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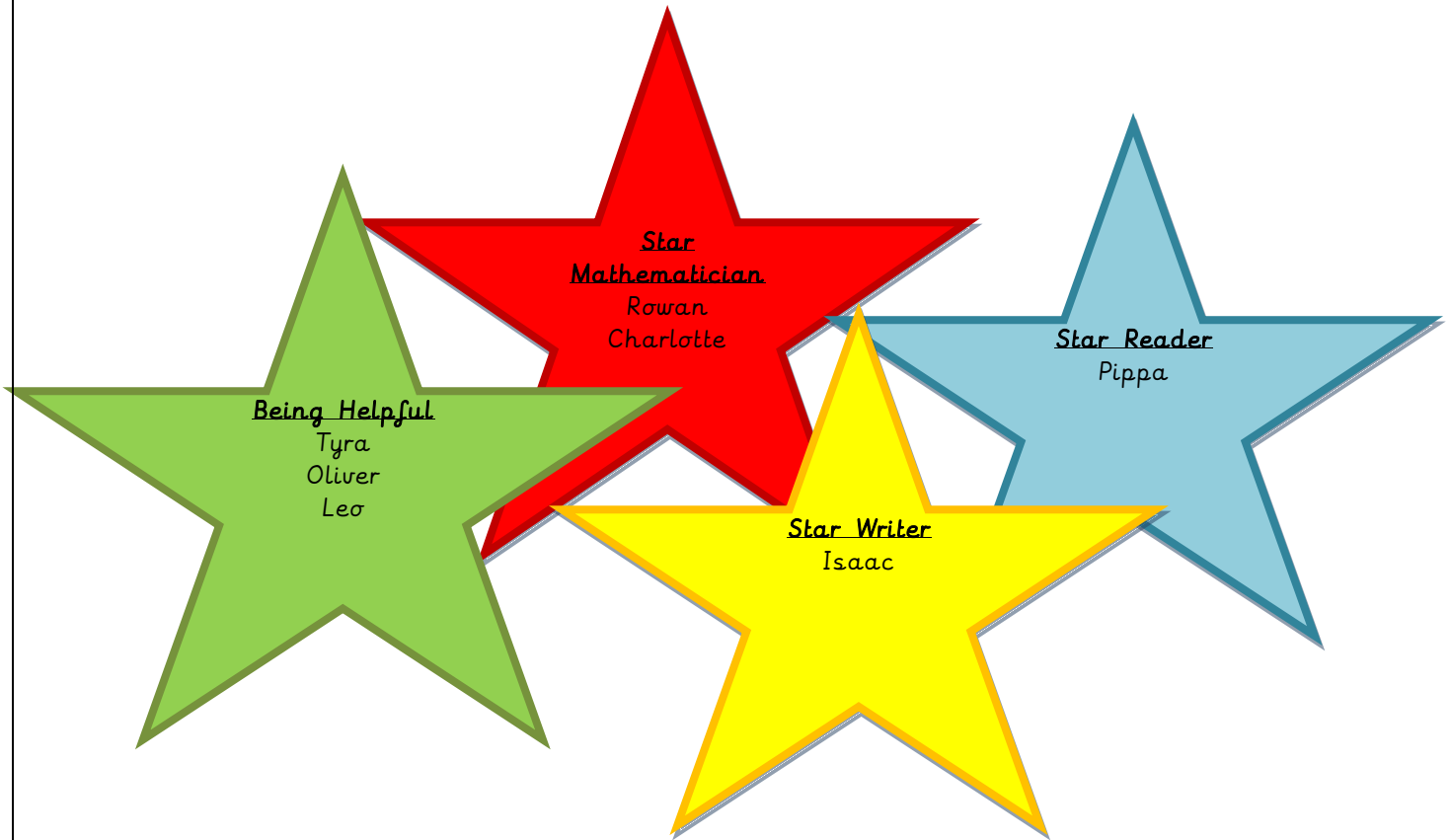
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Date: Friday, 3rd March 2017



**Starfish Explorers Stay and Play** - our next stay and play session will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 2 - 3pm for children whose birthdays are between 01/01/2014 - 31/03/2014 and will be starting nursery from 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like a slot reserving please contact the school office.

If your child will be starting Nursery explorers or Reception next year please come along to the parent meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. There will be a stay and play session for any child starting Reception and Nursery in September 2017 on the 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2-3pm.

**Credits-** We have changed our reward system from team points to credits. Each child has the opportunity to gain credits individually. This means that each child will be given a credit score at the end of each half term and then all the credits will be added up for the whole year. The children with the highest credits will be given a luxury each half term i.e. extra play time. At the end of the year the children with the highest credits will have the opportunity to have an amazing luxury (children will decide what they would like; this could be a trip to McDonalds or a picnic in the woods). Credits are given based on the schools golden rules.



**Y2 Parents** - We have signed up to the whiterose hub in the countdown to SATS. To sign up all you have to do is go to <https://diagnosticquestions.com/> and sign up as a student and add BJXIBAHK as the school reference. The advantage of doing this is that two questions will be automatically sent to your child each day they log in to Diagnostic Questions, they will be marked for you, and teachers can access detailed insights into your child's performance and possible misconceptions.

