



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy
2024

Date: Friday 27th September



After School Clubs – Autumn Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
Monday	Multi Sports (Debbie Drake)	3:10pm to 4:30pm	Arbor
Tuesday	After School Club	3.10 to 5.30pm	Arbor
Wednesday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor
Thursday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor

After School Clubs (Private Providers)

Day	Club	Time	To Book
Monday	Cheerleading (ages 6-11)	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Abbie Lynds dkcheer@outlook.com or 07507 891130
Wednesday	Performing Arts	4.30pm to 5.30pm	07376 625143 admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk or 07376 625143
Thursday	Football	4.30 pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305
Friday	Multi Sports	3.10 pm to 5.30pm	Mr Steel – 07477 683305

Latest information for all

- **Congratulations!** Miss Whittles is now Mrs Vale! During the summer, Miss Whittles from Starfish Class got married. From all of the staff and Children in school, we would like to offer our huge congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Vale.
- **School Photos** – Please return your order form to school by Wednesday 2nd October.
- **Christmas Fayre.** We have diarised 3rd December for the school's Christmas Fayre. If any parents or families would like to help out with stalls etc... please do let us know. For further important dates for the autumn term, please see the end of this weeks newsletter. Further dates and events will be added in due course and added to dojo where applicable.
- **Governor-** Chris Smith and Peter Hudson have resigned from their positions as governors. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for their hard work and dedication to our school community. We are now seeking two new co-opted governors to join our team. If you are interested in the role, please reach out to us. We are especially keen to hear from individuals with a background in law or education, who also have the time to invest in the school. Governors typically attend 9–10 meetings per year and spend approximately 3–10 days working directly with our children and staff.

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

Latest news

- There's still time to sign up! Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools! - Do you shop at Asda? If so, Asda have just launched cash pot for Schools! All you have to do is download the Asda Rewards app, select our School from the list and scan your rewards card every time you shop. For every shop, Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to the schools cash pot. Any monies raised will automatically be paid directly to the school! It really is that easy! The scheme is open from now until the 30th November 2024. For further information and to download the app, please follow the link:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools#cash-terms>

- **Free School Meals:** You could save up to £450 a year with free school meals for your child. As well as saving you money, free school meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime. Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. If you receive certain benefits, your child could also get free school meals during all school years. To find out more and apply online, go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/educationand-learning/free-school-meals>

Arbor Reminders

- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.
- Breakfast and afterschool Clubs for the autumn term are now available to book on a first come first served basis.
- Reception and Year 1 parents diners are available to book on Arbor.

General Reminders

- **Parking-** a polite reminder to all parents and carers, please park responsibly. The Shoulder of Mutton Pub kindly allow parking for drop off and pick ups at school.
- **Collective worship-** Parents and carers are invited to attend the SHINE collective worship every Monday at 2.30pm. This is a Collective worship where we recognise the achievements for the week.
- **The school day -** A reminder to all parents and carers, that school gates open at 8.40am and children should be fully in school by 8.50am. The teachers are in the classroom and will provide learning for all children who are in school at 8.40am.
- **School Fundraising Group -** We are deeply grateful to parents and friends for fundraising efforts, which allow us to afford many luxuries for our children. We are seeking parents and carers to lead the fundraising group next year. If you are interested, please let the school office know
- **Jewellery in school** – Can we please remind parents of the school's earrings and jewellery policy in school, in that we do not allow jewellery to be worn in school with the exception of a wristwatch, which must be removed for PE. We ask that any piercings are done in the school holidays so that they can be removed in time for school.
- **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.
- **Late pick ups-** 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.

Important Diary Dates

***NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED* Subject to change.**

Monday 30 th September	Y5/Y6 Robin Wood Residential
Monday 30 th September	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 1 st October	Mobile Library 10-2pm
Wednesday 2 nd October	Y4 Drop in Session 9am
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival in church
Thursday 3rd October	Food Bank Collections
Thursday 3 rd October	Census Day Lunch
Thursday 3 rd October	Y5/6 Football Competition
Friday 4 th October	Y6 Drop in session 9.00am
Monday 7 th October	SHINE Collective worship 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th October	Reception Parent lunch
Thursday 10 th October	Y3/4 Football Competition
Monday 14 th October	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 15 th October	Mobile Library
Wednesday 16th October	Y1 Parent Lunch
Thursday 17 th October	Y1/2 Football Competition
Friday 18 th October	Christmas Card deadline to return to school
Monday 21 st October	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 21 st October	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 25 th October	School Closes
Monday 4 th November	School Opens
Monday 4 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Wednesday 6 th November	Y5/6 Netball Competition
Thursday 7 th November	Reception Parent drop in session
Monday 11 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day – Children to attend Cenotaph
Monday 11 th November	Flu Vaccinations in school
Tuesday 12 th November	Mobile Library
Tuesday 12 th November	Parents evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Y3/4 Netball Competition
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Monday 18 th November	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm

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	

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

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
Mr Steel – 07477 683305
Abbie Lynds - 07507 891130

Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

1st October 2pm - 4pm
15th October 10am -12pm
12th November 10am -12pm