



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 11th October 2024



After School Clubs – Autumn Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Multi Sports (Debbie Drake)	3:10pm to 4:30pm	Arbor
Tuesday	After School Club	3.10 to 5.30pm	Arbor
Wednesday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor
Thursday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor

After School Clubs (Private Providers)

Day	Club	Time	To Book
Monday	Cheerleading (ages 6-11)	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Abbie Lynds dkcheer@outlook.com or 07507 891130
Wednesday	Performing Arts	4.30pm to 5.30pm	07376 625143 admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk or 07376 625143
Thursday	Multi Sports	4.30 pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305
Friday	Multi Sports	3.10 pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305

Latest information for all

- A big thank you to Miss Bennett and Mrs Holt for taking the children to Robin Wood, Eagles class had a blast. Well done to all the children (and parents/carers) for doing so well.
- **Staff update.** We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jones will be working in school as a teaching assistant over the coming term. Mrs Jones will be based in all classrooms.
- **Sport Competitions.** If your child has been on competition and used the schools kit, please wash it and return it ASAP so that other children can wear it for the next competition please.
- **Non uniform day.** The School Collective Worship and Courageous Council have organised a non-uniform day on Friday 25th October. The aim is to raise funds for new coding toys, which will be used in both Design Technology (DT) and Information Technology (IT) classes across all year groups. We would greatly appreciate any donations you can offer to support this initiative. Our goal is to purchase six coding toys, and we hope to raise £125 to cover the costs. thank you for your continued support.

Latest news

- **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.** We are supporting the Christmas shoe box appeal again this year. I will share this with the children during Collective Worship next week. Please see the link for how to make a Christmas box, please remember to add £5 shipping donation to the box too please.

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<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox-no-follow>

Christmas boxes can be dropped off at:

- Bentley Pentecostal Church DN5 0RY- no times given.
- The Entertainer Doncaster DN1 1SW- Open 8:00am, Closes at 5:30pm
- All Saints Parish Church Normanton WF6 1NT-

Wednesday 13th 3 pm - 5 pm Nov, Thursday 14th 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm- Friday 15th 3 pm - 5 pm, Saturday 16th 10 am - 12 pm

There are other locations, please see the Samaritan's website for more information.

- If you are looking for work or considering a career change, Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering a free 'Build your skills set prepare yourself for employment' course to help you gain the confidence and practical skills needed to get into work https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search_DESCRIPTION_operator=Contains&search_DESCRIPTION_type=String&search_DESCRIPTION_value=build%20your
- **NHS Parent ADHD Sessions.** – On Tuesday 22nd October 5.30pm to 6.30pm. A Wellbeing in Mind Team & CAMHS webinar to provide information, resources, practical ideas, and strategies to support children & young people with ADHD – To join the webinar, please see poster attached to this week's newsletter.
- **Free School Meals:** You could save up to £450 a year with free school meals for your child. As well as saving you money, free school meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime. Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. If you receive certain benefits, your child could also get free school meals during all school years. To find out more and apply online, go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/educationand-learning/free-school-meals>

Arbor Reminders

- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.
- Year 2 parent dinner is now available to book on Arbor.

General Reminders

- **Allergens.** We have children in school with allergens. This is a general reminder that if you bring home baked goods into school, please include a list of ingredients in the tin/box so that we can ensure children are safe.
- **Governor-** We are seeking two new co-opted governors to join our team. If you are interested in the role, please reach out to us. We are especially keen to hear from individuals with a background in law or education, who also have the time to invest in the school. Governors typically attend 9–10 meetings per year and spend approximately 3–10 days working directly with our children and staff. If you think you can help and be involved in our wonderful school, please get in touch via the school office.
- **Parking-** a polite reminder to all parents and carers, please park responsibly. The Shoulder of Mutton Pub kindly allow parking for drop off and pick ups at school.
- **Collective worship-** Parents and carers are invited to attend the SHINE collective worship every Monday at 2.30pm. This is a Collective worship where we recognise the achievements for the week.
- **The school day -** A reminder to all parents and carers, that school gates open at 8.40am and children should be fully in school by 8.50am. The teachers are in the classroom and will provide learning for all children who are in school at 8.40am.
- **School Fundraising Group -** We are deeply grateful to parents and friends for fundraising efforts, which allow us to afford many luxuries for our children. We are seeking parents and carers to lead the fundraising group next year. If you are interested, please let the school office know
- **Jewellery in school –** Can we please remind parents of the school's earrings and jewellery policy in school, in that we do not allow jewellery to be worn in school with the exception of a wristwatch, which must be removed for PE. We ask that any piercings are done in the school holidays so that they can be removed in time for school.
- **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.

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- **Late pick ups-** 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.

Important Diary Dates

***NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED* Subject to change.**

Monday 14 th October	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 15 th October	Mobile Library
Wednesday 16th October	Y1 Parent Lunch
Thursday 17 th October	Y1/2 Football Competition
Friday 18 th October	Christmas Card deadline to return to school
Monday 21 st October	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 21 st October	Y6 Bikeability (21 st to 22 nd)
Wednesday 23rd October	Y2 Parent Lunch
Thursday 24th October	KS2 Girls Football Competition
Thursday 24th October	Reception Stay and play session
Friday 25th October	Non Uniform day – Fundraising donations please.
Friday 25 th October	School Closes
Monday 4 th November	School Opens
Monday 4 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Wednesday 6 th November	Y5/6 Netball Competition
Thursday 7 th November	Reception Parent drop in session
Monday 11 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – Children to attend Cenotaph
Monday 11 th November	Flu Vaccinations in school
Tuesday 12 th November	Mobile Library
Tuesday 12 th November	Parents evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Y3/4 Netball Competition
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 21 st November	Bags to School
Monday 25 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Thursday 28 th November	Y3/4/5/6 Athletics Competition
Friday 29 th November	None Uniform Day – Tombola Donations
Monday 2 nd December	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 3 rd December	School Christmas Fayre
Thursday 4 th December	Cheerleading Competition

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
admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Debbie Drake – 07879 687847
Connor Steel 07477 683305
Abbie Lynds 07507 891130

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

15th October 10am -12pm
12th November 10am -12pm
10th December 10am -12pm