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Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023



### After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847
Monday	Arts & Crafts	3:15-4:15	<a href="https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3613">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3613</a>
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins	3.10-4.10	Arbor (No charge)
Wednesday	Rugby	3:10-5:00	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847
Friday	Football	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847

Welcome back to everyone – we hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year!


**Clubs** – our after school clubs have been updated – please see above. For the Creation Station and Campsmount club, please make sure if your child still would like to take part, that you re-book for the new term.

**School Drive** – please can we remind all parents to not drive up or park on the school drive. Spaces are limited and assigned to teachers and visitors only. This applies also to club drop offs and collections, and nursery children. If the message could be given to any grandparents or childminders also that would be fantastic.

**Breakfast & After School Clubs** – please be reminded that clubs must be booked 24hours in advance. We have allowed a grace period this past week and booked pupils in who have missed the deadline, but from Monday we will not be able to add children onto sessions.

**Residential** – we have secured our Robinwood 2023 residential booking for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October. Transport and the balance has been added to Arbor for all those children who signed up for the trip. Payments can be made in instalments from £10, and payment in full must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**School Dinners** – please familiarise yourself with your child’s school dinner patterns to avoid confusion. To check which meal was ordered, you’ll need the Arbor app which can be downloaded free of charge from your app store:

- Select the menu button on the bottom left 
- Click ‘Meals’
- Select ‘Spring Menu 2023’

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
1 <sup>ST</sup> February	Gymnastics	Dolphins	12:30 – 14:30	Held at Kirk Smeaton
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Cheerleading	Lions, Eagles	12:30 – 15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton

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

**Christmas Fair Raffle** – well done to all our raffle winners – there were some fab prizes! We just have one unclaimed prize left, pink ticket 564 with the name ‘Backhouse’. If anyone knows who this may be, please get in touch.

**Attendance** – attendance letters have gone home this week to all families. Mrs Lister will be sending these out half termly to keep parents up to date with attendance levels. If we have any concerns, a meeting or telephone call will be arranged to discuss how we can work together to improve your child’s attendance and attainment.

**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	

#### **Feedback - Parent questionnaire November 22**

We conducted a parent questionnaire in November 2022, please see the information and how we hope to enhance things for the future. Thank you to all those who gave us feedback.

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. Please see a list of things we have implemented this term.

- All staff have had further training in child on child abuse and NSPCC Hackett continuum for Harmful sexual behaviour and NSPCC resources.
- The schools safeguarding team has been made stronger by adding the schools pastoral support work, Mrs Lister. The current structure is- DSL-Mrs Cuddy. Deputy DSL’s- Mrs Marner, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Lister.
- The child protection policy, schools mental health policy, emergency procedures and self harm and suicide policy have all been updated.
- The Antibullying council have updated the Anti bullying policy and action plan, which have been shared with governors.

Most parents felt that the teacher knows your child’s strengths and weaknesses and are working at supporting them within the classroom. We share termly topic plans and learning on dojo.

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 closely 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 and Miss Hallwood to support children and families within in a range of areas.

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, music specialist, sports specialist and competition packages, career days, school councils etc whilst the school has the funds to do so. We will continue to provide opportunities for children to support others such as food banks,

Christmas activities, art within the community, fairs, writing to local businesses and councillors about current issues etc.

Most parents said they have internet that their child has a device to access the internet. Most parents said they have parental controls on devices and internet in order to keep their children safe. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> is an excellent resource to support adults when keeping children safe online. Be aware website is also a use link to help parents keep their children safe <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/be-aware-parents-and-carers/>

#### **Important Diary Dates**

\* New / Amended dates in red \*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

School Dinner Special  
Dolphins Gymnastics competition  
Lions & Eagles Cheerleading Competition @ Campsmount  
School Closes  
School Opens

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

Starfish: Helen Murphy 07512 867 160

Lions: Sarah Broomfield: 07709 344 606

Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140

Eagles: Vicki Lowes 07933 7223 813

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847

Went Valley: 01977 621 521