



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School  
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Date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



### After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Dodgeball (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor
Tuesday	Campsmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Dolphins to 7 <sup>th</sup> May	3.10-4:00	Arbor (No charge)
Friday	Tag Rugby (Debbie Drake)	3:10-4:30	Arbor

### Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Location
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Tennis	Dolphins	TBC - PM	Campsmount
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tennis	Y 3,4,5,6	TBC - PM	Campsmount

#### Latest information for all

- **Nursery September 2024.** Starfish Explorers currently have limited spaces for our afternoon nursery from September 2024. The Nursery is open to children the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. For more information, please contact the school office.
- **Staffing update-** We are delighted to welcome Miss Roy to the teaching team at Kirk Smeaton CE Primary. She will be taking on Y1/2 from Sept 24. There will be some transitional sessions taking place in the Summer term in order to make sure there is a clear vision for the class in Sept 24. Miss Roy will be meeting the children when she is in during her visits to school.
- **Summer fun-** As we look towards summer, we are looking for parents to help out with Summer Fair preparations this year, if you are interested in supporting with events, please let us know.
- **Local Authority & School Transport.** The Council is currently consulting on changes to the North Yorkshire (NY) Home to School Travel Policy. This is available via the NY website [https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation?utm\\_campaign=2727909\\_Home%20to%20School%20Travel%20Consultation&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=North%20Yorkshire%20Council&dm\\_i=4BPJ,1MGV9,3BV37G,7MGRO,1](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/home-school-travel-policy-consultation?utm_campaign=2727909_Home%20to%20School%20Travel%20Consultation&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorkshire%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1MGV9,3BV37G,7MGRO,1). The deadline for feedback is 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

#### Latest news

- Students from Eagles enjoyed a great afternoon at Bentley RUFC for Leger Sports latest rugby competition, coming 1<sup>st</sup> place! Well done to everyone that took part!
- We have been awarded the Golden Healthy Schools award again. We gained the award 3 years ago so we are very happy to have been assessed again as a golden healthy school. We are now working toward the platinum healthy school award. If you would like to know more about the award, please visit <https://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/healthy-schools-award/>
- Artwork from Starfish is now on display in the village Phone Box.

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

- Parents signed Kirk Smeaton school up for Easy Fundraising a while ago. Some parents are registered, but we could do with a few more. If you would like to help and participate in this great scheme, you can sign up for free here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kirk-smeaton-primary/?searchSessionId=4b9410a4-8fb6-43eb-9d7e-b4afa214f6cf>
- Leger Sport are offering Dodgeball sessions every Thursday evenings, 4.30pm to 5.30 pm at Campsmount. The cost is £1 per session. To book, please email [sport@legereducationtrust.co.uk](mailto:sport@legereducationtrust.co.uk)
- Leger Sport are also running another holiday camp this May half term between the 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. Sessions are £10 per day and available to book here <https://forms.office.com/e/DPxLQkTrWC>
- Ackworth Tennis Club are running new starter sessions. 6 weeks of coaching and receive a free racket and T-shirt. **Girls Monday 4pm-5pm** [https://www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-youth-lesson/youth-class/prime-video-lta-youth-girls-intro-course\\_3112a6d9-cd6f-459b-8751-b36f29d6b70d](https://www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-youth-lesson/youth-class/prime-video-lta-youth-girls-intro-course_3112a6d9-cd6f-459b-8751-b36f29d6b70d) **Youth Start Thursday 4:30-5:30pm** <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisForKids/Course/7f068ed4-dbcf-41f8-977e-8184427d2ae7>  
Book on via the links, or if you have any questions please contact Head Coach, Alice Robson on 07967405553.

### **Arbor Reminders**

- Robinwood residential – the balance (including transport) is now available to make instalment towards. Payment required in full by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
- Lions trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park is now available to make payment.
- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

### **General Reminders**

- 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. In the case of any absence due to illness, **please do let the office know by 9.00am on the day of the absence.**
- As per our policy, if a child is picked up 10 minutes or later, there will be a charge of £2 per 10 minutes they are late – this relates to normal school collection as well as after school club.
- The changes to breakfast club opening at 07.30am takes affect from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24.
- We are aware that parking is limited, however this is a general reminder to be considerate to residents, parents and children when dropping and collecting children from school. If residents or parents have any concerns about road safety in general, these can be reported [roadsafetys@northyorkshire.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetys@northyorkshire.gov.uk)

### **Important Diary Dates**

#### **\*NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED\***

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Mobile Library 10.00am to 12.00pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Forest Schools – Eagles
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Parent Dinner
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest Schools – Starfish
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Starfish New Parent starter session
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Church Service
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week – All week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Dolphins Tennis Competition – Campsmount
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class visits to Brockodale
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Collective Worship 9.00am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Forest Schools – Dolphins
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tennis Competition Y3,4,5,6 – Campsmount
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Food Bank collection
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**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	