

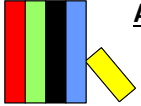


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Date: Friday 22nd February 2019



After-School Club – next half terms booking forms are now available. If you require any sessions booking please contact us.

Be Informed **Thank you to our Community** - Over recent months we have received very kind donations from the Smeatons magazine and Shoulder of Mutton following the auction of the Harvest produce. We are most grateful for these donations and have recently purchased a lot of gardening equipment including tools, planters, plants (bedding plants plus classic and stone fruit orchard collections, Japanese young maple trees), paints, and much more to enhance our already wonderful school grounds. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Footwear – please can we remind parents that children need 2 pairs of trainers in school – 1 clean pair to be used for inside P.E., and 1 pair that can get mucky for playing outside. Please send each pair of trainers within a carrier bag clearly labeled.

Stamps – thank you to everyone who has donated stamps towards the Shooting Stars charity over the past couple of years. Unfortunately, the company who collected the stamps for us, 'Fundraising Stamps' has now closed, so we will be unable to accept any more donations.

Dogs – please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. We have many children with allergies and wish to keep them as safe as possible. If you do bring your dogs to school they must not enter the grounds and must be kept on a leash whilst waiting with you.

School Grounds – over the half term holiday, access to the school grounds will still be allowed, but please be vigilant at all times as there will be contractors and their vehicles on site. As a reminder, anyone using the school grounds out of school hours do so at their own risk. We ask that you treat our grounds with respect and do not access the school field, we are hoping with some rest the grass will start to grow again and we have some lush green grass in the summer time.

Thank you - thank you to the amazing parents and grandparents who came in to help us with our spruce up this week, and to those who donated bedding plants. It's made a huge difference, and we are so grateful to you.

Absence – if your child is absent from school, please make sure you contact the office before 9:30 on each day they are absent. Many of you are forgetting to contact us, and we are having to spend a good chunk of time tracking parents down to ensure your child is safe. We understand you are busy, so please note you can call the office any time before 9:30 and leave a voicemail, or nip in to see us if you are dropping another child off.

Lost Property – as well as the keys we are holding in lost property, we have also been passed a pair of glasses found on the school drive. If you think any of these may be yours please pop into the school office.

Pick Up – When collecting your children from school, please make sure you take them straight off the premises so our after school clubs can access the playground and fields without safeguarding concerns.

Snaith Incident - An incident occurred at approx. 0845hrs on 7th February where a male was reported to have grabbed the hand of a little girl as she walked to Snaith Primary School. She managed to come free and safely arrived at school. The male was described as being aged between 30 and 40 years, with a long face, short stubby beard, short brown hair brushed to the side and shaved on the side and was described as having grubby hands. He

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was reported to be wearing blue jeans and a black leather jacket. Please remain vigilant and reinforce the message of personal safety to your children. Report any suspicious sightings and/ or activity to Police on Tel 101/ 999.

Online Gaming – Sites such as Fornite, Friday night at Freddie's and SourceIO are a few of the websites that have been brought to our attention. There have been reported cases where children have been messaged on these sites causing distress for all the family. Please know what your child is accessing. Please speak about the importance of keeping yourself safe on the internet.

Please talk with your children about online safety and what they should do if they experience something that is not appropriate.

1. Firstly, ensure that your child is the correct age to be accessing games and monitor what they are accessing.
2. If the content is upsetting or inappropriate, close the laptop lid/turn off the IPAD and take it to an adult to show them.
3. If someone tries to message you, do not reply, close the laptop lid/turn off the IPAD and show it to an adult. It is really important to close the laptop lid as hackers can hack into the camera and observe the child or adult. Through this, they can often see the child's uniform and location.

Careers - We are looking to inspire our young people in career choices for the future. We hope to host a careers day on 28th June 2019, we have invited a wide variety of professionals to come and talk to the children. We are now waiting for them to accept. Fingers crossed! If you would like to share your career or career path with the children, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

School Dinner Amounts - If your child has school dinners everyday, the amount owing for the next half term (Monday, 4th March 2019 - Friday, 12th April 2019) is £75.00. (30 meals x £2.50). For those children who only have meals on certain days the amount per meal is £2.50. Please ensure you take any debits/credit into account when making payment. As a reminder, school dinners must be paid for in advance and we therefore ask that payment be made no later than Friday 1st March 2019.

