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**Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy**

**Date: Friday, 12th March 2021**

The first week back has been lovely to have all the children in school, well done parents for preparing the children for this week, they have done so well.

**Staffing changes** - We are sad to hear that Mrs Humphrey's is leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Humphrey's has suffered with illness over the past 6 months and has made the decision to leave so that she can concentrate on getting better. We send her all our love and prayers. She will be greatly missed by so many staff and children. Once COVID has passed, we will invite Mrs Humphrey's into school to say goodbye properly.

**School dinners** - We last wrote to parents regarding the increase of the school lunch cost in October 2018. The price rose again in June 2020. Currently, each meal costs £2.56 and we charge parents £2.50 per meal, school is paying the additional 6p per meal. We have been informed that there will be another rise predicted in June 2021. We are not sure what the cost will be at the minute, we will of course communicate this with you, but would like to pre-warn families of this potential change for September 21.

If parents are eligible for free school meals, please get in contact. All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free universal meal, but children in Y3-6 must pay in advance of every half term for school dinners unless they are eligible for free school meals.

**Parents consultations** – Teachers were hoping to speak to parents before Easter regarding child wellbeing and targets for next term, we are looking to speak to parents once the children have settled in to school. We will communicate dates nearer the time. Thank you for your patience.

**Communication** - we use a few different platforms to communicate with our parents, and thought a refresher may be helpful for some of our families after all this past year has brought.

- Class Dojo – this is used by our teachers and TA's to communicate with you. This is an app that you download.
- Parentmail – our office team use this to send texts and letters. This is an app you download, but you also receive an email with the message too.
- Email – all staff use this to speak with our families and also for the wider community

Please make sure you download the Parentmail and Dojo app to facilitate our lines of communication. If you have never created your accounts please let us know so we can resend your log-ins. Thank you.

**Lunch Special** – on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Mrs Helstrip will be preparing an Easter lunch for the children, consisting of roast chicken with stuffing and gravy, Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes, broccoli, sweetcorn and an Easter iced biscuit. All children who normally have dinners will get this, but if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like this meal please let the school office know by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Breakfast Club** - Thanks to those parents who have responded to the morning club questionnaire. We had 16 responses. The governors and Mrs Cuddy will look through this information and decide on what we are able to offer. If you did not register your interest on the questionnaire, please get in contact. More information will be shared soon.

**After School Club** – The after-school club will still be open on 13th April. We went to interview a few weeks ago and we were so impressed by the calibre of the candidates, that we have been able to offer Miss Whittles (not the one already in school) the position. Our booking forms for the summer term are now available and attached to

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this email. Should you require a space, please complete and return to [admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk) . Places must be pre-booked 1 week in advance.

Debbie's sports clubs are up and running now – places must be booked directly with Debbie

- Monday 3.00-5.00 – Athletics
- Tuesday 3.00-5.00 – Rugby
- Wednesday 3.00-5.00 – Hockey
- Thursday 3.00-4.30 – Basketball / Multi-sports
- Friday 3.00-4.30 - Football

**World Book Tokens** – these have been sent home this week, and can be used up to 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not received one please let the school office know.

**Comic Relief** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief – all children are invited to join us in non-uniform , and we ask for £1 donations towards comic relief.



**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.

#### 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  
[admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

After School Club: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: [pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847  
Went Valley: 01977 621 521

#### Important Diary Dates

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Comic Relief Non-Uniform  
World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks  
Easter Lunch

