

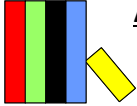


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Date: Friday 25th January 2019



After-School Club – this term we are almost at full capacity most nights, so please make sure that if you need a space that you contact the office to check availability.

Be Informed Home Time – In line with our safeguarding policies, if there is going to be someone other than the main parent / caregiver collecting your child from school, please make sure you contact the school office or make a note in your child's planner. This applies even if, for example, a grandparent or childminder is collecting who comes regularly. We also ask that if your child has consent from you to walk home or even to the bottom of the school drive without parental supervision, that you complete a form in the school office.

Smooth transition- We have been very lucky this week to have Miss Yardley in Dolphins Class. This has allowed the children to get to know her and ensure a smooth transition for all.

Curriculum news- This term the children will have access to a professional artist. A big thank you to parents and friends for funding this wonderful experience.

We welcome Ms Wolff back to school to support us with forest schools. Lions and Eagles will be working with Ms Wolff to develop the wildlife area after the half term.

Home reading- The scheme has changed.

Starfish and Dolphins - currently all children read in colour bands, this will stay the same. The only change is when children have finished the scheme (Lime band), the child will then become a free KS1 reader and be able to choose books from the KS1 library.

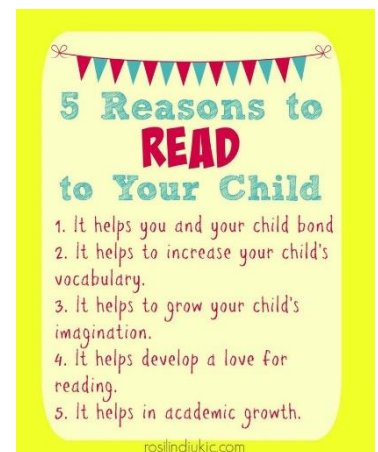
BOOK BANDS	
EYFS and Key stage 1	Pink
	Red
	Yellow
	Blue
	Green
	Orange
	Turquoise
	Purple
	Gold
	White
	Lime
Free reader	
Key stage 2	Pink 2
	Red and Yellow
	Blue and Green
	Orange
	Turquoise, Purple and Gold
Free readers	

Lions and Eagles - we have added some bands together to ensure that children have a greater choice of books to choose from. Within the bands there are library books too. Children are welcome to still read books from home.

All children - We ask all parents and carers to help children read their books and check that they understand the words within the text. When a child is unaware of the meaning of a word, we ask that they write it down in their school planner, so that they can research it and broaden their vocabulary and understanding.

Reading at bedtime - We also ask that adults read with their child at bedtime. The North Yorkshire survey which

was completed by our current Y3 and Y4 pupils, told us that only 49% of children have a bedtime story. Reading to your child is so important, it develops so many skills for life- see the poster for just a couple of reasons!



Lions Trip – on Wednesday 13th February our Lions will be visiting The Deep. A letter has been sent home with full details and a copy can be found on our website (see the diary dates section) if this has not reached you. The trip is set up on parentpay where consent and payment can be given. If you have any queries please get in touch.

Being Healthy – please can we remind everyone that we promote a healthy diet in our school, and rather than snack bars or crisps, we ask that children only bring in fruit for snack time. This must also be placed in their coat pocket rather than lunch boxes. Please also make sure that no juices are brought into school, only water.

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Packed lunches must also remain healthy - you can find some fantastic lunch box ideas at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> .



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 Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can. Please see the attachment

Sports Trips – Please see below dates of our upcoming sports trips to Campsmount – a letter for each trip will be sent out closer to the time with full details. Consent has already been given – many thanks for this. Can we also remind parents that on the day of your child's class trip, it is important that the children go straight into the classroom alone to get changed. Parents will be unable to come inside due to safeguarding issues – thank you for your understanding.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 14 th February	Eagles	Netball

NYCC Consultations – the council are currently holding consultations on how they should allocate certain funding across the county. If you would like to read more and share your views please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/current-consultations> .

Lost Property – a couple of keys have been handed in to the school office, found along Main Street and the school drive. If you think these may be yours please nip into the school office.

Breakfast Club – please ensure that if you require the use of Breakfast Club, that you book your child in with Mrs Beck. This can be done via her website <http://www.wentvalleypreschool.co.uk/> .

Packed Lunches – Nuts - In the interests of our pupils health and safety, can we please ask parents to refrain from putting nut products in their children's packed lunches where possible as there are some children in our school with Nut allergies We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Important Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th February 2019
Thursday 14th February 2019
Friday 22nd February 2019

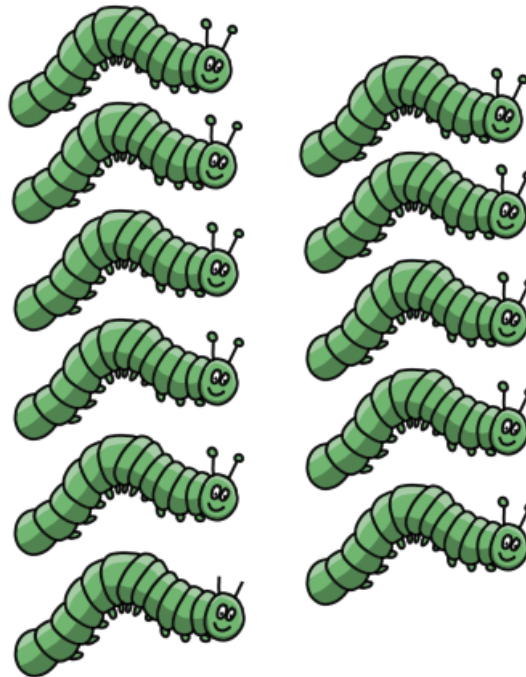
Lions Trip to The Deep
Eagles Netball at Campsmount
Art Exhibition (more details to follow)

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KIDZONE

Odd One Out

Which of the caterpillars is the odd one out? Draw a circle around it.



Fruit and Vegetable Word Scramble

RPÆE

EAP

ESDWE

NOONI

PGAER

RORACT

GOARNE

CCBOROLI

RSYTRÆWBR

FGÜTRPEAIR



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