**Y6 Parents** - We have signed up to the whiterose hub in the countdown to SATS. To sign up all you have to do is go to <https://diagnosticquestions.com/> and sign up as a student and add TVFJBYVV as the school reference. The advantage of doing this is that two questions will be automatically sent to your child each day they log in to Diagnostic Questions, they will be marked for you, and teachers can access detailed insights into your child's performance and possible misconceptions.

**Y5 Parents** - we will be holding a SATS presentation for our current Year 5 parents on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 17:30. We hope to see you there.

**Potteric Carr Trip** - our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Potteric Carr on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. A letter has been sent home this week with details, but if you have any queries please contact the school office.

**Vacancies** - we currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor Assistant - if you would like more information, the job details and application forms can be found on our website. <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/staff/staff-vacancies/>

**Eagles Spelling** - Years 5 and 6 will be receiving additional spelling homework following their objectives each week, and will be tested on them weekly. These will go home on a Tuesday and we ask that they be returned by the Friday.

**Book Club** - leaflets have been sent home this week. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office along with payment by cash or cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**School Uniform** - don't forget you can get all uniform items and book bags from our supplier Schoolshop ([http://school-shop.co.uk/kirk\\_smeaton\\_ce\\_primary\\_school\\_wf8\\_3jy/](http://school-shop.co.uk/kirk_smeaton_ce_primary_school_wf8_3jy/)). Their prices are not changing for the coming year, and they offer speedy delivery!

**Campsmount Dance** - on 29<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking part in Campsmount's Dance Competition again. This year we will be entering 2 teams; Lions, and Eagles. Our Year 2's will also be opening the show! In the lead up we will be having rehearsals during school time, but closer to the time there will be a couple of after school rehearsals. The show itself starts at 6:30pm, with children needed at Campsmount for 6pm.

Transport has now been arranged, at a cost of £13 per child, which can be made on parentpay. A letter has been sent home today with confirmation of times and tickets. If you have not already placed your ticket order, please do so by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Costumes;

**Dolphins** will need to wear trainers, black trousers, and a white or red top.

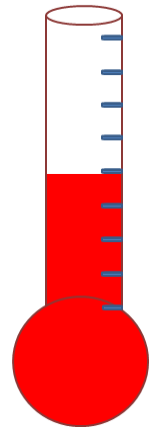
**Lions** will need to be dressed as predators or prey - this can be as simple or extravagant as you like. For example, rabbits can come dressed in white, or tigers in orange and we'll paint some whiskers on. Please do not worry too much about this, just do as little or as much as you can.

**Eagles;** boys need to wear a white shirt with a bow tie, and black trouser, and girls need to wear a pretty dress.

**Donations** - if anyone has any unwanted, complete packs of playing cards or dominoes please consider donating them to us. We have found they are great for intervention work with the children and make a great resource

**School Uniform Swap** - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 15:10 until 16:00. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap.

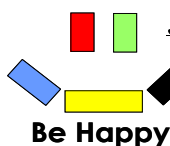
**Fundraising** - thank you to all who donated at the Christingle - we raised a brilliant £36.28 for the Childrens Society.



**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>. The more people that sign up for it, the more funding our school receives. Just 50 people will give us £1000 towards resources such as playground lines, new laptops, watercoolers, a new canopy stand for Dolphins, and new reading books to engage the girls and the boys further. Each person that signs up is automatically entered into a £25000 draw each week, along with a smaller prize guaranteed to someone at our school. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win an annual pass to your choice of National Trust, National Trust Scotland, or CADW. As you can see we are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

**Swimming Lessons** - All children in year 3 will have fifteen 1 hour swimming lessons commencing on Friday, 24th March 2017 (2- 3pm). This change will ensure that when each child leaves our school they will be able to swim 25metres unaided. The pool hire and swimming instructor costs are covered by the school but unfortunately we do need to ask for transport payments.

A minibus has now been confirmed for our swimming lessons, and following a generous contribution from Parents & Friends, the cost per child is £65.00. This amount is now set up on parentpay. Can we please ask that the balance is paid no later than Friday, 17th March 2017.

 **Starfish Explorers- Extended Early Years Entitlement** - You may already be aware of the Government announcement to increase Early Years Funding for three and four year olds from 15 to 30 hours per week for working parents from September 2017. This is designed to support working parents with the affordability of childcare and enable parents who want to work, or to work more hours, to do so. This can make a difference to children in terms of their educational outcomes and to their parents by enabling them to work and create a better standard of living for their families.

Here in North Yorkshire families who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to seek 30 hours funded childcare each week in term time or 1,140 funded hours stretched across the year from the beginning of the Summer term 2017 (April 2017) as we have been selected to roll this out early.

As this is just a pilot within North Yorkshire and not rolled out nationally until September 2017 it is only available to those families who live in North Yorkshire and attend a North Yorkshire setting. To determine this families must pay their Council Tax to a North Yorkshire District Council - for our parents this will be Council Tax that is paid to Selby District Council.

