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Date: Friday, 26th February 2021

School Reopening - We are excited to welcome all children back to school on 8th March. Please see the attached risk assessment. Please note we still have staggered start times and end times:

- ❖ Starfish 8.40-2.50pm
- ❖ Dolphins 8.45-2.55pm
- ❖ Lions 8.50-3pm
- ❖ Eagles 8.55- 3.05pm

For families please use the youngest siblings time to bring all children.

Please be on time, keep a 2m distance from others, wear a mask, one person dropping off and picking up and leave the area as soon as possible. We ask for you to keep to the government guidance and reduce the number of places that children access, this will reduce risk to all. Thank you for your cooperation.

Staffing Update - We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Holmes, we wish her lots of luck in her new position. Mrs Holmes has been a fantastic team member in the Starfish classroom for 3 years, we thank her for all her hard work and encouragement over the years.

This week we have interviewed for the position and we are excited to welcome Mrs Smith and Mrs Alton to the Starfish team. Mrs Smith will start with us on the 8th March and Mrs Alton on the 12th April.

After School Club - At present, we are not opening the after-school club until after the Easter holiday. More information will be shared with you nearer the time.

External provider after school clubs- Debbie Drake will be holding an after-school provision from the W/C 8th March. Debbie can only take up to 15 pupils and the club is prioritised for those parents who need provision for work, seeking work, education or training, medical appointments or attending support groups. Please contact Debbie for more information, 07879687847.

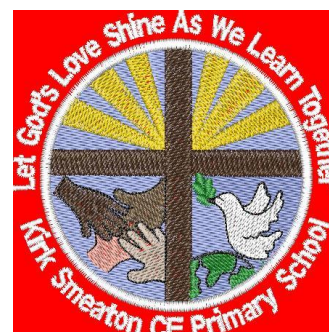
Monday- Wednesday 3-5pm and Thursday-Friday 3-4.30pm.

Breakfast club

The governing body are looking at the possibility of facilitating a breakfast club from September 2021. Please use the link to fill in a short questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FPH3QJ7> . This will help us understand the need for the morning club. Thank you in advance for completing!

School logo - we are excited to share the new updated logo, there has been a minor edit since the last time we shared this (the hand colour). The old logo 'Success for all' will no longer be available to purchase, so if you wish to buy the new logo, it will be available from School Shop from March 2021. Our governing body have made the decision to integrate the new badge over the next 18 months, we hope this will be eco-friendly and reduce financial burden for families. This means that you can still wear the current logo up to September 2022, when the old logo will be no longer used in school.

The next stage will be to change the signage around school for September 2021. We are currently looking for companies to support us, if anyone can recommend a company please do get in touch.



World Book Day – on Thursday 4th March we celebrate World Book Day! We'd like everyone to dress up as your favourite character, or as snuggly as you can be in your pajamas, and read somewhere unusual ie. Maybe reading in a tree, reading in a wardrobe? I am sure you can come up with some great ideas- we can't wait to see them! Parents feel free to join in too ☺ For those in school with us, you're all invited to dress up too!

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

School Dinners - If your child has school dinners everyday, the amount owing for the remainder of this half term (Monday, 8th March 2021 - Friday, 26th March) is £37.50. (15 meals x £2.50). For those children who only have meals on certain days the amount per meal is £2.50.

Please ensure you take any debits/credit into account when making payment.

As a reminder, school dinners must be paid for in advance and we therefore ask that payment be made no later than Friday, 5th March 2021.

Parent questionnaire- we are sorry that it has taken us so long to share the findings of the parent questionnaire from last term. The information has been shared with our governing body and has helped us to make some changes. Thank you to you all for your responses and kind words too. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of parents and carers.

If you raised an issue and would like to talk through your experience, we would like to hear from you to try and provide a resolution.

Here are some comments and trends that we found and how we propose to share this information with you.

- **Parents would like to see future learning for their child.**

Teachers will share the class learning for each term on dojos, this can also be found at:

Starfish- <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/starfish-class-rec-ks1/planning/>

Dolphins- <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/dolphins-class-y1-y2/planning/>

Lions- <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/lions-class-y3-4/planning/>

Eagles- <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/eagles-class-y5-6/planning/>

- **Parents would like to know more about how we cater for personal development.**

We use the school ethos of 'Let God's light shine, as we care for each other and learn together' as a underpin to all we do. This is linked to the SHINE rules <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum/our-vision-christian-values/>. SHINE stands for Safe, Healthy, Independent, Nurturing and Equal and these Christian values underpin the work we do for developing the whole child. This links to Collective Worship and PHSCe for the whole school and individual classes. Please see <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum/collective-worship/> for more information on collective worship and personal development, here you can find our weekly ethos sheets, which ask key questions to develop open ended thinking to promote care for others and community cohesion. You may have seen that we have been adding links on to dojo to show how we support this in school further i.e. writing letters to vulnerable people, sharing artwork in the Kirk Smeaton telephone box to promote positive wellbeing for others and ourselves.

We encourage courageous advocacy, this means children see that they can make a difference not only in the local area, but worldwide. We sponsor a school in Tanzania and communicate through the diocese, by sending letters and parcels to them. In addition, each class sets up fund raising opportunities to raise money for charities that the children opt to support. We run events like Grandparents day, harvest festival, internet safety day, career day to create awareness of others outside of our bubble and promote serving and caring for others. These are just some of the ways we develop personal development, we are always looking for new opportunities to develop this further, please get in touch if you would like discuss any other ideas that may be beneficial.

- **Parents think we could have higher expectations for children.**

We provide targets at parent consultations and usually share an expectation booklet for each year group. They can be found on the school website <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/classes/starfish-class-rec-ks1/> (these can be found on each class page, there is a picture of a tree, titled 'Great expectations'). Behind the scenes, the teachers and Mrs Cuddy, look at data, we target set each child and meet to discuss pupil progress and then share this with class governors. We base our predictions for each child on the most aspirational target possible from FFTD (FFTD5) and if children are not on track we put interventions and support in place. The school data shows that over the past 4 years, we are well above the average progress for all subjects at KS2. Unfortunately, there was no national assessment data for last year and this year, but if there was, we would have increased on the 2019 data below.

Overall performance at end of key stage 2 in 2019 - all pupils ?

Progress score in reading, writing and maths



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.

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: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847
Went Valley: 01977 621 521

Important Diary Dates

Thursday 4th March
Friday 19th March
Monday 22nd March

World Book Day
Comic Relief Non-Uniform
World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

Guess Who?



KIDZONE

Honeyed Pork with Rosy Apples

Ingredients (serves 5)

5 pork loin steaks
175g honey
25g apple pieces
200ml water
2.5g marmite
1g sage
1.25 red apples
10ml veg oil

- * mash the apple pieces and combine with the water, marmite, sage, honey and oil
- * Place pork steaks in tins and coats with the mix
- * Allow to marinade in fridge
- * Core and slice the red apples and place on the pork
- * Cook for 20-30 mins, turning halfway through.

Contains celery.

Ingredients (serves 5)

120g apricots
130g margarine
80g demerara sugar
10g black treacle
24g plain flour
120g wholemeal flour
6g baking powder
120g oats
6g oatbran



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pre-heat oven for

Contains cereals containing gluten sulphur dioxide and sulphites, oats, wheat.

May contain barley, rye and soya.

Recipes

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