



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday 31st March 2023



After School Clubs – Summer Term 1

Day	Club	Time	Booking
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/4302
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

CLUBS FOR NEXT HALF TERM HAVE BEE UPDATED AS ABOVE. PLEASE REBOOK FOR EACH CLUB YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE- NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TRANSFERRED ACROSS

Sports Competitions

Date	Event	Class	Timings	Notes
19 th April	Tag Rugby	KS2	12:30-15:10	School bus late departure from Kirk Smeaton
26 th April	Dodgeball	Dolphins	12:30-14:30	

Happy Easter- we hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 18th April 23.

Forest School - Sally and the Grass Roots Muddy Boots team will be hosting a holiday club over Easter at Bishop Wood. To book a place for your child please head to <https://gem.godaddy.com/p/c78ab51>

Creation Station – Lauren will be running a holiday club on Wednesday 12th April in the community room. To sign your child up please head to <https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/4132>

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.

Polling Day – on 4th May, Went Valley Pre-School will be closed so it can be used as a polling station. Starfish Explorers nursery will be open as normal from 12:30

Dinner Special – on 18th May, our kitchen staff will be preparing a special consisting of pizza baguette, chips, salad and a cookie. All those children who would normally have a school diner on this day will receive the special. If you child normally has a packed lunch but would like the special, please let the school office know by Friday 5th May.

Nurturing a plant - plants should have been sent home this week for children to nurture at home. Please help your child to care for the plant and when it is big enough to come back to school it will be planted in the allotment area and we hope that there will be produce we can harvest from it.

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

Easter Raffle – thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets – we raised £168.00 for school resources! Well done to all our baking and bonnet winners and runner-up's. Everyone did such a fantastic job, we're so proud of all the children. Thank you to parents and friends for all their hard work as ever behind the scenes.

Campsmount Dance – well done to all our Campsmount dance performers – you all did amazing! Thank you so much to the staff and parents involved too for all your help.



Trips – we have some exciting trips coming up next term for all classes – more information will be coming home after Easter. We understand how difficult things are at the moment with rising costs and we will be subsidising trips as much as we can to help our families. If you are having trouble making payments, please do speak to us in confidence so we can support you as much as possible.

Home School Agreement – please see attached our updated home school agreement. This can also be found on our website <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/prospectus-policies/> We ask that children do not wear jewellery in school for health and safety purposes.

School Dinners - please check your Arbor account for any outstanding dinner payments (final balances will be shown today from 2pm). Please make sure these are cleared by 14th April ready for the next term. As a reminder, we do ask that payments are made in advance at the start of each term.

Sponsored Walk – the children set out today on their sponsored walks around the village – even the weather couldn't dampen their spirits! Thank you to everyone that has donated to our appeal. We are still collecting money so will share the total raised for Ukraine and Syria after Easter.

Community Events Held At Kirk Smeaton Church

On Sunday 7th May at 9.15 there will be a Coronation parade for all families to come dressed up.

On 4th May there will be a Vigil for the Kings Coronation at 12.15 – all are welcome to attend.

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

Friday 31 st March	School Closes
Tuesday 18 th April	School Opens
Wednesday 19 th April	KS2 Tag Rugby Competition
Wednesday 26 th April	Y3 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 26 th April	KS1 Dodgeball Competition
Thursday 27 th April	Y5 Brayton Science Workshop
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Dolphins Trip to Ledston
Wednesday 3 rd May	Y4 Parent Lunch
Thursday 4 th May	Went Valley Pre School Closed
Thursday 4 th May	Coronation Service at Church (9:00 KS1 & EYFS, 9:30 KS2)
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
W/C 8 th May	Y6 SAT's
W/C 15 th May	Forest Schools Week
Thursday 18 th May	School Dinner Special
Friday 19 th May	Starfish Trip to YWP
W/C 22 nd May	Class Visits to Brockodale
Wednesday 24 th May	Y3 Girls Tennis Day at Ackworth Quaker School
Thursday 25 th May	Pentecost Church Service
Thursday 25 th May	May Fair
Friday 26 th May	Skipping Workshop
Friday 26 th May	School Closes

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

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