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Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### Upcoming Sports Trips

Date	Class	Event	Location
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions	Rounders	Campsmount
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Dolphins	Rounders	Campsmount
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions	Cricket	Campsmount

**Careers Day** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July we will be hosting our annual careers morning. This is a great time for the children to meet people from a range of different professions. We have 2 spaces left if any parents would be willing to join us and share their careers with us – we'd love to have you!

**Staffing Update** – We are pleased to say that Mrs Douglas will be staying with us until Christmas to support the children in Y1/2. We are still working on recruitment of this position and we will have more to share next term.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Holt back to school, she is based in the Lions classroom.

Mrs Lister has been successful in the position on Pastoral Worker and we are excited to see the role develop over next year.



**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 family ticket to the Harry Potter Studio tour. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

**Summer Fair** – this years fair will be held from 3pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. More information will follow, but if you would like to rent a stall, please request and complete a booking form by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Non-Uniform** - on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, children are invited to join us in non-uniform, and we kindly ask for tombola donations for the summer fair.

**Sports Day** – this years sports day will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (reserve 23<sup>rd</sup> June). Parents and friends will be supporting us on the day with refreshments. Timings are:

Starfish 9:00-10:15

Dolphins 10:20-11:30

Lions 13:00-14:00

Eagles 14:00-15:00

**Pupil questionnaire** - Children with consent in Y5/6 and Y2/3 have now completed the Growing up in NYCC survey. We completed a questionnaire for children in KS2 last term and here is a summary of what was said and the changes that have been made.

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- Most children feel safe in school and feel that they have an adult to talk to if they are worried. We have teaching assistants in each classroom and now have Mrs Lister who is supporting the pastoral areas during the mornings.
- Most of the children said that bullying is dealt with effectively. To improve this further we have many members of staff who have completed the Antibullying Alliance workshops and Mrs Peart leads the Antibullying council. The council often lead assemblies on what bullying is and steps in order to make it stop.
- All children said that the school supports them in staying safe online, we will continue the work we do on this.
- All children said that the school encourages them to respect people from all backgrounds and treat everyone equally.
- Most children felt that the school supports them with their mental health. Most staff have completed the Buzz Phoenix and we have Miss Ghent leading the wellbeing council in school. The students working in this council are working on the steps needed to support other children with wellbeing. We will continue to access wellbeing training from Compass Phoenix and embed this within school.
- All children felt that they had lots of opportunities to enhance the curriculum- we will continue to use educational visits to enhance the curriculum, whilst being aware of the financial crisis for many parents. We will continue to invest in forest schools, DT specialists, Art Specialists and Music specialists to enhance the curriculum further whilst we are able to afford these luxuries.

**Starfish Explorers** – we’re delighted to say we can welcome new explorers into school from September. We have emailed all those who have eligible children and have put their names down. If you haven’t heard from us but would like a place please get in touch. Our stay and play will be 28<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:30.

**Reception September 2022** – a letter will be sent out shortly to our September starters welcoming you all, but we’d also like to invite you to a transition morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (9:00 – 11:45). This information will also be on your letter, but please mark it on your calendar 📅

**Parents and Friends** – our wonderful new team are working hard behind the scenes to get some lovely events ready for everybody – I’m sure you will of seen a few of them at our very successful bun sales. They have put in place a class representative, for parents to contact with any queries:

Starfish and Explorers – Helen Murphy 07512 867160  
 Dolphins – Amy Maughan 07921 920140  
 Lions – Sarah Broomfield 07709 344606  
 Eagles – Vicki Lowes 07933 723813

**School Values** - Please see the Valuing all God's children document. This guidance for Church of England schools on challenging homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. This document is about acceptance and equality for all. If you are interested in knowing more, please have a read. [https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-07/Valuing%20All%20God%27s%20Children%20July%202019\\_0.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-07/Valuing%20All%20God%27s%20Children%20July%202019_0.pdf)

**Dolphins Trip** – on 11<sup>th</sup> July, our Dolphins will be visiting Ledston to do some countryside learning. A letter has been emailed out and sent home this week. A copy is available on our website also. Please make sure you send in any packed lunch requests by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**Art Gallery** – our Starfish and Dolphins have made some lovely pieces of art for the Smeaton telephone box – make sure you head down to check them out.



**Parent questionnaire March 2022** - We conducted an anonymous parent questionnaire in March 2022, please see the information that was shared and how and we hope to enhance things for the future.

- Most parents responded to say their child felt safe in school and that the school deals with bullying effectively. We will continue to ensure that safeguarding is at the heart of what we do. The school had a H&S and safeguarding inspection last term and changes such as a 6ft fence in the Lions playground, hall locks changed and CCTV around the school site. In addition to this, the Antibullying council shares information of ways to stop bullying, this will continue and we hope to access other training for pupils and staff to enhance this work further.
- Most parents felt that the teacher knows your child's strengths and weaknesses and are working at supporting them within the classroom. Parents are aware of what children are learning through termly topic plans and information being shared on dojo and tapestry. We will to share termly topic plans and learning on dojo and encourage parents to speak with the teacher if and when required. Reception and Nursery will use dojo from next year instead of tapestry as we feel this is a positive platform for sharing learning and communicating with parents.
- Most parents felt that the school has high expectations for their child. Teachers and Teaching Assistants meet with Mrs Cuddy each term to check on pupil progress and intervention is identified for children who need additional support. Support, progress and attainment are monitored over the year. This information is shared and questioned by Mr Henderson and Mrs Cessford, the governors for vulnerability and assessment. We have Mrs Lister who is working alongside Mrs Cuddy to support children and families within a pastoral role. She will be focusing on attendance and children with additional needs within school.
- Most parents felt that there is a good variety of opportunities for their child and feel that the school supports the child's wider personal development. We will continue to offer an enhanced curriculum i.e. forest school, DT, Art specialist, Music specialist, French in none compulsory classes Starfish and Dolphins, sports specialist and competition packages, career days, school councils etc whilst we have the funds to do so. We will continue to provide opportunities for children to support others such as food banks, Christmas banks, Grandparents singalong, art within the community, fairs, writing to local businesses and councillors about current issues etc.
- Over the last year have invested in a new KS2 library area, laptops, tablets, staff training, SMART screens for each classroom, revamped the hall and KS2 toilets.

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**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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

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Year 1 Phonics Screening

Lions Rounders @ Campsmount

Sports Day

Dolphins Rounders @ Campsmount

Reserve Sports Day

Starfish Explorers Stay and Play 9:30-11:30

Y5's Campsmount day

Lions Cricket @ Campsmount

Y5 Parent Lunch

Careers Day

Non Uniform Day – tombola prizes

Eagles Play @ 13:30

Summer Fair

Dolphins Trip to Ledston

New Reception Transition Morning

Y6 Trip to Xscape

Y6 Parent Lunch

Leavers Assembly 14:00

School Closes

### 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: 07521 952 373

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