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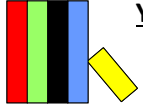
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Y6 parents - Over the holiday you will have had news of secondary school placements. We have been contacted by various high schools, and parents, regarding secondary school admissions and many schools this year are over subscribed and unfortunately, this means a few children have not been offered their first choice. Please can we ask that you confirm your place with your offered school as soon as possible (or let them know if you do not want it), to allow those schools to calculate their final numbers, and offer any spare places to children on the waiting list. Thank you in advance.

Y3 – Y6 Forest Schools –Lions and Eagles will be spending some of their Wednesdays with Sally Wolff, taking part in Forest School Activities on school grounds. Please ensure you send your children in with old trousers (Waterproof if possible), waterproof coat, and wellies. Please make sure these are old clothes that are ok to get dirty or paint on. As the weather gets warmer they will also need a sun hat and sun cream. On our first week doing this, 16 Eagles, and 4 Lions forgot to bring their kit in. This is a great privilege and luxury that the children get to spend part of their day doing Forest Schools and we urge you to remember to send these items in

Dolphins outdoor learning and gardening – could Dolphins parents please make sure they send their children in with wellies, waterproof coats and trousers on Wednesdays please as they will be taking part in outdoor learning and gardening with Sally Wolff.

Helpers needed- if you would like to come along and help with gardening through the day while Sally Wolff is with us, please let the school office know.

School Planners – please can parents make sure they check children’s planners on a daily basis. Any messages regarding accidents or behaviour are detailed within and it is important that you are aware of these updates daily.

Non Uniform Days –On Friday 22nd March, children are welcome to wear any non-uniform, and we are looking for donations of Mothers Day gifts for our Secret Room.

On Thursday 21st March, we invite all children to wear odd socks, to recognize World Down Syndrome Day.

After-School Club –this half terms booking forms are now available. If you require any sessions booking please contact us. Please note that all bookings must be made directly with the school office rather than through Mrs Humphries. If you need to let after school club that you are late, please ring or text 07940 111 816.

Bookclub – this terms bookclub leaflet has gone home this week. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form and return to the school office with payment (cash or cheque made payable to ‘Kirk Smeaton School’) by Friday 29th March.

Allergies – if your children have any allergies which are potentially fatal, you may wish to consider purchasing a wristband. Something so small could save their lives if found unconscious by someone who isn’t aware of their condition. A wide range can be found at <https://www.allergylifestyle.com/product-category/allergy-shop/mediband-wristbands/allergy-bracelets/> though other sites also stock them.

Went Valley Pre School – on Thursday 2nd May, the pre-school will be closed so the room can be used as the local polling station. Starfish Explorers will be open as normal in the afternoon.

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Careers - We are looking to inspire our young people in career choices for the future. We hope to host a careers day on 28th June 2019, we have invited a wide variety of professionals to come and talk to the children. We are now waiting for them to accept. Fingers crossed! If you would like to share your career or career path with the children, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Campsmount Dance – tickets are now available from the school office. 2 tickets per child have been allocated per child. For Year 2 children, this will consist of 1 standing and 1 seated ticket (many parents choose to leave after this performance so priority is given to the older children). For those with a standing ticket, Campsmount will be offering spare seats to these people on a first come first served basis. For children in Lions and Eagles, both tickets will be seated. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 22nd March. Any tickets remaining at this point will be offered to those on our waiting list, including those previously allocated.

Transport has now been arranged for the rehearsals during school time, and a letter has been sent home detailing this. Please make sure this is returned by Friday 22nd March.

Policies – many of our school policies have recently been updated. We urge you to familiarise yourself with these, particularly the charging and remissions policy which could apply if you are late to collect your child from school or after-school club. All information can be found at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/prospectus-policies/>

School Dinners - the menu for the summer term has now been released and can be found at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/school-meals/> . If you wish to change your children dinner choice / meal plan based on this please let the school office know by Friday 22nd March.

School Bags - we are finding that children are bringing large bags in to school and we are struggling to house them. Your child needs to bring a reading book and diary, homework on a weekly basis, a water bottle (only water is allowed and the bottle should go to and from school daily), a waterproof coat, a PE kit with some indoor trainers and outdoor trainers for outdoor play and PE. All trainers need to be in a labelled carrier bag.

Year 6 – Bikeability - Bikeability is taking place on Wednesday, 27th March and Thursday, 28th March 2019. You will have received consent forms and a Bicycle checklist if your child is taking part. Bikeability goes ahead whatever the weather unless it is deemed unsafe therefore please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with plenty of layers, waterproof coat and gloves if needed on the day. Please also ensure your child doesn't wear jeans or any trousers that are baggy and therefore dangerous. There are a few consent forms and bicycle checklists still outstanding - If we haven't received these before the course is due to commence unfortunately your child will not be able to take part. Reminder - Please ensure you bring your bike and helmet! Any queries, please contact the office.

Comic Relief – Times Tables Rockstars are raising money for Comic Relief and are asking for your help. If you use their service, they are asking people to purchase Red Nose Day Avatars, and with each purchase they will donate 5p to Comic Relief. For more information follow <https://trockstars.com/page/rednoseday> .



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 Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can. Please see the attachment

Sports Trips – Please see below dates of our upcoming sports trips to Campsmount – a letter for each trip will be sent out closer to the time with full details. Consent has already been given – many thanks for this. Can we also remind parents that on the day of your child's class trip, it is important that the children go straight into the

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classroom alone to get changed. Parents will be unable to come inside due to safeguarding issues – thank you for your understanding.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 21 st March	Lions	Netball
Thursday 28 th March	Eagles	Multiskills
Thursday 11 th April	Dolphins	Gymnastics

Packed Lunches – Nuts - In the interests of our pupils health and safety, can we please ask parents to refrain from putting nut products in their children's packed lunches where possible as there are some children in our school with Nut allergies We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Important Diary Dates

Friday 15 th March 2019	Comic Relief – Non Uniform (Wear Red –£1 Donation)
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Lions Netball at Campsmount
Thursday 21 st March 2019	World Down Syndrome Day (Wear odd socks)
Friday 22 nd March 2019	Non Uniform Day (Mothers Day Gift Donations)
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	The Secret Room Opens
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Eagles Multiskills at Campsmount
Monday 1 st April 2019 @ 15:00-17: 00	Campsmount Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 13:00-15:00	Campsmount Dance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 17:30	Campsmount Dance Show
Friday 5 th April 2019	Y3 Swimming Lessons Begin
Thursday 11 th April 2019	Dolphins Gymnastics at Campsmount
Thursday 11 th April 2019 @ 14:00	Easter Service
Friday 12 th April 2019	School Closes
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	School Opens
Thursday 2 nd May 2019	Went Valley Pre School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May 2019 @ 14:15	Lions Play
Friday 24 th May 2019	School Closes
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 5 th June 2019 @ 9:00	School Class Photographs
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 th June 2019	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 28 th June 2019	Careers Day
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th July 2019	Robinwood Residential
Friday 19 th July 2019	School Closes

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There are 10 differences between our two Nosey pictures. Can you spot them all?



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