



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 27th January 2023



After School Clubs – Spring Term 2

| Day | Club | Time | Booking |
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| Monday | Dodgeball | 3:10-4:30 | Debbie Drake 07879 687 847 |
| Monday | Arts & Crafts | 3:15-4:15 | https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3613 |
| Tuesday | Campmount Games (held at Kirk Smeaton) – Starfish and Dolphins | 3.10-4.10 | Arbor (No charge) |
| Wednesday | Rugby | 3:10-5:00 | Debbie Drake 07879 687 847 |
| Friday | Football | 3:10-4:30 | Debbie Drake 07879 687 847 |

School Drive – please can we remind all parents to not drive up or park on the school drive. Spaces are limited and assigned to teachers and visitors only. This applies also to club drop offs and collections, and nursery children. If the message could be given to any grandparents or childminders also that would be fantastic.

Timings – please make sure on a morning, parents are off site by 8:50 so we can secure the school and get stuck into learning. If you do need to speak to a teacher, please come at 8.40am– we want to avoid locking parents in ☹️

Strikes - At present we are open as normal on 1st February for the teacher strike day. We do not anticipate any changes to this, but if there are, we will notify parents and carers immediately.

Wonderdome Planetarium – we are welcoming the mobile planetarium into school on 10th February. As per the information sent out, each class will get a chance to enter the dome and have some fun interactive sessions with the team. We are asking for donations of £3.50 per child, and we cannot stress how without these donations the event will not be able to go ahead. By having the event in school, we are able to invite every child, and remove the transport cost, so please think of this as a trip, and sign up on Arbor ☺️

Sports Competitions

| Date | Event | Class | Timings | Notes |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------|---|
| 8 th February | Cheerleading | Lions | 12:30 – 15:10 | School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton |

Y5 Brayton Workshop – for those children who have given consent to attend the workshop, Brayton will be collecting the children from school after lunch and returning them in time for home time as normal. Their subject for this visit will be art!

Creation Station – on Thursday 9th Feb, as part of wellbeing week, Lauren from the Creation Station will be in school to do some workshops with our KS2 children. The workshops includes hands-on creative fun activities, to help pupils achieve the following:

- ★ Build connections with other pupils and the wider world
- ★ Relationships: Strengthen friendships and create new friendships
- ★ Enhance their wellbeing

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

Non Uniform Day – on Friday 10th February, all pupils are invited to come in non-uniform (no theme) for a £1 donation towards school resources.

Arbor – Arbor now has the facility for parents to use Apple Pay or Google Wallets to make purchases. To set either up, please follow the instructions below

[Google wallet](#)

[Apple Pay](#)

Once this is in place, you'll then see the following options when checking out



Residential – we have secured our Robinwood 2023 residential booking for 2nd – 4th October. Transport and the balance has been added to Arbor for all those children who signed up for the trip. Payments can be made in instalments from £10, and payment in full must be received by 14th July.

Speedy Children – please can we kindly ask that parents ask children to dismount from bikes, scooters and ride-ons at the bottom of the drive, and walk up instead. The children are very skilled and quick on them which is unfortunately causing quite a hazard for other people.

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 | |

Important Diary Dates

* New / Amended dates in red *

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| Tuesday 31 st January | Y5 Brayton Workshop |
| Wednesday 1 st February | Lunar New Year Dance Workshop |
| W/C 6 th February | Wellbeing Week |
| Monday 6 th February | PCSO Internet Safety Visit |
| Wednesday 8 th February | Lions Cheerleading Competition @ Campsmount |
| Thursday 9 th February | KS2 Creation Station Workshops |
| Friday 10 th February | Non Uniform Day - £1 donations |
| Friday 10 th February | Wonderdome Planetarium |
| Friday 10 th February | School Closes |
| Monday 20 th February | School Opens |

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: 07521 952 373

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

Starfish: Helen Murphy 07512 867 160 Lions: Sarah Broomfield: 07709 344 606
Dolphins: Amy Maughan 07921 920 140 Eagles: Vicki Lowes 07933 7223 813

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847
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