

Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School Main Street, Kirk Smeaton, Pontefract West Yorkshire, WF8 3JY Tel: 01977 620497 Email: admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club Tel: 01977 621521



#### Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

#### Date: Friday, 11th September 2020

**Online Safety** – we have been informed by the NYCC police that young people are forming group chats on snapchat of people that they have befriended on Roblox, leading to verbal conversations with other people that they do not know. Please remember to be vigilant with your childs online presence and talk to them about internet safety. If you are unsure on age limits for games and social media you can find them on www.net-aware.org.uk. You can also find further information on our website - http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/online-learning-online-parent-support/.



**Collecting Children** – please can we remind all parents that if anyone other than the childs parent is collecting on an evening, you must let the school office know. This includes Grandparents and childminders. Without this information, we will not be able to release your children.

**Pick up and drop offs** – thank you to all parents and carers for their patience this week with drop offs and pick ups. As we get use to the allocated staggered times, things will improve, all are welcome to wear face coverings if required and we ask for everyone to stay 2m apart. Reception parents dropping off are asked to leave their child at the main gate as of next week, a member of staff will come to the gate at the allocated time.

<u>School bags</u> - we ask for children to bring a labelled draw string bag or a carrier bag with their PE kit and trainers in please, these can be left in school. These bags are easily washable and can fit into the cloakrooms and lockers easier. There should be no big bags brought to school daily. Each child should bring a bookbag, filled water bottle, hand sanitiser and packed lunch box (if required) everyday. Thank you for your support.

**Uniform** – please remember to label all of your childrens clothing, including coats and trainers. Each half term we normally end up with a mountain of lost property – all good quality items, just not named and not claimed. As much as we appreciate these when we donate them to Bags 2 School, we'd really like to avoid accumulating so much, and instead be able to locate their owners.

Flu Vaccination – on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, a team will be in school to give flu vaccinations. This year they are able to give to all children in Reception and above. You must complete the online consent form in order for your child to receive this – a link to this will be sent out shortly.

**Books** – if you borrowed any reading books from school during lockdown, please ensure these are returned on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Our stock is running quite low, and we need to quaratine your books again before we can hand out. Thank you in advance.

School Dinner Special – on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, our wonderful kitchen team will be preparing a delicious treat meal consisiting of a hot dog banger in a home-made bun, baked potato wedges, a fountain of beans, fiery tricolour slaw and a toffee apple crumble muffin. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like this meal, please let the school office know by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Christmas Cards - over the next few weeks we'll be making our Christmas Cards ready to send home for ordering. You should receive the artwork by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, and we ask that all orders are placed online (instructions will be with the artwork) and forms sent back into school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



Absences – we will shortly be trialling using Parentmail to report absences. We are hoping it will make it easier for parents to let us know if your child is ill on a morning, with a simple click of a button. More information will follow

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when we are up and running, but in the meantime download the Parentmail app so you're ready (for our new starters, your invitiation to join will be sent out shortly).

## School lottery

<u>School Lottery</u> – our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at
<u>https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter</u>. This term, all
ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win a Fitbit. We are quite a way from our goal number
of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

### <u>Reminders</u>

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

Please send in your old printer cartridges for us to recycle.

#### Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497 admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

After School Club: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: pandf@kirksmeaton.nyorks.sch.uk

#### **Important Diary Dates**

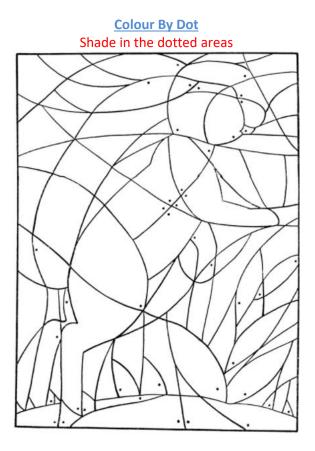
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Flu Vaccination (all ages) Christmas Card Order Deadline Hot Dog Dinner School Closes School Opens School Closes

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