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Date: Friday 20th October 2023



After School Clubs – Summer Term 2

| Day | Club | Time | Booking |
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| Monday | Dodgeball | 3:10-4:30 | Arbor |
| Monday | Arts & Crafts | 3:15-4:15 | https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4956 |
| Tuesday | Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins | 3.10-4.10 | Arbor (No charge) |
| Friday | Multi Sports | 3:10-4:30 | Arbor |

CAMPSMOUNT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED ON 24TH OCTOBER AND 21ST NOVEMBER

Sports Competitions

| Date | Event | Class | Timings | Location |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| 8 th November | Netball | Eagles | 13:15-15:45 | Campsmount Academy-Parents to pick up |
| 15 th November | Netball | Lions | 13:15-15:45 | Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up |
| 29 th November | Athletics | KS2 | 13:15-15:45 | Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up |
| 6 th December | Cheerleading | Dolphins, Lions, Eagles | TBC | Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up |
| 13 th December | Multi Skills | Dolphins | 13:15-15:30 | Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up |

Latest News

- Reception parents joined us for lunch – the children had a wonderful time and we thank you for coming in.
- Lions took part in a football competition at Campsmount, and despite the horrible weather, played fantastically and showed great resilience. Well done team!
- Starfish parents have joined us for a stay and play - the children had a wonderful time welcoming you into their classroom. We hope you all found it useful, and thank you for joining us.
- Power Down Pete came to spend a day with us and taught us all about helping the planet and being eco-friendly.
- Reception and Y1 parents joined us for a phonics session in each classroom, and we've had some great feedback. Thank you for coming in.

Arbor Reminders

- Parent lunches for Dolphins parents – places can be reserved in the 'School Shop' category.
- Lions – for those who have not paid in full for swimming, please make sure you keep topping up your account.
- Lions – please give payment and consent by the end of today for the trip to Cadbury World.

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

- Parents evening slots can be booked until 10th November (target plan children will be invited to a different session)

General Reminders

- If your child missed the flu vaccine, but you would like them to have it, please give consent at <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/northyorkshire> as they will be returning for a second visit.
- Absences must be reported to the school office by 9:30 – failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence mark and the absence may be escalated to the council or social services.

St Peters Fundraising

Angels are being made and sold by some of our Smeaton residents in order to raise funds to support essential repairs on the stained glass windows of our church. Each angel costs £5. If you would like to place an order, please bring payment to the school office.



School Admissions

A letter has been sent home this week to all nursery parents with information on applying for a school place from September 2024. Please make sure you apply to your home council by 15th January. As a reminder, all children must apply for a school place – being in nursery does not secure you spot in reception class.

Poppy Appeal

For the week 6th – 10th November, children (and adults) will be able to purchase items such as wristbands, poppies, zipper pulls, keyrings and more from the school office. All money raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Pantomime

This year, 4 Front Theatre will again be visiting school to deliver another amazing pantomime performance. This will be on 21st December. By having the pantomime in school, all children can see it and we can of course remove any transport costs, to deliver the show at a vastly reduced rate. We are asking for £4 per child, payable on Arbor (see 'Trips'). Thank you for your support.

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.

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 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 14th November

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

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| Monday 23 rd October | Lions Trip to Cadbury World |
| Wednesday 25 th October | PCSO bonfire safety talk |
| Thursday 26 th October | Starfish parents maths session 8:40-9:00 |
| Friday 27 th October | School closes |
| Monday 6 th November | School opens |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Eagles netball competition |
| Friday 10 th November | Remembrance – children to attend cenotaph |
| Wednesday 8 th – Thursday 9 th November | Y6 Bikeability |
| W/C 13 th November | Children in need shop open – all items £1 |
| Wednesday 15 th November | Lions netball competition |
| Wednesday 15 th – Thursday 16 th November | Y6 Bikeability |
| Thursday 16 th November | Flu Immunisations |
| Thursday 16 th November | Bags 2 School |
| Thursday 16 th November | Parents evening |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in need - £1 donations, non uniform |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Parents evening |
| W/C 27 th November | Book Fair (more information to follow) |
| Wednesday 29 th November | KS2 Athletics |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Cheerleading competition |
| Thursday 7 th December | Christmas jumper day - £1 donations, Christmas jumper, full non uniform |
| Monday 11 th December | Non Uniform – tombola donations |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Dolphins multi sports competition |
| Friday 15 th December | KS1 Nativity 2pm |
| Monday 18 th December | EYFS Nativity 2pm |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Nursery Stay and Play (January starters) 2:30-3:00 |
| Wednesday 20 th December | KS2 Singalong 13:30-14:30 |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Mini Christmas Fair – tombola, refreshments |
| Thursday 21 st December | Pantomime in school |
| Thursday 21 st December | Xmas dinner day |
| Thursday 21 st December | Christmas jumper day – Christmas jumpers with uniform |
| Thursday 21 st December | Church Christmas service (KS1 9:00, KS2 9:30) |
| Thursday 21 st December | School closes |
| Tuesday 9 th January | School opens |