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Date: Friday 21st October 2022

UPDATED CLUBS BELOW – PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

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	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3189
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
Friday	Football	3:10-4:30	Debbie Drake 07879 687 847



School Lottery – our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win a family ticket to the Harry Potter Studio tour. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

Staffing Update - We are delighted to welcome Mr Morgan to the team. Mr Morgan will join us as the class teacher for Y3/4 in January 23. We are working with Miss Ghent and Mr Morgan to provide a smooth transition for the children.

Robinwood - The coach will depart on Monday, 31st October @ 9.30am prompt. We ask that children meet in the school hall at 9.15am with their bags. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish to wave their children off however, if work commitments etc don't allow, children can come into school from 8.40am as normal.

Luggage labels will be coming home with your child, please ensure this is fastened to their bag.

Should any child commence taking a prescribed medicine over the half term for any reason, please report to the school office to complete the necessary paperwork before 9am to give us time to complete paperwork and pass the medicine onto the Teacher.

The bus should arrive back on Wednesday by 4pm, but we will keep parents updated of any traffic delays.

Appointments – as a reminder, medical and dental appointments should be scheduled outside of school time where possible. For those unavoidable situations, we do require a copy of your appointment letter so we can authorise your child's absence.

Sports Trips – from November, all our Campsmount sports trips will be finishing slightly later, meaning children will be back to school for 3:20. The KS2 Netball competition has now also been split onto separate dates due to a pitch issue – please see the diary dates. We will let parents know if spectators are able to attend each competition.

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

Remembrance – we have various items for sale in the school office (poppies, wristbands, zip pulls, reflectors, snap bands) for the children to purchase in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Items are priced 50p - £1 and will be available from 31st October to 11th November.

Pantomime – on 29th November, a theatre company will be visiting school to put on a pantomime for all the children. Parents and Friends will be providing the children with a little treat to enjoy with it, and tickets are £4, available to pay on Arbor.

Book Fair – on 1st December, Usbourne books will be hosting a book fair at school. We'll set up from 2pm in case any parents would like to do any secret shopping before the children join you, and we'll stay open until 4pm if you would like to browse with your children. There will be a card reader, but reception can be very spotty so we would suggest cash where possible.

Policies – Please see the updated policies for:

- Attendance and punctuality policy -<http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/ATTENDANCE-AND-PUNCTUALITY-POLICY-kirk-smeaton-Sept-22.pdf>
- Child protection policy -<http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/School-CP-Policy-2022-2023-Final-V1.1-2022-08-15.pdf>
- Home school agreement- <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/Home-school-agreement-July-22.pdf>

Holiday Club - the Creation Station will be holding a holiday club in the community room on Tuesday 25th October. It will run from 10-3pm at a cost of £30 per child. It is a wizard school theme, and the children are going to be making wands and potions and slime as well as some other fun makes! They will also have some fun games for the children to play (parachute games). All children will need to fetch a packed lunch and a water bottle. To book a place, please head to: <https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3249>

Dodgeball – there will be no dodgeball on Monday 31st October

Healthy Child Team – there will be a visit from the team (date TBC) to carry out the height and weight checks for our Reception and Year 6 children. If you do not want your child to participate, please let us know by Monday 31st October.

Eagles – on a morning, please can Eagles enter school via the pupil door (where our Lions enter). At home time, they will leave the classroom via the Eagles exit.

Breakfast Club – from 31st October, our breakfast club will run from the KS2 area of school instead of the hall. The gate to the pupil entrance (where Lions would normally enter school) will be open – please make your way down and Miss Sheen will be available to allow access to the building.

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	

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Important Diary Dates

* New / Amended dates in red *

Friday 21 st October	School Closes
Monday 31 st October	School Opens
Monday 31 st October	Poppy shop open
Monday 31 st October – Wednesday 2 nd November	Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 2nd November	Lions Netball Competition
Wednesday 9th November	Eagles Netball Competition
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance
W/C 14 th November	Children In Need Wristbands on sale
Tuesday 15 th November	Y4 Brayton Workshop
Wednesday 16 th November	Dolphins Basketball Competition
Wednesday 16 th November	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 16th November	Parents Evening (R, 1, 3, 5)
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need – Non Uniform £1
Wednesday 23rd November	Parents Evening (N, 2, 4, 6)
Wednesday 23 rd November	Eagles Basketball Competition
Tuesday 29 th November	Pantomime
Wednesday 30 th November	Lions Basketball Competition
Thursday 1st December	Book Fair 14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday 7 th December	Dolphins Multi-Sports Competition
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Fair 15:15-17:15
Friday 9 th December	Xmas Jumper Day - £1 donations
Friday 9 th December	Xmas Dinner Day
Monday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity 14:00
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 14:00
Thursday 15 th December	Church Christmas Service
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Sing-Along
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (with Uniform)
Friday 16 th December	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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Lions: Sarah Broomfield: 07709 344 606

Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140

Eagles: Vicki Lowes 07933 7223 813

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