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Date: Friday, 26th March 2021

Absence – please can we remind parents that any absences must be reported to the school office either by phone (voicemails can be left if there are no staff on hand to answer), or by completing the Parentmail form. Please do not message teachers on Dojo as they often don't have time on a morning to check these messages and let the office know.

Risk Assessment – our risk assessment has been updated and is attached to this newsletter, and on the website.

Contact tracing over the Easter holidays - Parents and carers need to inform us of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. Please email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Communication – please could parents make sure you share our newsletter and risk assessments with any grandparents etc who help with dropping off and collecting your children. It's really important they understand our procedures and policies.

Illness - As a reminder, if your child is displaying any of the main symptoms of Covid (cough, temperature and/or change to smell and/or taste), we ask that they get a PCR test, not a lateral flow test, and only return when the test is negative (please email a copy of this) or after 10 days from the start of symptoms. For any other illnesses, we ask that children are kept off school until they are symptom free.

Staff safety - Staff wear masks at the top of the drive and in communal areas to protect other staff, parents and children. Some staff may wish to wear masks and visors in the classroom, but this is not statutory. Staff are all accessing the lateral flow testing twice a week too, this is an added safety precaution.

Timings - A polite reminder to all parents/carers and extended family to pick children up and drop children off at the allocated times (see below), to wear a mask and keep 2m apart.

Starfish and older siblings - 8.40-2.50pm

Starfish explorers - 12.30-2.50pm

Dolphins and older siblings – 8.45-2.55pm

Lions and older siblings - 8.50-3pm

Eagles and older siblings - 8.55-3.05pm

Dogs - Please make sure all dogs are kept on a lead when dropping off and picking up children from school. If adults can refrain from bringing dogs on the drive up to school, that would be greatly appreciated.

Parent/carer/visitor behaviour policy- please see the updated behaviour policy for all parents/carers and visitors to follow. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drinks in school - all children should bring water in water bottles. Please do not send your child with juice. Thank you in advance.

Swimming Lessons – we were looking to book swimming for the Y3 children after Easter, however Askern pool is closed, and the cost of the bus will be significantly higher if we go to Pontefract or Minsthorpe pool. We are looking to take the current Y3 children in September. School pay for the swimming coach, but are unable to pay for

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the cost of transport. The cost of the bus for a term is approx. £115 per pupil. Once we have more Information we will share this with you nearer the time.

Comic Relief – thank you to everyone that donated towards comic relief – we raised £87.00!

School Lunches – the school dinner menu for next term will remain the same as it is currently. A copy can be found on our website.

If your child has school dinners everyday, the amount owing for the next half term (Tuesday, 13th April 2021 - Thursday 27th May 2021) is £80.00. (32 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, 9th April 2021.

We wrote to you a fortnight ago to tell you that the cost of the school dinners is increasing, and we have now have confirmation from the catering company that it will be £2.64 per meal from Sept 21.

Career Day - We are looking to organise a careers day on 25th June. In previous years, we have invited professionals into school, however this year, due to COVID, it will take place virtually. We use a website called primary futures to find local people to share their profession with children. The site ensures all safeguarding procedures are in place, to keep our children are safe as possible. At the minute we have 3 professionals signed up for the day:

- A social Value Manager
- Jet2 pilot
- NHS

If any parents would like to share their profession with the children, we would love to hear from you.



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
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After School Club: 07940 111 816

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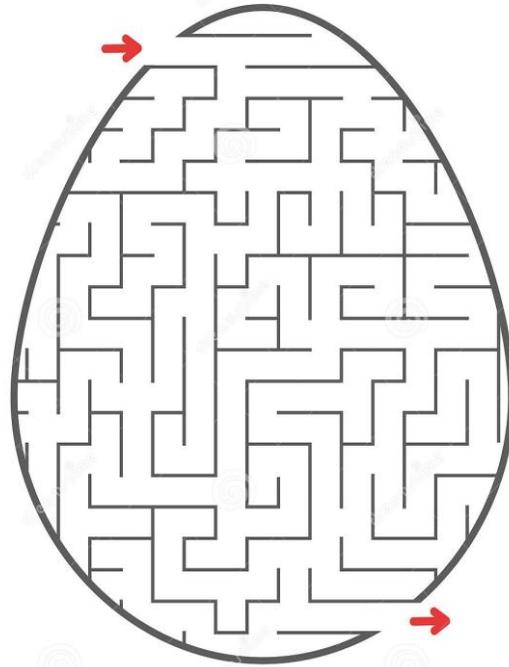
Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th April

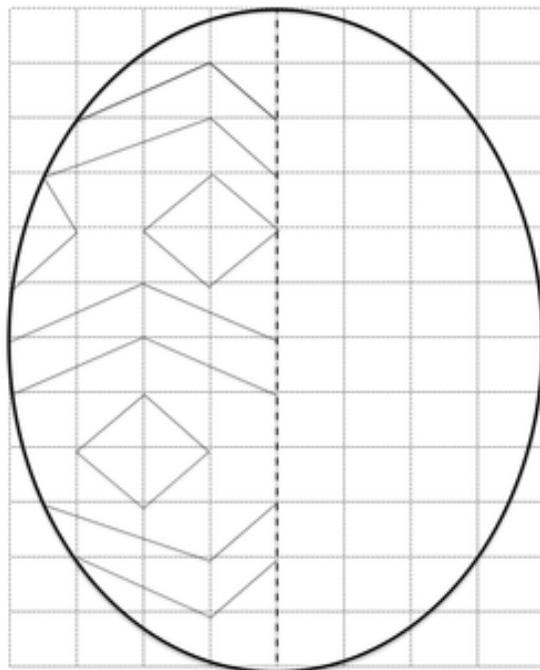
School Opens

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KIDZONE



Use the grid lines to complete the symmetrical pattern on the egg.



Now colour your Easter egg!

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Recipes

Winter Red Coleslaw

Ingredients (serves 5)

1g mustard powder
20ml light mayonnaise
150g red cabbage
50g carrots
75g beetroot
13g seedless raisins

- * Shred the cabbage
- * Grate the carrot
- * Chop the beetroot
- * Combine the mustard powder with the mayonnaise
- * Mix everything together

Contains eggs, milk, mustard.

May contain cereals containing gluten, sulphur dioxide and sulphites, barley, oats, rye, wheat.

Apple Berry Fool

Ingredients (serves 10)

1 lemon
100g mixed apples
100g fruits of the forest
50g granulated sugar
25g custard powder
300ml semi-skimmed milk
300g natural yoghurt
100g oats

- * Squeeze the juice of ¼ lemon
- * Add the diced apples, berries and lemon juice in a pan with 25g sugar and cook until a pulp
- * Make custard as per the packet instructions
- * Mix the custard and fruit pulp together
- * Layer the yoghurt and fruit mix into pots
- * Top each pot with a tablespoon of oats

Contains cereals containing gluten, milk, oats.