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Date: Friday 26th January 2024



After School Clubs – Spring Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Monday	Arts & Crafts <i>15th January – 18th March</i>	3:15-4:15	https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/5554
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Lions and Eagles	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Multi Sports	3:10-4:30	Arbor

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
31 st January	Basketball	Dolphins	13:15-15:30	Campsmount Academy- Parents to pick up
7 th February	Swimming Gala	KS2	9:30-11:30	TBC

Latest News

- Thank you to all those that could attend our collective worship assemblies, it was lovely to welcome you all in and share one of our favourite times of day with you.
- Lions invited in their parents for timetable and spelling sessions and attendance was really good. Thank you to all that could join us.
- Eagles and Lions had their basketball competitions at Campsmount and had a wonderful time.
- Our Y5 parents were in school for a timetables session in class with the kids.
- We hosted our Y3 parent lunch, we hope you all had a wonderful time, we know the kids loved having you all there.
- We've tallied up our Christmas Fair takings and we raised £462.30 – thank you to all! This will go a long way towards funding more resources in school.

Arbor Reminders

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31st July 2024.
- Our owl visit is now set up under 'Trips' for payment by 7th February
- Y4 parents can sign up to the parent lunch by 9th Feb – this is in the School Shop area
- Dolphins – the Ledston trip is available to give consent and payment until 1st March

General Reminders

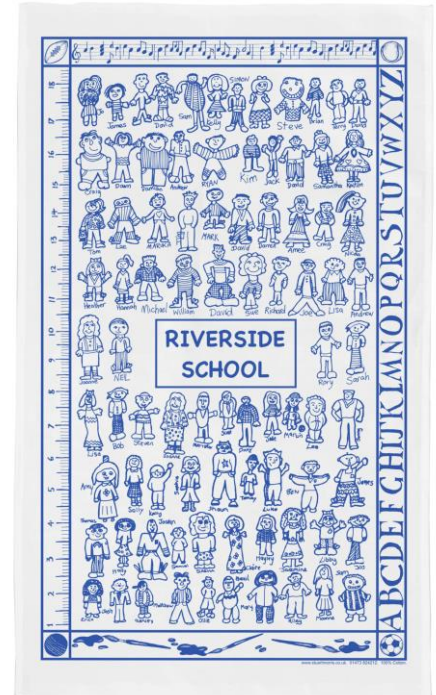
- On 7th March there will be a World Book Day special consisting of BFG Beefburger in a Bun, Witches Wedges, Mrs Bucket's Baked Beans & Sweetcorn, and Charlie's Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Muffin. Orders must be received by 23rd February.

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

- On 20th March there will be an Easter special consisting of roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, gravy, broccoli & sweetcorn, and a celebration biscuit. Orders must be received by 8th March.
- Dolphins parents – please don't forget to submit your Ledston packed lunch choices by 9th February.
- 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.

Tea Towels

We're currently working on producing a wonderful tea towel similar to the one shown here, showing each child and staff for this school year. The children have been working hard to draw their own portraits, and we hope to have the final design with the printers after the half term break. If you would like to purchase a tea towel, they can be found on the Arbor School Shop, priced at £5. Please make sure any orders are submitted by 23rd February.



Traffic Wardens

You'll soon start noticing our little traffic wardens appearing around our danger parking spots in the village. We hope they'll remind parents to park considerately and safely whilst on the school run.

Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Alty to the team. Mrs Alty will be taking on the role of school admin, I am sure you will all help us to welcome her to our wonderful school. Mrs Alty will start her post on Monday 19th February. Mrs Alty will be popping into school to work with Mrs Maltby and the team before she starts with us officially. I would ask that parents and carers use email to send messages into school in the first few weeks as there will be lots of training and learning to be completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pyjamarama

On Thursday 8th February, all pupils are invited to join us in pyjamas for £1 donations towards Children with Cancer. Our kitchen team will also be serving an all day breakfast special. All children who are down for a school dinner that day will receive the special. If your child would normally have a packed lunch, but instead would like the special, please let us know by Friday 2nd February.

Parent Consultations

Our March consultations will be available to book on Arbor from 1st February at 8am. If your child is on a target plan you will not need to book a slot, but teachers will instead contact you to arrange a separate meeting.

Wrap Around Care

When booking our breakfast and after school clubs, please be reminded of the following points:

- As we have Nursery accessing wraparound care, we legally can't have more than 8 children within the club. We suggest that you pre-book in advance and let us know a week in advance if you are unable book all your children in to the club. We may, depending on numbers, look to add another member of staff the club if permitted.
- There is no after school club on a Monday.
- Our after school club closes promptly at 5:30 Tuesday-Thursday, and 5:00 on Fridays.
- Breakfast club is open from 7:45 each morning. Access cannot be gained before this time.
- Bookings can be made up to 24 hours before the club starts on Arbor - payment must be made in advance.
- To cancel after school club with no charge, please let the school office know by 9am on the day.
- To cancel breakfast club with no charge, please let the school office know by 1pm the day before.
- As we can take children as young as 3, legally we can only have 8 children in our clubs, unless parents and carers have spoken to school and we have been able to add an additional member of staff- this needs to be a least a week in advance. **We will turn you away at the door if legally we don't have the staff or contact**

parents and carers at the end of the day to pick their child up. Please note that children who are left in school or at the school door will be reported as a social care concern.

- If your child has extra needs or is unable to self care ie. nappies, potty training, please speak to us at least 1 week before booking a space. For safeguarding purposes, we need to have 2 member of staff when supporting with intimate needs.
- Please double check your bookings to make sure these have gone through correctly and your place is secure.

Important Diary Dates

NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

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Wednesday 7th February

Thursday 8th February

Thursday 8th February

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Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Dolphins basketball competition

Candlemas service in church @ 1PM

Starfish parent session in class 8:40

KS2 swimming gala

Pyjamarama Day

Starfish parent session in class 8:40

Yorkshire Owl Company in school

School closes

School opens

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
admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847
Went Valley: 01977 621 521
Mrs Vizard: louisevizard@gmail.com

Mobile Library Dates

10 – 12 in the Shoulder Car Park

Tuesday 6th February

Tuesday 5th March

Tuesday 2nd April

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	