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Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



### 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 <a href="mailto:dkcheer@outlook.com">dkcheer@outlook.com</a> or 07507 891130
Wednesday	Performing Arts	4.30pm to 5.30pm	07376 625143 <a href="mailto:admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk">admin@legacysportfoundation.co.uk</a> or 07376 625143
Thursday	Multi Sports	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

- **After school clubs** - for next term (January 25) are available to book on Arbor
- **School Entrance** - We had the pleasure of hosting a talented artist at our school last week, who created a stunning masterpiece at our entrance. Please have a look on your way past, it looks absolutely fantastic!



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

- **Christmas Fayre** - On Tuesday 3rd December the schools Christmas fayre will be taking place in the school hall between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome! We have stalls, Santa's Grotto, refreshment's and games, and lots of fun for all the family. If you would like to hold a stall, please get in touch. There is a small charge for this.
- **Christmas Card Postbox** – Will be located outside the school office from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that all envelopes are clearly marked with the child's name and class.
- **Sports Competitions** - Eagles had a great time at Legacy Sports athletics competition.
- **Christmas Book Donation Initiative** - This year, as part of our recycling initiative, we are encouraging donations of pre-loved books to be gifted to children in our school community. The eco council will wrap these books and ensure that each child receives a special gift this Christmas. If you have any pre-loved books in good condition that you would love to pass on for another child to enjoy, please send them to school by Monday 2nd December.
- **Mobile Library** – North Yorkshire's Mobile Library is in the village on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. There a number of outstanding books on loan to the children which are now overdue. Please have a look at home and return any books back into school by the 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- **School Winter Uniform** - All pupils must wear black sensible school shoes (not trainers) for indoor and general outdoor use. Children may wear wellingtons to and from school, but must change into school shoes once they are in the classroom. From November to March we ask that children wear trousers or tights to keep warm in the winter months and have an outdoor coat which can be fastened.

#### Arbor Reminders

- For those that pay for school meals, please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

#### General Reminders

- **Hall Bookings.** All bookings for the hall are now made through school. If you wish to hire the hall for parties, fitness clubs, group meetings or anything else, please contact the school office for more information. We are particularly interested to hear from anyone who would like to provide Yoga or Pilates sessions to the village.
- **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>
- **Sport Competitions.** If your child has been on competition and used the schools kit, please wash it and return it ASAP so that other children can wear it for the next competition please.
- **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.
- **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.**

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas card post-box to 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Christmas Fayre
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Cheerleading Competition
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	SHINE Collective Worship
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mobile Library
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery stay and play (New Starters)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch – orders by 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/Y2 Multi skills sports comp
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day - £1 for Save the Children
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Singalong – 1.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Starfish Nativity (Nursery & Reception) 10.15am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Church Service
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day for the last day of term
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens

#### 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.

#### Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497

[admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Debbie Drake – 07879 687847

Connor Steel 07477 683305

Abbie Lynds 07507 891130

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

#### Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

10<sup>th</sup> December 10am -12pm

7<sup>th</sup> January

4<sup>th</sup> February

**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	

### Attendance for This Year 2024/2025

**Current National Attendance for All Schools: 92.8% (2023/2024)**

W/C	Starfish	Dolphins	Lions	Eagles	Whole School	National
18/11/2024	98.57%	92.14%	97.69%	97.78%	96.14%	
11/11/2024	95%	93.57%	97.69%	97.20%	96.03%	
04/11/2024	97.86%	100%	98.08%	99.17%	98.94%	93.9%
21/10/2024	100%	93.21%	97.31%	99.60%	97.01%	93%
14/10/2024	100%	97.5%	97.69%	96%	97.21%	-
07/10/2024	95.68%	97.5%	99.23%	99.20%	97.88%	94.1%
30/09/2024	98.4%	97.5%	100%	98.4%	98.31%	-
23/09/2024	100%	100%	99.62%	96.8%	98.5%	94%
16/09/2024	97.86%	97.5%	97.31%	99.2%	96.88%	-
09/09/2024	95.71%	98.93%	97.69%	97.6%	97.19%	-
03/09/2024	96.43%	98.66%	96.63%	100%	97.99%	-
Autumn Term 1	98.03%	97.57%	98.27%	98.31%	97.95%	-