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Date: Friday 15th November 2024



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

Latest information for all

- **Reception 2025.** Calling all nursery parents! Come and join us for a stay and play session on either Thursday 28th or Friday 29th November at 2.00pm. Children and parents can meet our staff and other children in our setting. If you can't make these dates, please contact the school office to arrange a convenient date and time. Applications for a reception place starting in September 2025 are now open, with the closing date being 15th January 2025.
- **Phone Box Artwork** - The new art work from Lions is now on display in the village phone box. We hope you enjoy it!
- **Hall bookings**—All bookings for the hall are now made through school. If you wish to hire the hall for parties, fitness clubs, group meetings or anything else, please contact the school office for more information. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who would like to provide Yoga or Pilates sessions to the village.
- **Visitor's to school** - We welcomed some really interesting visitors into school this term, including Power Down Pete who talked to the children about recycling, reusing and reducing our waste, and Balfour Beatty who spoke to the children about construction, designing and engineering. All children showed great

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

enthusiasm at both events!

- **Non-Uniform days** - Thank you to everyone that supported the school, the Royal British Legion and Children in Need on our recent non-uniform days.
- **Christmas Fayre** - On Tuesday 3rd December the schools Christmas fayre will be taking place in the school hall between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome! We have stalls, Santa's Grotto, refreshment's and games, and lots of fun for all the family. If you would like to hold a stall, please get in touch. There is a small charge for this.
- **Christmas Card Postbox** – Will be located outside the school office from Friday 29th November to Monday 16th December. Please ensure that all envelopes are clearly marked with the child's name and class.
- **Sports Competitions** - Eagles and Lions attended Legacy Sports netball competitions, coming first and 4th place respectively! We are very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship.
- Eagles have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Swimming and Bikeability lessons this term. Well done everyone!

Arbor Reminders

- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.
- Dolphins trip to Ledston (20TH November) is available to book and give consent on Arbor

General Reminders

- **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.** We are supporting the Christmas shoe box appeal again this year. I will share this with the children during Collective Worship next week. Please see the link for how to make a Christmas box, please remember to add £5 shipping donation to the box too please.
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox-no-follow>
Christmas boxes can be dropped off at:
 - Bentley Pentecostal Church DN5 0RY- no times given.
 - The Entertainer Doncaster DN1 1SW- Open 8:00am, Closes at 5:30pm
 - All Saints Parish Church Normanton WF6 1NT-
Wednesday 13th 3 pm - 5 pm Nov, Thursday 14th 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm- Friday 15th 3 pm - 5 pm, Saturday 16th 10 am - 12 pmThere are other locations, please see the Samaritan's website for more information.
- **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>
- **Sport Competitions.** If your child has been on competition and used the schools kit, please wash it and return it ASAP so that other children can wear it for the next competition please.
- **Governor-** We are seeking two new co-opted governors to join our team. If you are interested in the role, please reach out to us. We are especially keen to hear from individuals with a background in law or education, who also have the time to invest in the school. Governors typically attend 9–10 meetings per year and spend approximately 3–10 days working directly with our children and staff. If you think you can help and be involved in our wonderful school, please get in touch via the school office.
- **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.
- **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 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
- **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.
- **Late pick ups-** 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* Subject to change.**

Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 20th November	Dolphins Trip to Ledston
Thursday 21st November	Y3/4/5/6 Athletics Competition
Thursday 21 st November	Bags to School
Monday 25 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 25th November	Book Fair to the 28th November
Friday 29 th November	None Uniform Day – Tombola/Raffle Donations
Friday 29th November	Christmas card post-box to 16th December
Monday 2 nd December	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 3 rd December	School Christmas Fayre
Thursday 4 th December	Cheerleading Competition
Monday 9 th December	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 10 th December	Mobile Library
Tuesday 10th December	Nursery stay and play (New Starters)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch – orders by 29 th November
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th December	Y1/Y2 Multi skills sports comp
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper day - £1 for Save the Children
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Singalong – 1.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Starfish Nativity (Nursery & Reception) 10.15am
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Church Service
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper day for the last day of term
Friday 20 th December	School Closes
Monday 6 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens

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	

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

Debbie Drake – 07879 687847

Connor Steel 07477 683305

Abbie Lynds 07507 891130

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

10th December 10am -12pm

7th January

4th February