Campsmount Dance – tickets are now available from the school office. 2 tickets per child have been allocated per child. For Year 2 children, this will consist of 1 standing and 1 seated ticket (many parents choose to leave after this performance so priority is given to the older children). For those with a standing ticket, Campsmount will be offering spare seats to these people on a first come first served basis. For children in Lions and Eagles, both tickets will be seated. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 22nd March. Any tickets remaining at this point will be offered to those on our waiting list.

Transport has now been arranged for the rehearsals during school time, and a letter will be coming home shortly detailing this, and asking for consent. Please make sure this is returned by Friday 22nd March.



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 Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can. Please see the attachment

Sports Trips – Please see below dates of our upcoming sports trips to Campsmount – a letter for each trip will be sent out closer to the time with full details. Consent has already been given – many thanks for this. Can we also remind parents that on the day of your child's class trip, it is important that the children go straight into the classroom alone to get changed. Parents will be unable to come inside due to safeguarding issues – thank you for your understanding.

Date	Class	Event
Thursday 21 st March	Lions	Netball

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Thursday 28 th March	Eagles	Multiskills
Thursday 11 th April	Dolphins	Gymnastics

Breakfast Club – please ensure that if you require the use of Breakfast Club, that you book your child in with Mrs Beck. This can be done via her website <http://www.wentvalleypreschool.co.uk/> .

Packed Lunches – Nuts - In the interests of our pupils health and safety, can we please ask parents to refrain from putting nut products in their children's packed lunches where possible as there are some children in our school with Nut allergies We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Important Diary Dates

Monday 4 th March 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 6 th March 2019 @ 14:45	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 21 st March 2019	Lions Netball at Campsmount
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th March 2019	Eagles Multiskills at Campsmount
Monday 1 st April 2019 @ 15:00-17:00	Campsmount Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 13:00-15:00	Campsmount Dance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 3 rd April 2019 @ 18:30-21:00	Campsmount Dance Show
Friday 5 th April 2019	Y3 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 11 th April 2019	Dolphins Gymnastics at Campsmount
Thursday 11 th April 2019 @ 14:00	Easter Service
Friday 12 th April 2019	School Closes
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 8 th May 2019 @ 14:15	Lions Play
Friday 24 th May 2019	School Closes
Monday 3 rd June 2019	School Opens
Wednesday 5 th June 2019 @ 9:00	School Class Photographs
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th July 2019	Robinwood Residential
Friday 19 th July 2019	School Closes

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Farm Boggled Puzzle

Boggled puzzles are very easy to play. You need to find as many 3 or more letter words as you can. You form words by starting anywhere on the grid and moving to adjoining letters. You can move horizontally, vertically and diagonally in any direction. Write down your words and score as follows:

3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points

6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 5 points
8 or more letters = 6 points

Any farm related words get double points! Why not challenge your friends?

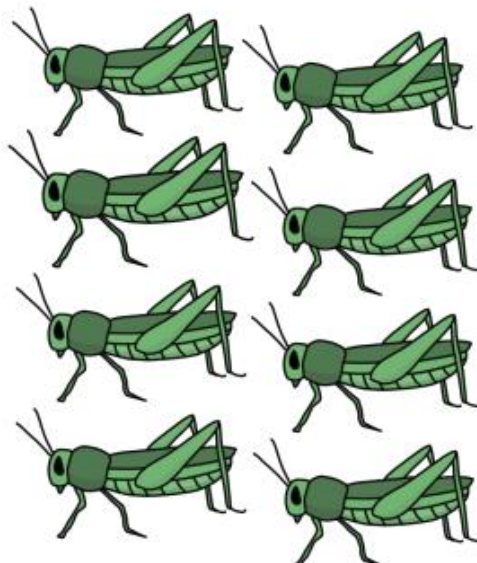


M	R	R	T
D	U	A	E
S	C	K	F
H	E	E	P

My Points

Odd One Out

Which of the grasshoppers is the odd one out? Draw a circle around it.



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