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Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024



### After School Clubs – Summer Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Tag Rugby (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders	KS2	1.00pm	Campsmount
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket (Eagles)	KS2	1.00pm	Askern Cricket Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cricket (Lions)	KS2	1.00pm	Askern Cricket Club
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cricket (Dolphins)	KS1	1.00pm	Askern Cricket Club
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Awards	All	TBC	Campsmount

#### Latest information for all

- **Staffing Update:** Please refer to the letter sent to all parents and carers on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. There is an opportunity for all children to meet with their new teacher and spend time in their new class during our transition morning on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- **Summer Diary dates:** Lots of parents have contacted us about events and dates for the summer term. As and when dates are confirmed these will be sent on class dojo, however please also take note of the diary dates attached to the end of this newsletter.
- **Artwork** – Artwork from Eagles class is now on display in the village phone box – We hope you have the opportunity to have a look at the brilliant work that the children have produced this term.
- **Summer fun** - As we look towards summer, we are looking for parents to help out with Summer Fair preparations this year. Thank you to those parents and grandparents that have already volunteered to help with stalls, baking and activities. etc. if you are interested in supporting with events, or know of any local business that would be able to donate a prize for our raffle, please let us know as soon as possible! We have timetabled this for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.
- **Sponsored fun run/walk** - In Aid of UNICEF on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, the children will take part in a sponsored fun run/walk around the school field. Thank you for your support.
- **Autumn School Meals** – Lunch options for September 2024 have been sent home this week. Can these please be returned into school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the very latest.
- **Mobile Library 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Children currently have 49 books out on loan. Can these be returned next week so that they can be exchanged for the summer.

#### Latest news

- Congratulations and well done to Dolphins Class who out of 7 schools attending, came first place in Leger Sports Rounders competition this week!

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- On the 4<sup>th</sup> June, children had a great time learning a new skill when Circus Sensible joined us in school for the day.
- Ackworth Tennis Club are hosting a free open day on Saturday 13th July between 2:30-4:30pm. The open day is a great opportunity for juniors and adults to try out some FREE coaching. Families and adults can also go down to the tennis club to see their facilities and try tennis, have a hit with members or play with each other. All equipment is provided all you need to do is turn up in your sports gear and trainers. They will also be providing information about membership if you wish to sign up. It is preferable to book onto a session. Here <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ackworthtennisclub/Events/Event/063ddd80-5f6f-4213-acc5-1d290145a299> If you have any questions, please email them on: [coaching@ackworthtennisclub.net](mailto:coaching@ackworthtennisclub.net) or call them on 07967405553
- **NORTON PARISH COUNCIL FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTISPORTS** For children aged 6-11 years old. Encourage your children to have fun, make new friends and take healthy exercise all at no cost to you. The fun and fitness opportunity is arranged and funded this year by Norton Parish Council. As in previous years, sessions will be held at Norton Parish Council playing field on Rycroft road, Norton and delivered by enthusiastic, qualified coaches, who are fully vetted and insured and experienced working with children. Dates: 30th, 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of August. All 9.30am-2.30pm. To book, please contact the Lead Coach Bradley Johnstone [bradjohnston\\_6@hotmail.com](mailto:bradjohnston_6@hotmail.com) or 07732475626. Parents can also drop off completed forms with the school office.
- **FEAST** is back again for the Summer! FEAST offers loads of different things to do in the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people. FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of sessions for kids of all ages from Reception to Year 11. There is so much to choose from with further information available here: [https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/?utm\\_source=hello%40&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=hello%40link](https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/?utm_source=hello%40&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hello%40link)

#### Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full **by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

#### General Reminders

- **Leave requests.** We have recently received an influx of exceptional leave requests during term and we would like to remind parents that no holidays should be taken during term time, unless the leave request falls under exceptional circumstances which are:
  1. Service personnel returning from active deployment.
  2. Where there is inflexibility in the parent's employers leave policy and a copy of this policy must be supplied to school. **When parents provide a letter from their employer to show that they are unable to take holidays in school holiday time, only absences for 10 sessions (1 week) will be authorised per academic year.**
  3. Where leave is recommended as part of a child's rehabilitation for medical purposes (evidence must be supplied)
  4. When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis (Evidence must be supplied)
- **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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- 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\***

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School - Starfish
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored run (Information to follow)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Lunch – Royal Celebration
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Lions Rounders Competition - Campsmount</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Eagles trip to Mission Out
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Mobile Library
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School – Dolphins
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Lions Trip to YWP
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y3/4 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Y5 Campsmount Transition Day</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Careers morning
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-uniform day
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Bags to School</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery stay & Play (New Starters)
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Brayton students going to Brayton for the week
9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Campsmount Transition week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day, teddy bears picnic and Summer fair
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition morning- children move to their new classroom.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1/2 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Lions (Y3/4) Cycle to school day and bike checks
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Graduation & stay and Play
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day (if 9 <sup>th</sup> is cancelled due to weather)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leger Sports Awards Night – Campsmount
15/16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Carleton Transition days
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers service in church- all Y6 parents are invited to attend.
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Leavers play</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes

### 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  
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: lousevizard@gmail.com

### Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**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	