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Date: Friday 24th November 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	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5345
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
29 th November	Athletics	KS2	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
6 th December	Cheerleading	Dolphins, Lions, Eagles	13:15-15:45	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
13 th December	Multi Skills	Dolphins	13:15-15:30	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up

Latest News

- Our Y6's completed their bikeability training. They did so well, and had lots of fun 😊
- Thank you to everyone that donated to our Children In Need Appeal, we raised £201.50!
- All pupils have had their parents evenings or target plan meetings. What a great start to the year – well done everybody.
- We welcomed our Year 1 parents into school for lunch with their children. We all had a wonderful time.
- Lions had their Netball competition and came 4th. Well done guys!
- Thank you to everyone that donated to our Bags 2 School appeal. We raised £63.50.
- We raised £160.56 for the poppy appeal – thank you to everyone that donated!

Arbor Reminders

- Lions – for those who have not paid in full for swimming, please make sure you keep topping up your account.
- Pantomime visit is set up for under 'trips' for all children.
- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31st July 2024.

General Reminders

- Please don't forget to return spring dinner choice forms by 1st December

Bookfair

For the week commencing 27th November, we'll have a Scholastic bookfair in school. The fair will be open for parents and children to browse each day between 8:30 and 8:50 in the hall, and Thursday 3:00-3:20. If parents are unable to make the fair, children can browse and note down what they would like, take home to parents, and parents can return payment for any approved purchases. If you would rather pay online, you can do so at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay.

Collective Worship

Parents are invited to join us for collective worship on 4th and 11th December at 9am. These assemblies will be led by Mrs Cuddy, and will give a lovely glimpse into what the children learn about as a whole school each day.

National Campaign

The childrens commissioner is currently running a survey for children and parents to complete. It is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because the Children's Commissioner has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. He will be sharing your responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. The survey can be found at <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

Christmas Cards

Our Christmas card postbox will open from Monday 4th December. Children can post their cards, and our little elves will hand out each week. Please make sure you put class names on cards too so we don't have any mix-ups.

Well done to our Christmas Card competition winners – it was so hard to choose, every made such a wonderful effort. The winning designs will be used on our cards sent out by the school.

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

W/C 27 th November	Book Fair (more information to follow)
Wednesday 29 th November	KS2 Athletics
Friday 1 st December	Dolphins portrait & research exhibition open @ 14:50
Monday 4 th December	Collective Worship open to parents 9am
Wednesday 6 th December	Cheerleading competition
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas jumper day - £1 donations, Christmas jumper, full non uniform
Monday 11 th December	Non Uniform – tombola donations
Monday 11 th December	Collective Worship open to parents 9am
Wednesday 13 th December	Dolphins multi sports competition
Friday 15 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Monday 18 th December	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Nursery Stay and Play (January starters) 2:30-3:00
Wednesday 20 th December	KS2 Singalong 13:30-14:30
Wednesday 20 th December	Mini Christmas Fair – tombola, refreshments
Thursday 21 st December	Pantomime in school
Thursday 21 st December	Xmas dinner day
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day – Christmas jumpers with uniform
Thursday 21 st December	Church Christmas service (KS1 9:00, KS2 9:30)
Thursday 21 st December	School closes
Tuesday 9 th January	School opens

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
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Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 12th December
Tuesday 9th January
Tuesday 6th February