest news

- Thank you to those parents and children that got involved in our Ice Cream shop. We raised £97 for Mara Foundation Charity.
- Year 5 parents & grandparents joined us for lunch, we hope you all had an enjoyable time!
- Class visits to Brockadale started this week! Keep an eye on Dojo for when it's your child's turn.
- Year 6 have their SATs next week. They have all worked extremely hard this term and wish them all the very best of luck!
- The warm weather has decided to join us this week and long may it continue! Just a reminder to bring sun hats, water bottles and apply sunscreen before school please.
- Leger Sport are running another holiday camp this May half term between the 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. Sessions are £10 per day and available to book here <https://forms.office.com/e/DPxLQkTrWC>

### 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.
- Lions trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park is now available to make payment.
- Eagles Trip to Mission Out Leeds – Available to book until the 13<sup>th</sup> May.
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

### General Reminders

- **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.
- The changes to breakfast club opening at 07.30am takes affect from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24.
- 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@northyorkshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetyevents@northyorkshire.gov.uk)

### Important Diary Dates

#### \*NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED\*

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week – Monday-Thursday. Y6 SATS breakfast from 8.20am.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Dolphins Tennis Competition – Campsmount
W/C Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class visits to Brockodale
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Collective Worship 9.00am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Brayton High School coming to speak to Y6 Brayton children.
W/C Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2,3,5 &6 Completing the Growing up in NYC survey.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Forest Schools – Dolphins
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Food Bank collection
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School opens
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Circus Sensible in school – Opportunity to learn a new skill for the whole school- hula hooping and juggling activity day.
W/C Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June (2 weeks)	Y4 MTC (timetables test)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Rounders Competition
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest Schools – Lions
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	All week – KS1 Phonics test
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School – Eagles
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Rounders Competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Dolphins Y1/Y2 Cycle to school day and bike checks
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School - Starfish
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored run (Information to follow)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Lunch – Royal Celebration
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Eagles trip to Mission Out
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mobile Library
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School – Dolphins
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags to School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions Trip to YWP

**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 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

### 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: lousevizard@gmail.com

### Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June