



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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COVID

<http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/newsletters-news/covid/>

Risk Assessment – our risk assessment has been updated and is available to view on our website.

Illness or symptoms of COVID- If your child is under the weather or is showing symptoms of COVID, please follow the guidance on our website. Please contact school if you need to discuss any symptoms and we are happy to assist. If your child is off school while awaiting a test, please let us know if a test has been administered and where you are in receiving results. Children can access work from Oakwood national academy, we ask that children access this from the day they are off and additional class work maybe given if needed, please send completed work to the class teacher either through dojos for Lions and Dolphins, tapestry for Starfish and the admin email for Eagles. Please send work to us daily so we can give feedback.

Test & Trace – the NHS have launched their Test & Trace app, available for download by anyone over the age of 16. More information can be found on our website.

Hand sanitiser- Please speak to your child about the importance of hand sanitiser and how to use it safely. In the school day we encourage the children to use the sanitiser when they come into school, after they have finished at playtime and after lunch. We wash hands thoroughly before we eat and after toileting. Please speak to your children about not touching their face where possible, but we all know this is extremely difficult to do.

Bookclub - Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/kirk-smeaton/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.
Please place your **order online by October 31st, 2020**

Primary School Application – for those with children starting in Reception class from September 2021, applications open on 12th October, and close on 15th January 2021. Please remember that although your child may be in our nursery, you will still need to apply for a reception place via your home council. A letter from NYCC can be found under 'Notices' on our website with further details.



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.

Shoe Box Appeal – please remember to collect any shoe boxes and save them at home for this years shoe box appeal. We've sent home letters and leaflets regarding the appeal, but if you need a copy please head to the news section of our website. All donations need to be in school by 17th November. Thank you in advance.

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

IDL - IDL for Literacy and Number is up and running for all children in Dolphins, Lions and Eagles. It is a super programme as it is personalised to your child's level. Please spend some time with your child to sign in and have a go at the lessons. If there are any issues, please let the teacher know. If your child is unable to access the next Literacy lesson, ensure the assistance button is off (this should be at the top corner of the screen).

Governor Vacancy - We are looking for a new co-opted governor. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please direct them to our webstie where further details can be found, or get in touch with the school office.

Donations – if anyone has any musical instruments that they would be willing to donate to our school, please get in touch.

Arty Phonebox – our children have been busy making some fantastic William Morris artwork to add some colour to Smeaton's phonebox. Make sure you pop across to Little Smeaton and see the incredible pictures for yourselves.



Starfish PE – PE day for our Starfish class is now on a Thursday. Children are still invited to send their PE kits in for the whole half term to make things easier for parents.

School Logo and ethos - We are in the process of updating the school logo and ethos and we would like your help. Last year, we had a competition for the children to design a new school logo and think about the key words that describe our wonderful school. The responses were great! Mrs Hursthouse used her fantastic design skills to use and incorporated the ideas into one badge. This was shared with staff and governors and now we would like to share it with you.



Our strapline is 'Let God's love shine as we care for each other and learn together.' This underpins our vision and ethos for the school. This is closely linked to the psalm, 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

At Kirk Smeaton CE Primary School, we believe that every child has a talent to be nurtured; we aspire for every child to 'Shine' just as Jesus has taught us. We are dedicated to making children Safe, Healthy, Independent, Nurtured and Equal to achieve their full potential and see life in all its fullness.

Shine is an acronym for Safe, Healthy, Independence, Nurturing and Equal, which are key words that make our school a special place to be. All these key words are the key drivers in the school shine rules attached.

We need your help!

We are looking to make this into a final design, so if any parents are from a design background and would be able to support us in finalising the design, we are very excited to hear from you.

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Also, the keywords on the logo were only suggestions and we are looking for ideas from parents too. We would like you to let us know which 3 key gifts you would like your child to gain when they leave Kirk Smeaton CE School?

The ideas we have so far are:

Respect- we respect all things in God's world.

Humility- being a team and all are equal.

Perseverance- we work together and independently to be the best we can be!

Staffing news - We welcome Mrs Holmes and Mrs Hursthouse back, which we are all excited about. A big thank you to Miss Pounder for covering both classes.

Anti bullying training - Please see the parent resources regarding anti-bullying. The staff in school are working through the resources, but there is a module specifically for parents, if anyone is interested. <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/interactive-anti-bullying-information-tool-parents-and-carers>

Remote learning - Dojo has been created for Dolphins, Lions and Eagles so that we can share any home learning if children are required to isolate/quarantine or if we are forced into a lockdown. Starfish will continue to use tapestry.

Kitchen Vacancy – our lovely Mrs Spink will sadly be leaving us before Christmas. Her role as general kitchen assistant is now being advertised by NYCC – for those interested in applying, further details can be found at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/general-kitchen-assistant-kirk-smeaton-ce-school-ce1876>.

