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Dear parents/carers

This week our target has been to be resilient and seek others to help. The children have supported each other and have encouraged one another to come to school daily, be positive and generally be the best that they can be. Next week our target is to be punctual to class by getting our shoes and coats changed quickly.

Thank you to all for attending parents evening, if anyone has not yet seen the class teachers please ring to arrange a meeting. I would like to say a big thank you to the governors, Mrs Hattersley and Mr Mason for supporting the evening.

Mrs Cuddy

Mrs Myers – Some of you may already know that Mrs Myers our General Teaching Assistant in Lions class will be leaving us on Friday, 18th March 2016. I'm sure you will all join us in thanking her for all her hard work and send her best wishes for the future.

Interviews are taking place next week for a new Teaching Assistant in Lions Class and you will be notified of the outcome in due course.

School Uniform – We are in the process of setting up a school uniform shop with a company from York. Basically, once we're all set up a link will be given to all parents on our website that will take you straight to the shop. You will be able to order uniform with our logo, PE T-shirts and shorts, (which I know many parents struggle to find), book bags, PE bags, coats, fleeces even sun hats and wool hats with our logo on. I have seen samples of the clothing and it does seem of very good standard. All orders have a £1.25 handling charge but postage is free and sent out within 48 hours by Royal Mail trackable service. All payments will be made online too.

I am hoping this will all be in place by the time we break up for Easter so if you are thinking of purchasing uniform, you may wish to wait until our new system is set up. A letter will be sent home with further details shortly.

Parentpay Login – There have been some recent changes made to parentpay. From 17 February, parents who login with a username that is not a verified email address will be prompted to change their username. Parents will have until 03 March to make the necessary changes if they wish to continue to use ParentPay. Should you have any problems whatsoever with parentpay, please contact the office.

Governor Newsletter – Please find attached to this week's newsletter our very first Governor newsletter. This will be issued on a quarterly basis. A big thank you to Mrs Thornley for all her hard work in creating this.



1. Leadership: Further develop middle leader's impact by sharing outstanding practice.

2. Challenge: Encourage challenge and mastery in Maths, Reading, Writing and SPAG for more able learners.

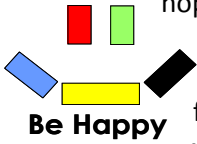
3. Curriculum: Raise children's attainment in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Ensure that all children are working within age-related achievements.



Residential Visit – Thank you to all parents who have consented and paid the deposit for the Kingswood Residential visit in September. I have noticed that there are still quite a large proportion of children who have not expressed their interest and I'm presuming they do not wish to attend. Numbers have now been confirmed to Kingswood.

Campsmount Dance – Tickets are now on sale for the Campsmount Dance evening from the School Office. Initially there will be two tickets allocated per child at a cost of £3.50 each.

Easter Service – Our Easter Service will take place in St Peters Church on Wednesday, 23rd March @ 9.15am. We do hope you can come along and join us.



Easter Lunch – On Thursday, 24th March our School Cook will be serving an Easter lunch as follows: Hotdog with Tomato Sauce, Wedges, Carrots and an Easter Crispie Nest.

All children who normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday will automatically receive this meal.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have the Easter lunch, please let the office know and make a £2.15 payment onto parentpay.

Smeatons' Lucky Lotto – Congratulations to our February winners as follows:

1st prize: Ticket 166 – Audrey Garner £40 (includes a rollover!)

2nd Prize – Ticket no. 45 – Jo Robinson £10

3rd Prize – Ticket number 95 – Emma Hall £5

Cash prizes are awaiting collection from the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.58%
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 22/02/2016	
Whole school	92.35%
Starfish	99.26%
Dolphins	85.00%
Lions	92.12%
Eagles	92.41%

Year 3 Swimming Lessons – In the interests of safety, staff at Askern swimming pool have asked that boys do not wear baggy shorts for their lessons. They must wear tighter fitted swim shorts or trunks. Whilst shorts are allowed at the pool for fun sessions/family times, baggy shorts do hinder children when the purpose of their visit on a Friday is to learn to swim.

Kind Regards,
Mrs A Marner

Important dates for your diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Year 3 swimming lessons	Fridays 2-3pm
Lions Class Play	Tuesday, 8 th March @ 2.30pm
Dolphins Trip to Tropical World	Tuesday, 15 th March 2016
Campsmount Dance Competition	Wednesday, 16 th March 2016
Lions and Eagles Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 1.15pm
Dolphins and Starfish Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 2.45pm
Easter Service (St Peters Church)	Wednesday, 23 rd March @ 9.15am
Easter Lunch	Thursday, 24 th March
School Closes	Thursday, 24 th March 2016
School Opens	Tuesday, 12 th April 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 th June 2016 (Reserve Tuesday, 21 st June 2016)
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 th July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 st July 2016