



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 22nd March 2024



After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Dolphins	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
17 th April	Tag Rugby	Eagles	TBC - PM	Campsmount
24 th April	Tag Rugby	Lions	TBC- PM	Campsmount
15 th May	Tennis	Dolphins	TBC - PM	Campsmount
22 nd May	Tennis	Y 3,4,5,6	TBC - PM	Campsmount

Latest information for all

- **Breakfast club changes-** Thank you to parents who have shared feedback on the breakfast club. We have made some changes. We now have Mrs Helstrip, the kitchen cook, as a breakfast club worker on an ad hoc basis. We are asking for parents to let us know if they are unable to secure a place a week in advance and we will look to deploy Mrs Helstrip or another member of staff into the breakfast club so we can take additional children. Parents and carers also asked for the breakfast club to open from 7.30am, we are now able to facilitate this, so the change will take place from Monday 3rd June 24. After carefully assessing the cost of running the breakfast club in relation to staff wages, we have made an adjustment in the cost of the provision from £5 to £6, this change will take affect from Monday 3rd June 24.
- **Updates in governance-** We welcome Mr Brooks to our governing body. Mr Brooks is a parent within school and has taken the role of co-opted governor.
- **Summer fun-** As we look towards summer, we are looking for parents to help out with Summer Fair preparations this year, if you are interested in supporting with events, please let us know.
- **After school providers-** Unfortunately, for personal reasons, Lauren from Creation Station will not be running her after school sessions on a Monday afternoon after Easter. Debbie Drake does have spaces in her dodgeball sessions on Monday evenings should you wish to take part. Bookings can be made via Arbor.
- **Message from the eco and wellbeing council -** You will start to see the parking wardens in the village, please remember to park respectfully and carefully within our village. Remember there is lots of parking available a little walk away and this allows everyone to get some fresh air on the way to school which is good for everyone's mental wellbeing.
- **The governors would like to hear your feedback on...** The governors are interested to hear about how parents and carers use the school website. We are aware that the website is dated and have had quotes from companies to update the site, however this has come with a large cost, so has not been a priority at present. However, we would like to see if we can improve the current site for stakeholders. We would like to know what pages do you search for? What would you like to be able to access straight away? Please

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

pop the information in the governor post box or on an email and send to the school office. Thank you in advance.

Latest news

- Students from Lions and Dolphins enjoyed a great afternoon at Campsmount for their latest Dodgeball competition. Well done to everyone that took part!
- The school raised £98 for Comic Relief – All the children looked great and thank you for your contribution to this fantastic charity.
- Children from Lions and Eagles took part in Campsmount Come Dancing Dance Show!
- Thank you to Mrs Buckley who is organising the Y6 hoodies this year.
- Starfish enjoyed a wonderful trip to Conisborough Castle. Thank you to the volunteers that also helped out!
- Dolphins had a fantastic day at Ledston woods.
- FEAST is back this Easter holiday and better than ever, with a fantastic range of activities to keep your children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for eligible families, thanks to funding from the Department for Education. Ready to unleash the Easter fun? Head over to the [FEAST website](#) now to discover all the incredible activities waiting for your child.
- Ackworth Tennis Club are hosting Easter Tennis camps. Each day children will learn a different shot and develop it in fun games and competition. There are sibling and membership discounts available. For further information or to book, please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AckworthTennisCoaching/Coaching/Camps>

Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31st July 2024.
- School menu choices for Summer 2024 will be available to view after Easter half term.
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

General Reminders

- Please let the office know of any appointments or absences rather than teachers on Dojo – they often don't have time to check these on a morning. In the case of any absence due to illness, please do let the office know by 9.00am on the day of the absence.
- As per our policy, if a child is picked up 10 minutes or later, there will be a charge of £2 per 10 minutes they are late – this relates to normal school collection as well as after school club.
- We are aware that parking is limited, however this is a general reminder to be considerate to residents, parents and children when dropping and collecting children from school. If residents or parents have any concerns about road safety in general, these can be reported roadsafetyevents@northyorksfire.gov.uk

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Friday 22 nd March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 9 th April	School Opens
Wednesday 10 th April	Forest Schools – Starfish
Monday 15 th April	Collective Worship 9.00am
Tuesday 16 th April	Census Day Food Festival – All children entitled to a free school meal
Wednesday 17 th April	Forest School – Dolphins
Wednesday 17 th April	Eagles Tag Rugby Competition - Campsmount
Monday 22 nd April	Class photo's
Monday 22 nd April	Collective Worship 9.00am
Wednesday 24 th April	Forest Schools – Lions
Wednesday 24 th April	Lions Tag Rugby Competition – Campsmount
Monday 29 th April	Collective Worship 9.00am
Tuesday 30 th April	Mobile Library 10.00am to 12.00pm
Wednesday 1 st May	Forest Schools – Eagles
Thursday 2 nd May	Ice Cream Shop - £1 to School
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Year 5 Parent Dinner
Wednesday 8 th May	Forest Schools – Starfish
Thursday 9 th May	Starfish New Parent starter session
Thursday 9 th May	Church Service
Monday 13 th May	SATs week – All week
Wednesday 15 th May	Dolphins Tennis Competition – Campsmount
Monday 20 th May	Class visits to Brockodale
Monday 20 th May	Collective Worship 9.00am
Wednesday 22 nd May	Forest Schools – Dolphins
Wednesday 22 nd May	Tennis Competition Y3,4,5,6 – Campsmount
Wednesday 22 nd May	Food Bank collection
Friday 24 th May	School closes

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: louisevizard@gmail.com

Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 2nd April
Tuesday 30th April
Tuesday 25th June