After School Club – please can we remind all parents who pick up from Debbie or Mrs Humphreys, to please remain outside the school buildings at all times. When you arrive, please knock and wait for the adult in charge to assist your child getting their things, before sending them out to you.

Non-Uniform – on Friday 6th November, children are invited to wear non-uniform (blue themed) in exchange for a £1 donation towards 'Wear Blue for Wellbeing', part of Bullying UK. More information and tools can be found at :



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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After School Club: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847

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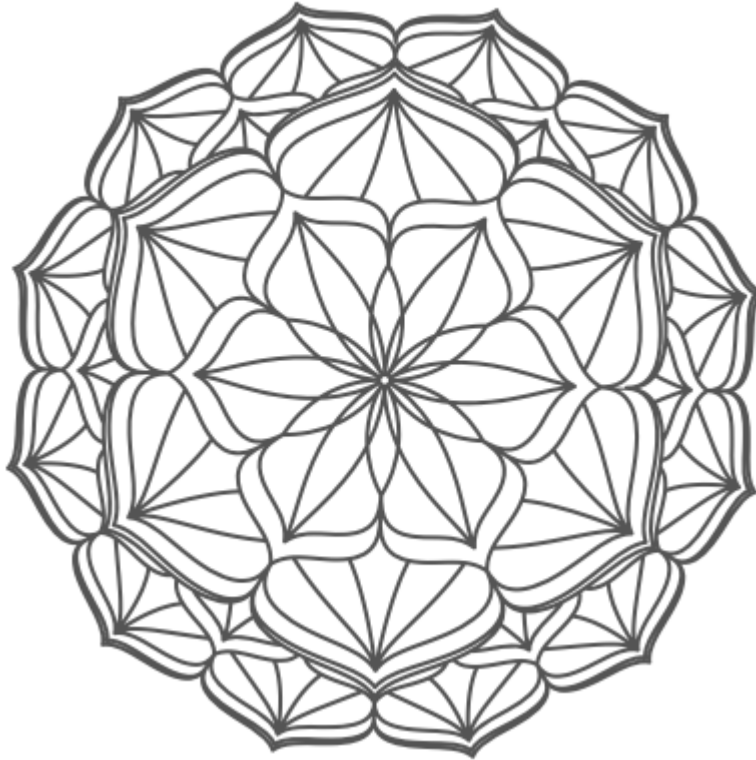
Important Diary Dates

Friday 23 rd October	School Closes
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens
Thursday 5 th November	Hot Dog Dinner
Friday 6 th November	Wear It Blue Non-Uniform
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need Non-Uniform
Tuesday 17 th November	Shoe Box Donation Deadline
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	School Closes
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief Non-Uniform
Monday 22 nd March	World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

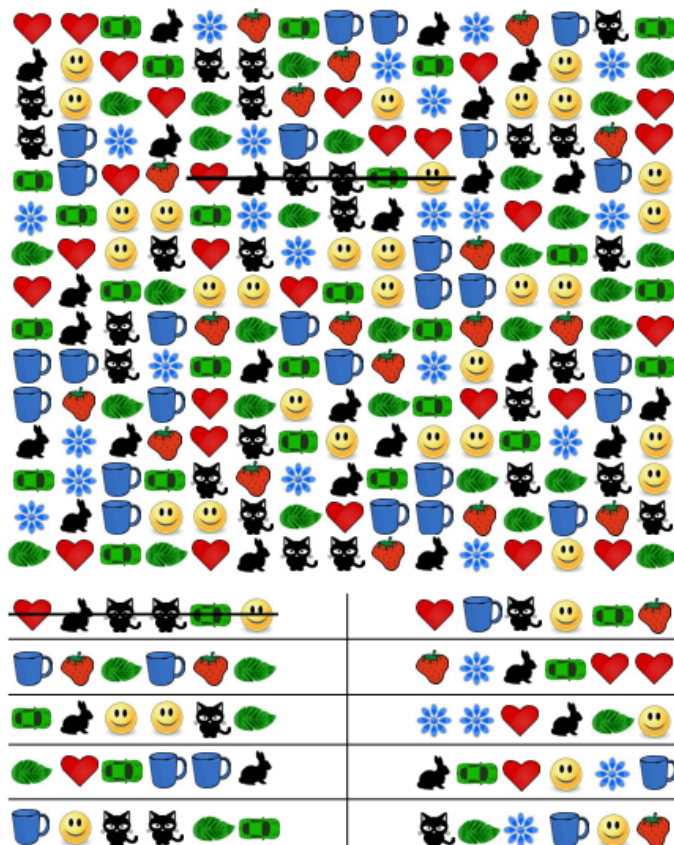
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Scribble the stress away



Pattern Search



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