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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday 12th January 2024



After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Monday	Arts & Crafts <i>15th January – 18th March</i>	3:15-4:15	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5554
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
17 th January	Basketball	Eagles	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
24 th January	Basketball	Lions	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
31 st January	Basketball	Dolphins	13:15-15:30	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
7 th February	Swimming Gala	KS2	9:30-11:30	TBC

Latest News

- We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have all come back refreshed and full of positivity for our new term, and it's been lovely hearing all about what they've been up to over the holidays.
- Our new nursery starters have now joined us and settled in brilliantly. Well done guys! This does mean our setting is at maximum capacity until September now. If you are interested in a place, please let us know so we can pop your child on the waiting list.

Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31st July 2024.
- Our owl visit is now set up under 'Trips' for payment by 7th February
- Y4 parents can sign up to the parent lunch by 9th Feb – this is in the School Shop area

General Reminders

- Please label all uniform to avoid the mountains of lost property we bag up for Bags2School each term.
- Hair that is long enough to be tied up, should be tied up in full each day.
- No jewellery (with the exception of a wristwatch), including earrings, is permitted in school.
- Please don't forget to complete and return your password forms to the school office.

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

- If you would like any extra adults adding to your childrens list of who can collect them, please speak to the office so we can pass along the relevant paperwork.

Owl Experience

On 8th February, the Yorkshire Owl Company will be in school, with some wonderful owls for the children to meet and interact with. All children in reception and above will have the chance to spend some time with the company. We are asking for parents to pay £3 on Arbor to enable the visit to go ahead. Thank you in advance.

Dinner Specials

We have 2 upcoming dinner specials. All children who would normally have a school dinner on these days will receive the special – no alternatives will be available. Meals are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For all other children, meals are priced at £3.31, payable on Arbor.

- On 7th March there will be a World Book Day special consisting of BFG Beefburger in a Bun, Witches Wedges, Mrs Bucket’s Baked Beans & Sweetcorn, and Charlie’s Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Muffin. Orders must be received by 23rd February.
- On 20th March there will be an Easter special consisting of roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli & sweetcorn, and a celebration biscuit. Orders must be received by 8th March.

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Monday 15 th January	Collective worship assembly 9:00
Tuesday 16 th January	Y4 Parents session in class 8:40
Wednesday 17 th January	Y3 Parents session in class 8:40
Wednesday 17 th January	Y3 Parents dinner (bookings now closed)
Wednesday 17 th January	Eagles basketball competition
Monday 22 nd January	Collective worship assembly 9:00
Tuesday 23 rd January	Y3 Parents session in class 8:40
Wednesday 24 th January	Lions basketball competition
Thursday 25 th January	Y5 Parents session in class 8:40
Wednesday 31 st January	Dolphins basketball competition
Thursday 1 st February	Candlemas service in church
Thursday 1 st February	Starfish parent session in class 8:40
Wednesday 7 th February	KS2 swimming gala
Thursday 8 th February	Starfish parent session in class 8:40
Thursday 8 th February	Yorkshire Owl Company in school
Friday 9 th February	School closes
Monday 19 th February	School opens

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 batteries and printer cartridges for us to recycle.

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
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Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 6th February
Tuesday 5th March
Tuesday 2nd April