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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



### After School Clubs – Summer Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Monday	Arts & Crafts	3:15-4:15	<a href="https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4956">https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4956</a> (starts 25th Sep)
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

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Football	Lions	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy-Parents to pick up
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Football	Dolphins	13:15-15:30	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up

#### Latest News

- Phototronics were in school and took our individual and sibling photographs – everyone was so well behaved and smiley 😊
- Starfish have had their first Forest School session and had a great time, despite the weather!
- We visited the library bus and got some wonderful new books for each class.
- Swimming has started for our Lions and have already made fantastic progress.

#### Arbor Reminders

- Parent lunches for Starfish and Dolphins parents – places can be reserved in the 'School Shop' category

#### General Reminders

- Orders for our school dinner special on October 5<sup>th</sup> must be received by 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Children competing in sports competitions must be collected by parents from Campsmount
- Please do not sit on the flower planters outside of Went Valley preschool – it's causing damage to the plants and planters.
- When booking Debbie's clubs on Arbor, please make sure you pick up every session you plan to attend and pay for these.

#### Clothing Appeal

A member of the Womersley community is soon heading to teach in Africa, and will be taking a pallet of donations for the school children there. They are looking for school shoes, non-logoed uniform and stationary. If anyone has any items they can donate, please bring them into the school office.

#### Harvest Festival

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

Parents are invited to join us for our harvest service at Church on 28<sup>th</sup> September. 9:00 for Starfish and Dolphins, and 9:30 for Lions and Eagles. We are also asking for donations towards our Harvest Food Bank Appeal. Please leave any donations in the school office on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Governor Vacancies**

If anyone is interested in becoming a governor, there are vacancies in lots of local schools, if you are interested, please speak to Mrs Cuddy.

<https://thegoto.org.uk>

This is a fabulous website for parents and children to promote positive wellbeing. It provides self help guides and lists agencies that can provide additional support.

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## Invite new supporters this September!

September is a great month to sign up new supporters so they can raise donations as we head into the busiest shopping period of the year!

Below you'll find this month's new personalised image to share and encourage new supporters to sign up to support Kirk Smeaton Primary today.

### Invite new supporters, they raise £5 and we'll double it\*

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Sign up and raise £5 for Kirk Smeaton Primary and easyfundraising will DOUBLE it!

Sign up today

**£155** raised so far      **24** supporters have joined

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Help us get September off to a great start for Kirk Smeaton Primary by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,500 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us over the coming months: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/kirk-smeaton-primary/3MV5TL/c2s/KuPMmkmc/CR043/facebook/>

**Important Diary Dates**  
**\*NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED\***

<p>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</p> <p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</p>	<p>Eagles Forest Schools</p> <p>Harvest Festival (9:00 KS1 &amp; EYFS. 9:30 KS2) Parents welcome Campsmount to visit Eagles (available to speak to parents after school</p> <p>Robinwood residential</p> <p>Flu vaccination (date may change)</p> <p>Lions forest schools</p> <p>Starfish &amp; Explorers oral health workshop</p> <p>Dinner special</p> <p>Christmas card orders to be returned to school</p> <p>Lions football competition</p> <p>Starfish parents stay &amp; play 8:40-9:00</p> <p>Power Down Pete in school</p> <p>Dolphins parents phonics session 9:00</p> <p>Dolphins football competition</p> <p>Starfish parents reading session 8:40-9:00</p> <p>PCSO bonfire safety talk</p> <p>Starfish parents maths session 8:40-9:00</p> <p>School closes</p> <p>School opens</p>
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**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	Average
97%	5.7	
96%	7.6	
95%	9.5	Below expected national standard
94%	11.4	
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 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November