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**Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy**

**Date: Friday, 23rd July 2021**

All the staff at Kirk Smeaton wish everyone a lovely summer break. Good luck to all children moving to their new schools, and we'll see you on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Return to School** - All classes start back in school on Tuesday 7th September. Remember to label all of your childrens school uniform ready for the new school year.

**School Dinners** - For this years Dolphins that are moving up into Lions, please remember that if your child will be having a school dinner, these will now be chargeable at a cost of £2.64 per meal and are to be paid via parentpay.

School dinners for the first half term in September are £89.76. (34 meals x £2.64). When making payment please ensure your account for any debits and credits on your account.

There are still numerous outstanding debts on Parentpay. This may be for trips that have taken place or school dinners. Can we please ask that you check your Parentpay accounts immediately and ensure any outstanding balances are brought completely upto date before the end of July.

**After School Clubs** – Mrs Jenkinson will run a sports sessions on Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 If anyone would like to take part, please register your childs name with the school office, and payment of £4 per session is due in advance. Debbie will also be running her clubs as below – bookings are to be made directly with Debbie 07879 687 847

Monday	3-4.30 Debbie Drake Sports club
Tuesday	3-5 Debbie Drake Sports club
Wednesday	3-5 Debbie Drake Sports club
Thursday	3-4pm- Mrs Jenkinson will run a sports session. Bookings can be made through school £4 per session.
Friday	3-4.30 Debbie Drake Sports club

**Absence** - Please see the holiday dates for next year on our website. It is important for children to be in school, please be mindful when booking holidays. Attendance should be above 95%, please be aware schools have a legal duty to write to parents outlining attendance concerns.

**Breakfast Club** - We have not been able to recruit anyone as yet for the Breakfast club vacancy, so cannot offer the provision as yet. We have advertised again and will update parents if we are successful in finding the right person.

**Swimming** - All our Lions will be taking part in swimming lessons from September. The first lesson will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Don't forget your swimming kit, and to make payment on Parentpay.

**Risk Assessment** – our risk assessment has been updated ready for September and can be found attached to this email.

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**Music Lessons** – for those that have expressed an interest in the piano or singing lessons with Mrs Vizard, we will contact you all in September regarding places and fees.

**Dangerous App/Website** – please be aware of a new dangerous app and website that is available called ‘Monkey’ with the description ‘make friends and chat to celebrities’. The app contacts users to people all over the world, sharing locations and advertising inappropriate content. There is no age verification on the app, and no option to block the sharing of details.

### **New Routines**

**In the mornings**, a member of staff will open the main gates at 8.45am and children can start to come into school. We ask all children to go straight to their class door (please line up there if it is not open for any reason), so all children can enter the class and be ready for learning at 8.50am. Parents and carers of Dolphins and Starfish children are welcome onto the school site to drop their children off at the class door. Children in Lions and Eagles will be encouraged to walk independently into school from the main gate. We may decide to ask parents to drop Dolphin children at the main gate after a few weeks and the children are settled, this will be reviewed and communicated with parents and carers.

**At the end of the school day**, a member of staff will open the main gates at 2.55pm and parents are invited into the school grounds to stand near the class doors, so they can pick their child/children up at 3pm. For any children in Y5/6 who are walking to the bottom of the drive to meet an adult or walking home, parents or carers must please let school know and complete the relevant documentation.

**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.

**Mobile Library** – the library will be in Kirk Smeaton on Tuesday 27th July and Tuesday 24th August between 10-12. There is currently a National Reading Challenge for children –more information can be found at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### **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  
[admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

After School Club: 07521 952 373

Parents and Friends: [pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847  
Went Valley: 01977 621 521

### **Important Diary Dates**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

School Opens  
Lions 1<sup>st</sup> Swimming Session

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