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Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023



### After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

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/3956">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3956</a>
Tuesday	Campmount 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
Friday	Football	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Gymnastics	Dolphins	13:00-15:00	Competition to be held at Kirk Smeaton
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Tag Rugby	KS2	12:30-15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Dodgeball	Dolphins	12:30-14:30	

**Forest School** - Sally and the Grass Roots Muddy Boots team will be hosting a holiday club over Easter at Bishop Wood. To book a place for your child please head to <https://gem.godaddy.com/p/c78ab51>

**Creation Station** – Lauren will be running a holiday club on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the community room. To sign your child up please head to <https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4132>

**Nursery transition**- Children who are starting Nursery with us after Easter are invited to attend a transition session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 -3:00. Please inform the office, if you would like a place.

**Class Dojo** – we are trialling the use of the events diary on Dojo in the hopes that this will be easier for parents and carers to follow what is happening in school. Please do let us know if this is working ok from your side, or if you are having trouble accessing it.

**Parent volunteers needed**- Starfish and Dolphins class are learning about superheroes this term, they would love to hear from any everyday superheroes that would be able to give a talk to the class i.e. vets, doctors, emergency service workers etc. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

**Charity fund raiser**- As we enter Lent, we think about those less fortunate and how we can help others. We are having a sponsored walk on W/C 27.3.23. We aim to take Y1-6 for a walk into Brockdale Woods approx. 2.5 miles and Reception will aim to go for a shorter walk around the village. All money will be split and donated to two charities. Sponsorship forms have now been sent home. Please see the links for more information- <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal> and <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

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

**Residential** – we have secured our Robinwood 2023 residential booking for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October. Transport and the balance has been added to Arbor for all those children who signed up for the trip. Payments can be made in instalments from £10, and payment in full must be received by 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**World Down Syndrome day**- on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, we are asking children to come in odd socks, this is to celebrate difference. Each class will take part in equality activities during the day.

**Easter service** - Starfish and Dolphins will celebrate the Easter service at 9am. Lions and Eagles will celebrate the Easter service at 9.30am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**P&F** – on 24<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to join us in non-uniform, and we are asking for donations of prizes for P&F's Easter raffle. Tickets will be for sale between 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, with the winners being drawn on the 30<sup>th</sup>. They will also be holding an Easter bake off and Easter hat competition – more information attached.

**Carleton High Transition** – for those Year 6 children who have been offered a place at Carleton High from September, they will be in contact with full information, but children are invited to attend an induction day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, and transition days on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Campsmount Dance Rehearsal** – on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, our Campsmount dance teams will be heading to Campsmount for a dress rehearsal. Please make sure children bring their costumes to school in a separate bag. We will be heading through on a bus, but parents must collect the children from Campsmount at 3:30. Once on site, please head to the doors leading to the outside of the main hall, near the sports hall entrance. Make sure you sign your child out with a teacher, or if someone else is collecting your child, please let the school office know. Please make sure you are prompt in collecting your child from the area stated above. We cannot send a child down the drive etc on their own to meet you elsewhere.

**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	Below expected national standard
94%	11.4	
93%	13.3	
92%	15.2	
91%	17.1	
90%	19	

#### **Important Diary Dates**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 leaver photographs
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Down Syndrome day- wear odd socks
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Campsmount dance rehearsal in school time.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Campsmount dance show 5pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non Uniform – raffle prizes
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Uniform bank – 8:40-9:10
W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Sponsored walk and Brockdale woods for each class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 parent lunch and Lions trip the Deep
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3pm	Nursery parents- stay and play
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Dolphins Gymnastics competition
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter church service EYFS and KS1 – 9am. KS2- 9.30. Parents welcome
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Closes
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens

### 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  
admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

After School Club: 07521 952 373

Parents and Friends: [pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Starfish: Helen Murphy 07512 867 160

Lions: Sarah Broomfield: 07709 344 606

Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140

Eagles: Vicki Lowes 07933 7223 813

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847

Went Valley: 01977 621 521