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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday 18th November 2022



### After School Clubs – Autumn 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/3189">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3189</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

**Pantomime** – please don't forget to pop payment onto Arbor by 28<sup>th</sup> November - £4 per child.

#### ***Jilly Rogers' Christmas Adventure***

*Christmas is a time for goodwill to all, so aspiring pirate Jilly Rogers is keen to involve everyone in this years swashbuckling Christmas celebrations... but when scourge of the seas 'sinner Silas' darkens Jilly's door, how far does Christmas cheer really extend?*

*Featuring songs, slapstick & sword fights 4Front's latest show communicates the heart of the nativity and a message of forgiveness while delivering all the fun of a panto!*

#### **Posada- Advent preparation**

We are approaching Advent time and in order to prepare the children for the birth of Jesus, we take part in Posada. Over the COVID years, we were unable to send the posada books and bags home, however this year we are very excited to start the tradition again. The posada books and bags will go home with a different child each night, there is a set for each class. In the bag there is Mary and Joseph and some books. We ask that children complete a page in the class book e.g draw a picture, write about the journey to Bethlehem or write a prayer. Please remember to write their name and date on the page and bring them back the next day for another child to experience this wonderful tradition. Mrs Cessford (Foundation governor and Church friend), has explained the process to children in Collective Worship. We hope you enjoy sharing this wonderful experience with your child.

**After School Clubs** – due to our upcoming parents evenings, Debbie's rugby club will be held on Thursdays w/c 21<sup>st</sup> November instead of the Wednesday.

**Parent Lunches** – this year, we will again be inviting parents from each year group to join us for lunch with the children. Invitations will be sent out closer to the time – please make sure if you want to join us that you email the office to confirm attendance.

**Donations** – thank you to everyone that donated to our poppy and Children In Need Appeal – we're still tallying final figures, and will confirm these shortly.

**Nursery Admissions** – we'd like to invite our January nursery starters to join us for a stay and play on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 14:15. If your child would like to join us, please get in touch so we can discuss places and answer any questions you may have.

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

## Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Basketball	Eagles	12:30-15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Basketball	Lions	12:30-15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Athletics	Eagles	12:30-15:00	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton – minimal change
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Multi Sports	Dolphins	12:30-14:30	

**Bank Holiday** – In light of the announcement of His Majesty’s coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Our term dates have been updated accordingly and can be viewed at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/term-dates/>

**Communication** – please ensure any messages regarding pick-ups, clubs, appointments, illness etc are communicated via the school office and not dojo. Teachers often do not have time during the school day to check messages, and important information can be missed. We also ask that urgent messages are not sent via Arbor in-app messaging – sadly we don’t get a notification when they come in, so to make sure we see your message, please email or call the office.

**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	

### Important Diary Dates

\* New / Amended dates in red \*

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Eagles Basketball Competition
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform – tombola / bottle donations for Xmas fair
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Pantomime
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Lions Basketball Competition
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Book Fair 14:00 – 16:00
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Eagles Athletics Competition @ Campsmount
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Parents Lunch 11:45-12:15
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	New Nursery Stay and Play 14:15-14:45
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Dolphins Multi-Sports Competition
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 15:15-17:15
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donations
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity 14:00
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 14:00
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Christmas Service
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Sing-Along
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (with Uniform)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens

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### 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  
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