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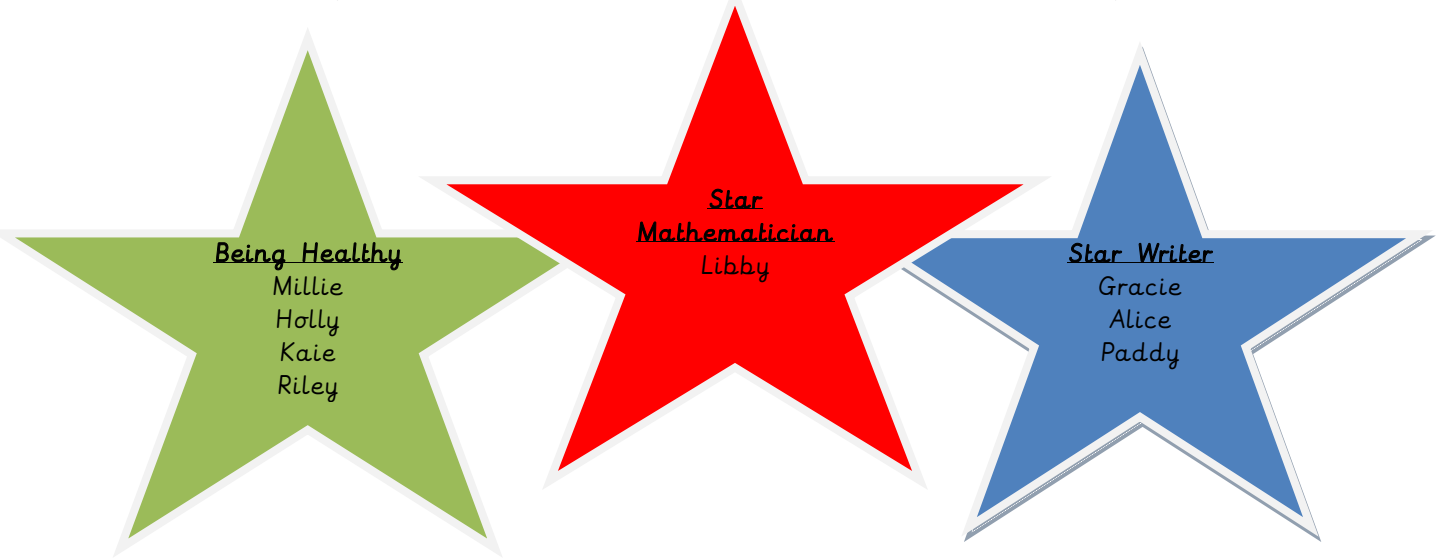
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 4th October 2016



**KSI Trip** - Letters have now been sent home with our Starfish and Dolphins children regarding their upcoming trip to Wakefields Pantomime on 30th November. The trip is also set up on parentpay where consent must be given by the 15th November. If you have any trouble logging on please contact the school office.

**Christmas Cards** - this year we will offering parents the chance to purchase Christmas cards and tags with your child's art work on. The designs will be sent home next week with an order form which is to be handed back to us with payment (cheques made payable to NYCC Kirk Smeaton BAFS) no later than Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will then get them printed and the final product will be with you before the end of term.

**Assemblies / Plays** - our Christmas Plays for KSI have now been confirmed for December 8<sup>th</sup>. Starfish will go on at 1:45pm, and Dolphins will follow at 2:30pm. This term's class assemblies however will not be taking place. In order for you to see your child perform in some kind of assembly or play throughout the year we have put together timetable of events.

All children take part in the Harvest festival, Grandparents afternoon tea and Easter service.  Where possible we try to organise other events to share the children's work.	Nursery and Reception	Nativity
	Year 1 and 2	Christmas play Camps Mount dance competition
	Year 3 and 4	Lions play Camps Mount dance competition
	Year 5	Christmas service Camps Mount dance competition
	Year 6	Leavers play Camps Mount dance competition

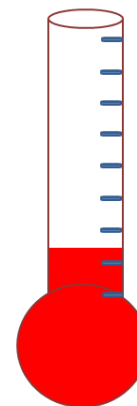
**Christmas Fair** - the school fair will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 11am. We will be holding a non-uniform day on 25<sup>th</sup> November and are asking for donations of tombola / raffle prizes rather than money.

