



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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2024

Date: Friday 13th September



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	Football	4.30 pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305
Friday	Multi Sports	3.10pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305

Latest information for all

- **Welcome back!** The children have all settled into school life on their first two weeks back. A big well done to them all, they are all fabulous
- **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.
- **School Meals Price increase:** Due to ongoing food costs our Catering Team in North Yorkshire have advised us of an increase to the school meal prices which will take effect from September 2024. The new price per day will be £3.40 and has been amended on Arbor. As a reminder all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). We appreciate this is probably an unexpected increase and reassure you our meals provided are nutritional, balanced and freshly cooked on site each day and we believe are excellent value for money.
- **Singing and Keyboard-** Mrs Vizard has 2 spaces for keyboards and 2 spaces for singing this autumn term. If your child is interested, please contact Mrs Vizard at louisevizard@gmail.com

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- **New Basketball/ Football nets and health and safety** – We hope the children are enjoying the new nets that the school installed over the summer holidays? We would like to remind parents that children to refrain from using the area at the end of the school day, and please leave the school playground promptly – This is to allow the after-school clubs to start.
- **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.
- **Autumn Diary Dates:** Please see the end of this week’s newsletter for some important dates for the autumn term. Further dates and events will be added in due course and added to dojo where applicable.
- **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.

Latest news

- Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools! - Do you shop at Asda? If so, Asda have just launched cash pot for Schools! All you have to do is download the Asda Rewards app, select our School from the list and scan your rewards card every time you shop. For every shop, Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to the schools cash pot. Any monies raised will automatically be paid directly to the school! It really is that easy! The scheme is open from now until the 30th November 2024. For further information and to download the app, please follow the link:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools#cash-terms>

- **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.
- Breakfast and afterschool Clubs for the autumn term are now available to book on a first come first served basis. Debbie Drake (Mondays) and Mr Steel (Thursdays) will now take pm nursery children too!

General Reminders

- **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. The school register closes at 09.00am.
- **Leave requests.** We would like to remind parents that no holidays should be taken during term time, unless the leave request falls under exceptional circumstances. As of 19th August, the Governments national framework for penalty notices has been updated to include the following:
 1. A penalty notice to parents will be considered if a child misses 5 days (10 sessions) for school unauthorised in a 10 week rolling period.
 2. There is an increase in the penalty fee to £160 per parent, reduced to £80 per parent if paid within the first 21 days.
 3. Further information can be found here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-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

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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.**
- 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

Monday 16 th September	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 16 th September	Y1 & Y2 Drop in session 9.00am
Thursday 19 th September	School Photo's
Thursday 19 th September	Y5/6 Opening Evening Campsmount
Monday 23 rd September	SHINE Collective Worship
Thursday 26 th September	Y3 Drop in session 9am
Monday 30 th September	Y5/Y6 Robin Wood Residential
Monday 30 th September	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 1 st October	Mobile Library 10-2pm
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y4 Drop in Session 9am
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival in church
Thursday 3 rd October	Census Day Lunch
Friday 4 th October	Y6 Drop in session 9.00am

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.

Useful Contacts

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

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847
Went Valley: 01977 621 521
Mrs Vizard: louisevizard@gmail.com
Mr Steel – 07477 683305

Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

1st October 2pm - 4pm
15th October 10am -12pm

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	