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Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



### 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 <a href="mailto:dkcheer@outlook.com">dkcheer@outlook.com</a> or 07507 891130
Wednesday	Performing Arts	4.30pm to 5.30pm	07376 625143 <a href="mailto:admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk">admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk</a> 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

- **Dates for next term:** Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and New Year. This is a shorter term but there's still lots to fit in so please see the diary dates at the end of this week's newsletter, and keep an eye on class dojo too!
- **Wrap Around Care:** Following a review of the current wraparound provision by the governors and myself, we are pleased to inform you that the cost of the after-school clubs on Wednesdays and Thursdays will be reduced. Starting from the week commencing 24th February, the session cost will decrease from £5 to £3. For any sessions booked in advance of this date, a refund will automatically be credited to your account. We hope this adjustment helps to support our families and makes the provision more accessible. Thank you for your continued support.
- **Health Eating:** A reminder of the schools healthy eating policy and family food leaflet which is attached to this week's newsletter. Please see the following website to get some healthy recipes for all the family to share <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4fmd6f>
- **Legacy Sports Competition:** Students from Eagles attendance Legacy Sports Basketball competition this week, well done everyone!

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

### **Arbor Reminders**

- Meal choices for after the February 2025 half term onwards are now available to select on the portal. Even if your child is on a packed lunch, please select this option from the menu. **Please ensure all choices are made by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, to allow an accurate food delivery for the new term.**
- Eagles Trip to Tropical House – Is now available to book and give consent until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- Dolphins Great Fire of London Experience available to the 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- Y4 Parent Dinner available to book until the 24<sup>th</sup> January.
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

### **General Reminders**

- **School Winter Uniform** - All pupils must wear black sensible school shoes (not trainers) for indoor and general outdoor use. Children may wear wellingtons to and from school, but must change into school shoes once they are in the classroom. From November to March we ask that children wear trousers or tights to keep warm in the winter months and have an outdoor coat which can be fastened.
- **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.
- **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.**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	SHINE Collective Worship
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 Parent dinner 12.15-12.45
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Lions Basketball Competition
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Holocaust Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Parent dinner 12.15 -12.45
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Dolphins Basketball Competition
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese Dance Workshop in school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mobile Library 10.00am -12.00pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Swimming Gala
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Parent dinner 12.15-12.45
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Candlemas Church Service 1pm Parents welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 Gymnastics Competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Day Lunch
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens

#### **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](mailto: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

4<sup>th</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> April

10am to 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	

### Attendance for This Year 2024/2025 - TARGET 96%

**Current National Attendance for All Schools: 94.8% (2024/2025)**

W/C	Starfish	Dolphins	Lions	Eagles	Whole School	National
06/01/2024	100%	91.52%	91.35%	95.5%	93.99%	
Autumn Term 2	97.66%	97.47%	98.43%	97.23%	97.69%	94.8%
Autumn Term 1	98.03%	97.57%	98.27%	98.31%	97.95%	-