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Date: Friday 16<sup>TH</sup> June 2023



### After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

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/4605">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4605</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

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Tennis	KS1 & 2	12:30-15:15	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Cricket	KS2	12:30-15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Cricket	Dolphins	12:30-14:30	

#### Latest News

- Dolphins headed to Campsmount for a rounders competition and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6! They had a fantastic afternoon and worked so hard. Well done guys
- Our Y5 parents came into school for lunch with the children. Mrs Helstrip cooked a delicious roast gammon dinner with chocolate pudding, much enjoyed by all. We hope the parents had a wonderful time (despite being shooed out as soon as possible by their children who are now too cool for such things)
- Eagles attended a rounders competition at Campsmount last week and came 1<sup>st</sup> place! Great job everyone.
- Starfish had a visit from some baby chicks on Tuesday, and last week released their tadpoles into a local pond. The children did a great job nurturing and looking after them during their time with us.
- We've started our teddy bears picnic preparations – choosing glitter tattoos, deciding on what treats to sell (sprinkle cake was a definite winner 😊) and taking delivery of our giant cuddly friend whose name will be revealed on the day.

#### Staffing for next year

We can now confirm that from September Mr Morgan will be teaching Y5/6 in Eagles, Mrs Holmes will be teaching Y3/4 in Lions, Mrs Peart and Mrs Jones will be teaching Y1/2 in Dolphins and Miss Hallwood will be teaching Nursery and Reception in Starfish.

#### Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood 2023 residential – transport and balance available to pay up to 14<sup>th</sup> July.
- Eagles Crucial Crew trip – please give consent and payment by 16<sup>th</sup> July.
- Y6 Leavers trip – please give consent and payment by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Don't forget to head to Gravity's website to complete the safety agreement too.
- Swimming lessons – children in Lions class from September. Please make payment by 8<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**Went Valley Pre School** – on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, the pre school will be closed so the room can be our local polling station. Starfish Explorers will be open as normal from 12:30.

**Updated Policy** – our attendance and punctuality policy has been updated. Please view this at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/prospectus-policies/>

**Tennis Club** – Ackworth school will be hosting weekly summer camps in August. Please head to <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AckworthTennisCoaching/Coaching/Camps> for more information and to book.

**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	

## MESSAGE FROM NY POLICE

Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Many occur due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of open water safety,

The risks of swimming in your local canal, lakes, rivers etc:

- The shock of cold water can make swimming difficult and increase the difficulty in getting out of the water.
- Lack of safety equipment and increased difficulty for rescue
- The height of the fall or jump if jumping if tombstoning.
- The depth of the water - this changes and is unpredictable
- Underwater objects and hazards may not be visible
- Obstacles or other people in the water
- Strong currents can rapidly sweep people away
- Uneven banks and river beds
- Water quality e.g. toxic algal blooms and industrial/agricultural pollution

Please think twice before going in, there are many other safer options to keep cool on these hotter days!!!!

We all want to have a safe fun long summer!!! Stay Safe.

### **Important Diary Dates**

**\*NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED\***

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Eagles Trip to Doncaster
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Lions Trip to Doncaster
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS1 & 2 Cricket Competition
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 Parent Lunch 11:45-12:15 – BOOKINGS CLOSED
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School Dinner Special
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Careers Morning
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery Stay & Play 14:30-15:00
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Starfish & Dolphins 9:00-11:30, Lions & Eagles 13:00-15:00)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Cricket Competition
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Bags 2 School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Non Uniform – Tombola Doantions
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagles Play @ 13:30
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Starters Transition 9:00-11:30
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Morning (Current Reception – Y5)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Leger Sports Awards
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Cricket Competition
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Musical Performance @ 13:30
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Teddy Bears Picnic 12-3
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Food Bank Donations
W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Forest Schools Week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagles Trip to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagles Year End Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Memories in Church (Parents Invited)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Went Valley Pre School Closed</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School Closes

### 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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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 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November