**Residential in France** - unfortunately we haven't had enough interest in the France trip for it to go ahead next year. We will consider this again in the future.

**Applying for a Primary School place for your child for September 2017** - If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you will need to apply for a Primary School place for them. For those who will be attending our Nursery, hopefully you will have been given a letter at the stay and play session this week. If not, please find it attached to this newsletter. The

deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2017. Further information is all within the letter however should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Shoe box appeal** - Kirk Smeaton school is supporting the Rainbow Foundation this year, but if parents would still like to take part in this St Giles Church in Pontefract is taking donations. Please see Mrs Cessford for more information.



**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 £20 guaranteed to someone at our school. 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.

**Eagles Consent** - a letter has been sent home today with our Eagles regarding a live streaming of RSC Hamlet next week. Please make sure you send back the permission slip by Tuesday, or contact the school office if you have any queries.

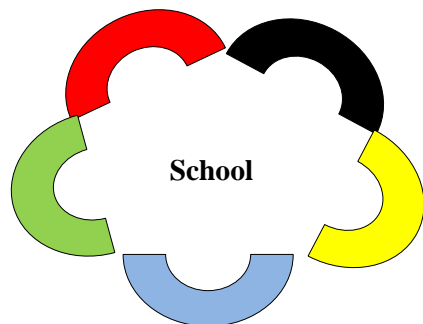
**Rainbow Foundation** - this year we will be helping the Rainbow Foundation in Mozambique. This is a wonderful charity that has set up schools, environmental projects, and is in the process of building a health clinic. We are asking for donations of pencils, pens, soaps, needle and thread (it doesn't need to be brand new). We will have to post these items to Mozambique, so cash donations are needed to send these things. Any donations you can spare would be greatly appreciated, and can be handed into the school office. Thank you to those who have donated so far - you have been extremely generous!

**Starfish Recycling** - thank you to everyone who has donated their recyclables to Starfish for their junk models. Please be reminded however that we only need clean yoghurt pots, any milk or drink screw lids, and cardboard boxes. Donations can be taken to the trolley in Starfish or handed into the school office.

**Be Happy**

**Bags 2 School** - we will be having another collection on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are thinking of having a clear out ready for Christmas please consider saving any clothes to donate for us.

**Harvest Festival** - The Food Bank have sent us a lovely letter thanking everyone for their kind donations at the harvest festival. A copy can be found attached.



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

**Book Club** - this half terms book club leaflet has been sent home today. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, with payment made by cheque to 'Kirk Smeaton School'. If any orders are Christmas presents please advise us so we do not pass the books across to your children.

**Photographs** - Local professional photographer Johanna Hilton will be in the Community Rooms on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December between 11am and 1pm and is offering photographic sessions for families or individuals. Johanna does not charge for taking the pictures, you only pay for the prints you order afterwards. Each slot will last fifteen minutes. If you would like to see the types of pictures Johanna takes, Lorna Thornley has had family photographs taken by Johanna for the last four years and is happy to show you some. To book a slot please email Johanna directly on [info@johannahilton.co.uk](mailto:info@johannahilton.co.uk)



**Race to Santa** - this terms running target will be to Lapland to see Santa before he sets off on his magical journey. We've got 2917km to cover, and have so far covered 932km, meaning we are just about out of Germany and into the Baltic Sea. Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff!



**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 95.52%

w/c 17/10/2016	
Whole school	90.73%
Starfish	93.64%
Dolphins	92.80%
Lions	85.29%
Eagles	94.78%

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

#### Important dates for your diary

Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Remembrance Day
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Non Uniform Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2106	Starfish and Dolphins Pantomime Trip
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2016	Christmas Fair
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 13:45	Starfish Christmas Play
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 14:30	Dolphins Christmas Play
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service (Year 5)
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	School closes
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School opens
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection

#### Church Dates

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Village Carol Service