



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday 24th May



After School Clubs – Summer Term 2

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Tag Rugby (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
5 th June	Rounders	KS2	1.00pm	Campsmount
12 th June	Rounders	KS1	1.00pm	Campsmount
26 th June	Cricket	KS2	1.00pm	Askern Cricket Club

Latest information for all

- **Staffing Update:** We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Bennett. She will be joining the key stage 2 team in September. Miss Bennett is an experienced teacher with a diverse range of experience. Our Year 5/6 children had the pleasure of participating in the interview process. I'm sure they have positive things to share, as they voted for Miss Bennett to join our team.
- **Summer Diary dates:** Lots of parents have contacted us about events and dates for the summer term. As and when dates are confirmed these will be sent on class dojo, however please also take note of the diary dates attached to the end of this newsletter.
- **Collective Worship:** We have made a change to Collective Worship and next half term, we welcome parents, carers, Grandparents to our singing and celebration CW on Fridays at 9am. It is every Friday and we would love everyone to come and celebrate the week with us.
- The village will be celebrating D Day on 6th June. There will be a special service at the church at 12.30pm. The Y5/6 children will be attending the service and we would like to welcome parents and carers to join us.
- **Job opportunity** - We currently have Mrs Whittles, Miss Whittles and Mrs Holt running the after-school club. They are doing a fabulous job, however this was never a long-term plan, so we are advertising the role for a September start. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please share the link. <https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/l/3500/0/426567/20051/after-school-club-playworker-kirk-smeaton-church-of-england>
- **Governors-** The governing body is eager to engage with stakeholders regarding the possibility of academisation. We have established a dedicated subgroup of governors to oversee this matter. Presently, we are actively engaging with various Church of England academies to explore how their offerings align with our school's needs and vision. It's important to note that there is no obligation for us to pursue academisation at this time. However, we value input from all stakeholders and seek to consult with them to better understand their perspectives on this matter. If you would like to share your comments, please email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk or post a message in the governor/parent carer postbox at the top of the school drive.

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

- **Summer fun** - As we look towards summer, we are looking for parents to help out with Summer Fair preparations this year. Thank you to those parents and grandparents that have already volunteered to help with stalls, baking and activities. etc. if you are interested in supporting with events, or know of any local business that would be able to donate a prize for our raffle, please let us know as soon as possible! We have timetabled this for Tuesday 9th July in the afternoon.
- **Bike to school days**- We have two dates for Dolphins and Lions to bring their bikes to school. There will be an opportunity to use their bike during the day and someone will be available to check their bike. Please bring a helmet. We have a smoothie bike in school on this day so the children will be adding fruit to the blender and as they pedal it will create a delicious smoothie. Dolphins (Y1/2) day is 14th June and Lions (Y3/4) day is 11th July.
- **Sponsored fun run**- In Aid of charity on Wednesday 19th June, the children will take part in a sponsored fun run around the school field. Sponsorship forms will be sent home after half term.

Latest news

- Well done to Y6 who all worked incredibly hard during last week's SATs week!
- Children from KS1 enjoyed a great afternoon at Campsmount for their latest Tennis competition.
- During last weeks Mental Health Awareness week, all children enjoyed an afternoon of meditation and relaxation exercises in the school hall.
- Goal Ball – All children enjoyed a brilliant last of term day by getting involved in a Goalball session in school!
- **NORTON PARISH COUNCIL FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTISPORTS** For children aged 6-11 years old. Encourage your children to have fun, make new friends and take healthy exercise all at no cost to you. The fun and fitness opportunity is arranged and funded this year by Norton Parish Council. As in previous years, sessions will be held at Norton Parish Council playing field on Rycroft road, Norton and delivered by enthusiastic, qualified coaches, who are fully vetted and insured and experienced working with children. Dates: 30th, 31st of July, 1st and 2nd of August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of August. All 9.30am-2.30pm. To book, please contact the Lead Coach Bradley Johnstone bradjohnston_6@hotmail.com or 07732475626. Parents can also drop off completed forms with the school office.

Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full **by 31st July 2024.**
- Lions trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park is now available to make payment by **7th June.**
- 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.
- The changes to breakfast club opening at 07.30am takes affect from Monday 3rd June 24.

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Friday 24 th May	School closes
Monday 3 rd June	School opens
Monday 3 rd June	Circus Sensible in school – Opportunity to learn a new skill for the whole school- hula hooping and juggling activity day.
W/C Monday 3 rd June (2 weeks)	Y4 MTC (timetables test)
Wednesday 5 th June	KS2 Rounders Competition
Wednesday 5 th June	Forest Schools – Lions
Thursday 6th June	Y5 & 6 at Church for D Day – Parents welcome
Monday 10 th June	All week – KS1 Phonics test
Wednesday 12 th June	Forest School – Eagles
Wednesday 12 th June	KS1 Rounders Competition
Friday 14 th June	Dolphins Y1/Y2 Cycle to school day and bike checks
Wednesday 19 th June	Forest School - Starfish
Wednesday 19 th June	Sponsored run (Information to follow)
Wednesday 19 th June	Special Lunch – Royal Celebration (Menu to follow)
Thursday 20 th June	Eagles trip to Mission Out
Tuesday 25 th June	Mobile Library
Wednesday 26 th June	Forest School – Dolphins
Wednesday 26 th June	Y5/6 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
Thursday 27 th June	Bags to School
Friday 28 th June	Lions Trip to YWP
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y3/4 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
Friday 5th July	Careers morning
Friday 5th July	Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for the Summer fair
Monday 8th July	Nursery stay & Play (New Starters)
W/C 8th July	Y6 Brayton students going to Brayton for the week
9th - 11th July	Y6 Campsmount Transition week
Tuesday 9th July	Sports day, teddy bears picnic and Summer fair (more information to be shared nearer the time.
Wednesday 10th July	Transition morning- children move to their new classroom.
Wednesday 10th July	Y1/2 Cricket Competition – Askern Cricket Club
Thursday 11th July	Lions (Y3/4) Cycle to school day and bike checks
Monday 15th July	Nursery Graduation & stay and Play
Tuesday 16th July	Reserve Sports Day (if 9th is cancelled due to weather)
Tuesday 16th July	Leger Sports Awards Night – Campsmount
15/16th July	Y6 Carleton Transition days
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Leavers service in church- all Y6 parents are invited to attend.
Friday 19th July	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
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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 25th June