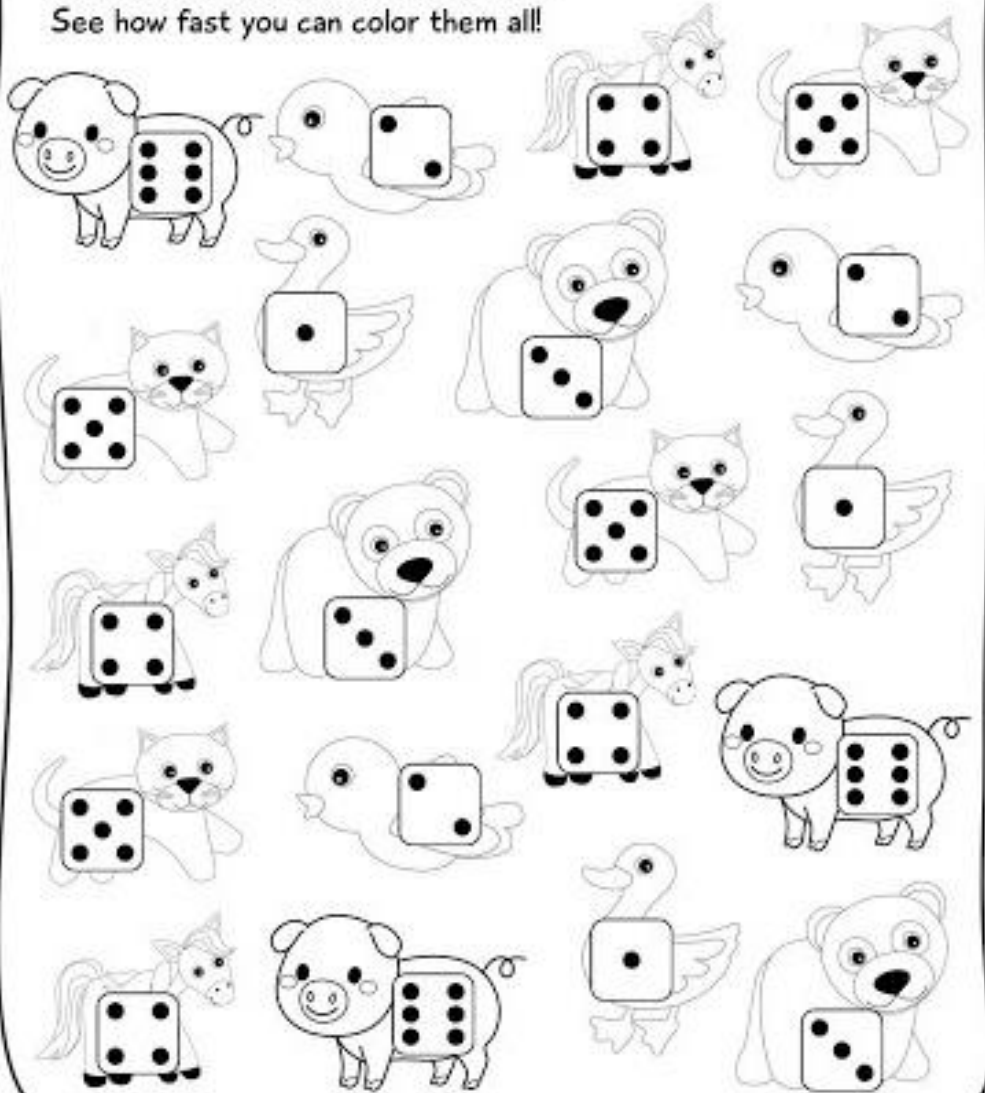
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# KIDZONE

## Roll a Rainbow of Animals

Roll to see which animal you can color.  
You may color one animal on each roll.  
See how fast you can color them all!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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Q: WHAT DO YOU GIVE A SICK LEMON?



A: LEMON AID.

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# Recipes

## Crispy Chicken Bits

### Ingredients (serves 5)

300g chicken fillets  
1 medium egg  
35ml semi-skimmed milk  
15ml veg oil  
75g corn flakes

- \* Cut the chicken into small pieces
- \* Mix the egg and oil together
- \* Crush the cornflakes
- \* Coat the chicken in the egg wash, then in the cornflakes
- \* Place on oiled trays and bake until chicken is cooked through

*Contains cereals containing gluten, eggs, milk.  
May contain soya.*

## Orange Brownies

### Ingredients (serves 20)

2 large eggs  
120ml veg oil  
2 medium oranges  
160g granulated sugar  
100g plain flour  
30g wholemeal flour  
10g baking powder  
60g cocoa  
20g icing sugar

- \* Beat the eggs with the oil
- \* Add in the rind and juice from the oranges
- \* Mix in the sugar, flour, cocoa and baking powder
- \* Place in oiled tins and bake in a moderate oven for 20 – 30 mins
- \* Sprinkle with a little icing sugar when cooked

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