For further information on this, please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) click on the tab 'Children and Families' and follow 'Early education and childcare', 'Early Education Places and Funding'.

There will be an online application process that opens on Monday, 6th March and closes on 31st March 2017. Please see attached further information regarding this.

Should you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Marnar.

**Fundraising Stamps** - we have teamed up with Fundraising Stamps to help raise money for Shooting Star Chase (<http://www.fundraisingstamps.com/shooting-star-chase>), a hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. All we need from you is your used stamps. We send these on to Fundraising Stamps, who give us a nominal donation towards school resources, and they sell on to collectors to raise money for our chosen charity. It's a simple scheme that can do a lot of good for a lot of people. Please remember to save any used, undamaged stamps and send them into the school office. Thank you.



**Dental Survey** - our school has been randomly selected by North Yorkshire Dental Care Services as part of a national programme, to take part in a dental survey. A

sample of our Reception and Year 1 children will be asked to have a brief examination by a dentist in school. The children have not been selected as yet, but when we are given names, consent forms will be sent home with those chosen containing further details. If you have any queries please get in touch.

**Memory Walk** - The Prince of Wales Hospice have organised a memory walk to take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March from the Shoulder of mutton pub, to start at 10am. Further details and a booking form can be found attached for those wanting to participate.



**Road Safety** - please can we remind all parents and carers to park in sensible spaces in order to avoid drives being blocked, traffic blockages and most importantly to keep every pedestrian safe.

**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.50%

w/c 13/02/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	96.06%	14	37	9	263
Starfish	98.18%	1	2	2	84
Dolphins	94.80%	5	13	2	116
Lions	95.00%	4	16	2	22
Eagles	97.39%	4	6	3	41

We have 19 children who have 100% attendance at present, let's hope they keep it up all year; if you get 100% for the year your child will receive a certificate and put into a draw to win a £20 Argos voucher! Each half term any child who has got 100% attendance will go into a prize draw to win some stationary and books. Good luck everyone!

If you arrive at school after 9am, please ensure you drop your children off in the front office, and sign them in, rather than going straight round to the classrooms.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby



1. Assessment: Be consistent with an assessment procedure so that it is fully understood and supports teaching and learning.

2. Leadership: All leaders proactively assess their area of the curriculum providing all the necessary monitoring and reporting arrangements.

3. Curriculum: raise achievement in all areas with special focus on spelling and maths arithmetic

### **Important dates for your diary**

Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Starfish Parents Evening
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Parents Evening
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 17:30	Y5 Parents SATS Presentation
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 15:00-17:30	Rehearsal for Campsmout Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 13:00-15:00	Dress Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Campsmount Dance Competition
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	School Closes
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	School Opens
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ 14:00	New Parent Presentation
Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	School Closes
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	School Opens
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Sports Day
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Summer Fair
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	School Closes

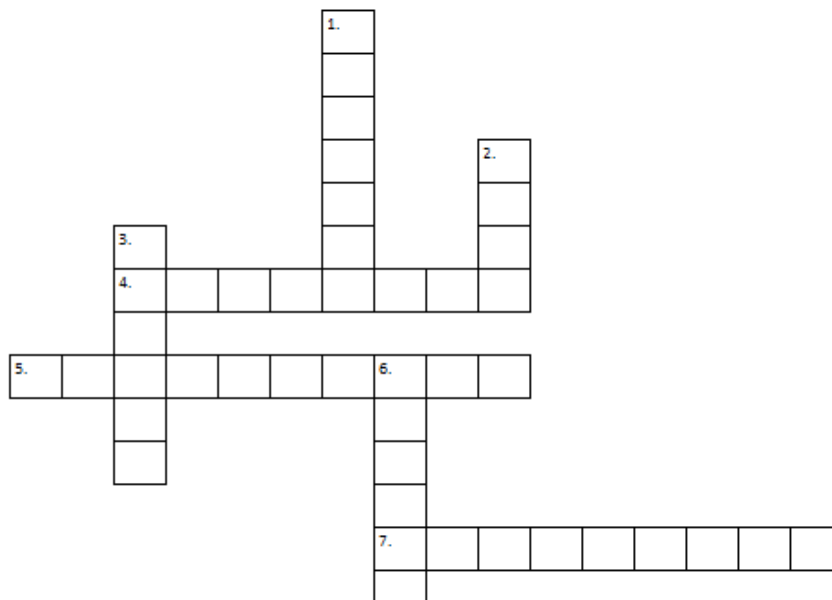
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## Colour By Numbers

1 = Yellow. 2 = Light Green. 3 = Dark Green. 4 = Red



## Crossword



1. Our new reward system has changed from team points to....(7)
2. In which month are we holding the Summer Fair? (4)
3. What are we collecting to raise funds for Shooting Star Chase? (6)
4. Which day next week is the Potteric Carr trip on? (8)
5. The Prince of Wales Hospice are holding a ..... (6, 4)
6. What kind of pass is up for grabs by signing up to the school lottery? (6)
7. Our job vacancy is for a 'Midday Supervisor .....