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**2018 Residential** – sign up for next years residential to Beverley Park has now closed, and the full balance is available for payment on parentpay. This can be paid in installments but the balance must be paid in full by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Transport has now also been arranged and is also available for payment on parentpay.

**Attendance** – Many children are taking appointments throughout the school day, if possible please make sure appointments are booked out of school.

**School Dinners – Parentpay** - The amount owing for next half terms school meals is £62.35. (29 meals x £2.15). If your child is on a meal plan the amount per meal is £2.15 - please remember to take into account Friday, 30th March when we are closed.  
As a reminder, school dinners must be paid for in advance of each half term.

**Headteacher** - As you are aware, Mrs Cuddy is due to have a baby. We have been busy looking for cover and we are very happy to announce the appointment of Mr Hiley. He is an experienced Headteacher and will be looking after the school while Mrs Cuddy is busy with her baby. Over the next half term, Mr Hiley will be in school doing some handover work with Mrs Cuddy, to ensure a smooth transition.

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**Lions Trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre** - As part of our 'Space' topic Y3 & Y4 we will be visiting Magna on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. The coach will be leaving at 9.00am so we ask that children arrive at school for 8.40am. Please could children wear school uniform. The cost of the trip per child is £16 and payment can be made through parent pay where consent can also be given.

**After School Club** – booking forms for next half-terms after school club are now available from the school office. If you would like a copy sent home please let us know.

**Parking** - A big thank you to our Junior Road Safety Officer for helping keep the roads safe in a morning. Please remember to not stop on the yellow zig zag lines. If you are parking up to escort your child/ren up the drive, please park either in the pub carpark or along Wentedge Road. If you are dropping off, so your child can walk up the drive alone, please use the space outside of the post office, but do not block the post office drive. Someone had parked at the post office to escort their child last week and it caused real issues for a tractor and a bus getting through. Also, there have been several issues when people park at the sharp bends, someone nearly lost their wing mirror!

**Accidents & Incidents** - After the half term we are changing the way we record accidents/incidents in school. At present, we let parents know if a child has had a bump to the head with a sticker and a note and in severe cases we ring parents. From the 19th February, if a child has an accident, they will be given a sticker to add to their planners, so it can be shared with parents. Please ensure your child brings their planner to and from school daily, if your child is leaving his/her planner at school on a regular basis, please speak with the class teacher.

**Telephone Calls** – please note that if you ring the school after 4.30pm, our after school club will answer. If your call is not urgent, please call after 6pm where a voicemail can be left, or from 8:30am to speak to a member of the team.

**Starfish Explorers** – booking forms for next half-terms Starfish Explorers have now been sent home with our current pupils. Please return these urgent to guarantee your place. If your child turned 3 before 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and you would like them to start with us in our nursery, please contact the school office.

**Swimming Lessons** – these will commence each Friday afternoon from 20<sup>th</sup> April for our Year 3's. A letter has now been sent home and the transport cost has been set up on Parentpay where consent can also be given.



**School Lottery** – our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

**Mrs Marner's Macmillan Fundraiser - Team Paris Challenge** - Those of you who know me probably know I love cycling and have been out on my bike recently come wind, rain, sleet and even hailstone! - The reason for this is a challenge I'm taking part in at the beginning of April along with 11 other members hoping to raise £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Care. We will set off on Friday 6th April and cycle from Pontefract to Paris in 2 days (420 miles) on Sunday 8th April some of us will then run the Paris Marathon and we will then cycle back to Pontefract over the next 2 days. A total of 840 miles on a bike and run a marathon in 5 days. Whilst this is a really tough challenge it's nowhere near as tough as what our friends are going through. Please see the link for the full story. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-strutt3>  
We also have a facebook page **Team Paris Challenge** if you would like to follow us and our story.

