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Date: Friday, 25th September 2020

Illness or symptoms of COVID- If your child is under the weather or is showing symptoms of COVID, please follow the guidance attached. 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. Attached is an information leaflet should you wish to find out more.

News – our latest news and information on Covid can be found at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/newsletters-news/covid/>

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.

After school club- Please be on time picking up from the after-school club. We finish the after-school club at 5.30pm as we need to have the school deep cleaned for the following day. If a parent is later than 5.30pm, the cleaner is working longer hours to complete this and this will have a financial impact on the school.

Thank you and well done- I would like to say a big thank you to staff, they have worked wonders so that all children are safe during this stressful period. The children are doing extremely well in school, we appreciate that parents are not on the school premises to see this, but we are exceptionally proud of every single one of our children. If teachers need to speak to parents regarding a concern, they will be in touch.

Y6 Transfer to Secondary School – applications are now open for secondary school places, and close 31st October. A letter has been sent home, but should you require a copy or further information please contact the school office.



Collecting Children – please can we remind all parents that if anyone other than the child's parent is collecting on an evening, you must let the school office know. This includes Grandparents and childminders. Without this information, we will not be able to release your children.

PSHE & SRE – The PHSE and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy which has been updated to be in line with government guidance. There are a number of power points that support the work that we do, these can be found <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/parent-information/SRE/> for your information.

Designated Parking – When dropping off and picking up please find a safe place to park, there have been several people parking near the school entrance and blocking the vision needed for pedestrians to cross safely. The parking spot outside of the post office is not for long stay parking and is used by post office visitors usually.

Harvest Festival - We will be celebrating Harvest festival with the children on Wednesday with Fr Adrian via skype. We usually ask for any harvest produce to be sent to the church and then to the pub for an auction, but this year we are asking for tinned food to be sent to school and left at the top of the drive on Wednesday 30th September. In

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addition, we ask for children to come to school in non-uniform and to bring a donation to go to the charity <https://sendacow.org/> to support those less fortunate. Thank you.

Uniform – please remember to label all of your childrens clothing, including coats and trainers. Each half term we normally end up with a mountain of lost property – all good quality items, just not named and not claimed. As much as we appreciate these when we donate them to Bags 2 School, we'd really like to avoid accumulating so much, and instead be able to locate their owners.

Flu Vaccination – on Monday 5th October, a team will be in school to give flu vaccinations. This year they are able to give to all children in Reception and above. You must complete the online consent form in order for your child to receive this – a link to this has been sent out but if you require a copy please let us know. The deadline to consent is **Monday 28th September**.

School Dinner Special – on Thursday 5th November, our wonderful kitchen team will be preparing a delicious treat meal consisting of a hot dog banger in a home-made bun, baked potato wedges, a fountain of beans, fiery tri-colour slaw and a toffee apple crumble muffin. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like this meal, please let the school office know by Friday 9th October.

Christmas Cards – over the next few weeks we'll be making our Christmas Cards ready to send home for ordering. You should receive the artwork by the 2nd October, and we ask that all orders are placed online (instructions will be with the artwork) and forms sent back into school by Friday 9th October.



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.



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.

Reminders

We are a nut free school. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks.

Please send in your old printer cartridges for us to recycle.

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497
admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

Wednesday 30th September

Harvest Festival (Donations of non-perishables to be left at the top of the drive)

Wednesday 30th September

Non-uniform

Monday 5th October

Flu Vaccination (all ages)

Friday 9th October

Christmas Card Order Deadline

Thursday 5th November

Hot Dog Dinner

Friday 23rd October

School Closes

Monday 2nd November

School Opens

Friday 18th December

School Closes

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Maths Logic Puzzle

$$\text{3 watermelon slices} + \text{3 watermelon slices} + \text{3 watermelon slices} = 36$$

$$\text{3 watermelon slices} + \text{1 orange} + \text{1 orange} = 28$$

$$\text{1 orange} - \text{1 banana} = 3$$

$\text{1 orange} = ?$ $\text{3 watermelon slices} = ?$ $\text{1 banana} = ?$

Complete the Missing Words

Complete the Puzzle

Write the food names and complete the puzzle.

The crossword puzzle grid contains the following letters:

- Row 1: c, o, e
- Row 2: l
- Row 3: d, t
- Row 4: k, j, b, n
- Row 5: y, p, c
- Row 6: t, s
- Row 7: i, e, m

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