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**Forest School Donations** – we are currently looking for donations of kitchen roll holders to make into bird feeders as part of our Forest School afternoons with Ms Wolff – if anyone has any spares please bring them in. The children have made two nesting boxes at Forest Schools to put up in the grounds to attract the Spring birds, and they are making nesting material holders for the birds and a bird cafe. It is the RSPB Big Bird Watch this weekend 27-29th January if anyone wants to get involved the link is:

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?channel=paidsearch&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIq\\_HZhM\\_y2AIVybftCh2njgsDEAAAYASAAEgLpEvD\\_BwE](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?channel=paidsearch&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIq_HZhM_y2AIVybftCh2njgsDEAAAYASAAEgLpEvD_BwE)

**Nursery Transition Days** – we would like to invite those children starting in nursery with us in Easter and September to transition afternoons, giving them a chance to meet their teachers and fellow pupils.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 13:30 – 15:00 – transition for those starting after Easter
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 13:30 – 15:00 – transition for those starting in September

Invitations will be sent out shortly to those who have already registered their children, but if you would like to join us please contact the school office for more information.



**Green Tree Award** - The children have decorated a special tree with decorations that they have made themselves and by writing what they know and love about trees on strips of material and tying them to the tree. Children from Lions Class have made some lovely contributions of poetry, pictures and decorations that they have done in their own time. This will get us the last 2 points

towards our silver Green Tree Award from the Woodland Trust. To gain bronze and towards silver we have: visited a wood, sent in our pictures and words about trees to The Woodland Trust, held 'The Man Who Planted Trees' assembly, completed a survey and planted 30 saplings in the school grounds. We will be working towards our Gold award by displaying these pictures in school and hopefully the school will become a Green Tree ambassador.

**Forest Schools** – A big thank you to Ms Wolff for helping us gain our Silver & Bronze certificate. If children who already attend Forest School after School Club would like to book for the next half term could they contact me on [sally@grassrootsmuddyboots](mailto:sally@grassrootsmuddyboots). Alternatively, if your child has not attended before and would like to please follow the link and complete the booking form. We have a new website which offers lots of information about Forest School and what we are all about! If anyone is interested follow the link [www.grassrootsmuddyboots.com](http://www.grassrootsmuddyboots.com)

#### Important dates for your diary

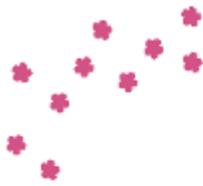
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Magna Science Adventure Centre Year 3 & 4
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018 @ 13:30-15:00	Transition afternoon for nursery children starting after Easter
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 @ 14:15	Easter Service in Church (Parents welcome)
W/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	KS2 SATS
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	KS1 SATS
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Information session for Reception and Nursery September intake
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Class Photos
Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Y5 Campsmount transition morning
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sports Day and Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Bewerley Park Residential
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	St Peters Day
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	Reserve sports day
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Y6 Campsmount transition day
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Y6 Campsmount transition day
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ 13:30-15:00	Transition afternoon for nursery children starting in September
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ 14:30	Y6 Leavers Service in church

[St Peters Church, Kirk Smeaton](#)

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Ash Wednesday

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# Mother's Day Word Search

A O N Z C N J U A U M C Y Y W  
T P Z A A E L N R L H L H A E  
L J P Y R J X F A O I J H D Z  
H J H R D L R C C M S S Z N T  
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I E O G B C L F J K L S Z S O  
A V R U U A I N E F E Y E I U  
E T P H T P G A T I K B X R G  
G Y E E S M O M T G U A E S H  
C Z Q M M I F F F E C D L Y T  
H V Y C X S R D E A U W E R F  
Y J W C L T R E F T F J B S U  
G I F T B R V W H Q E Y X N L  
P S R E W O L F M C R D I W C  
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APPRECIATE  
CAKE  
CARD  
CHERISH

CHOCOLATE  
FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
GIFT

LOVE  
MOM  
SUNDAY  
THOUGHTFUL



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