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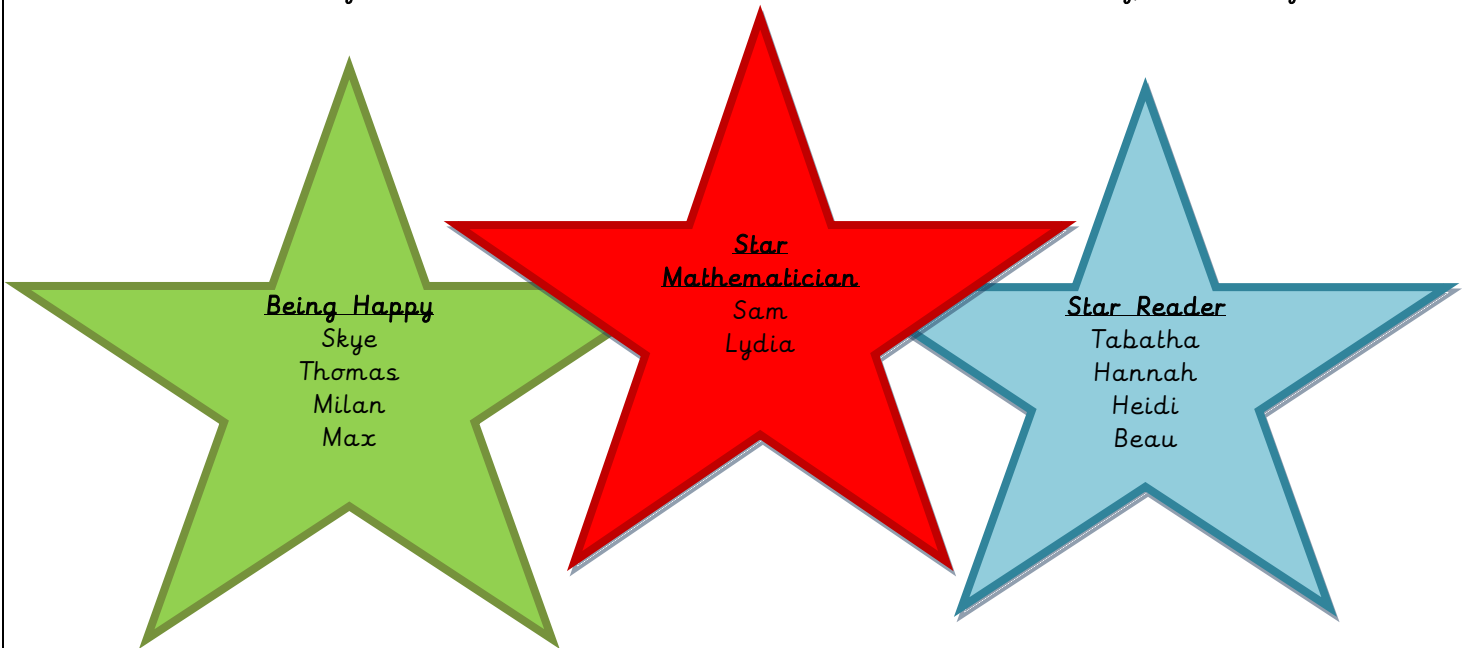
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 6th January 2017



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. If not, you can request one from the school office.

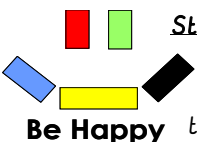
The deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2017. Further information is within the letter however should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Eagles Trip - The regional pyramid final of the Sportshall Athletics will be taking place on Monday 16th January 2017 at Campsmount, and we will be taking a team from Eagles to compete. A letter has been sent home this week with the children who would like to go, and we ask that you complete the consent form on the bottom and hand back to the school office by Thursday 12th January.

Internet Safety - Thankyou to everyone who attended our Internet Safety morning. For those that were unable to join us you can find a copy of the presentation at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/parent-information/internet-safety/>

Lions Trip - Lions will be visiting The Deep on January 26th. A letter has now been sent home with further details. Please ensure payment and consent are given on parentpay by Friday 20th January, or let the school office know if there are any problems.

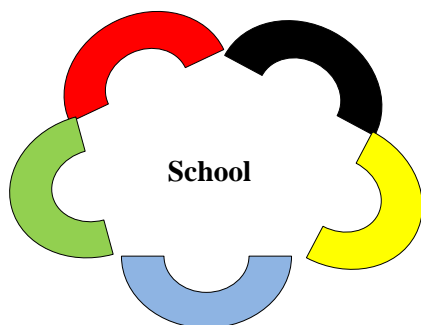
Eagles Visitor - as an introduction to our English unit on 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes, Eagles Class will be taking a close-up look at a real horse / pony. They will be given the chance to stroke the animal, learn about riding a horse, and even have a sit on the pony to understand how it feels to be a 'Highwayman'. Please could you let us know if your child has any allergies or you do not wish them to take part in this activity before Tuesday 10th Jan.



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.

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

Thankyou - Thank you from all the staff for the lovely cards, messages and gifts that we received over Christmas. It was most generous and thoughtful. We hope you have had a wonderful time together with your family and friends.



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

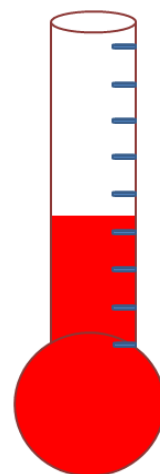
2. Leadership: All leaders proactively assess their area of the curriculum providing all the necessary monitoring and reporting arrangements.

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

Bags 2 School - we will be having another collection on January 19th and will send bags home next week for you to fill with any items you no longer want. These can include clothing (uniforms must not have logos on), paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts and soft toys. Please do not bring bags to school until the 19th - a reminder will be sent out closer to the time. If you have any good quality uniform please save this for our uniform swap - this can be dropped into the office at any time.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap.

Book Club - Book club leaflets have been sent home this week. They are a slightly different format, and include only a small selection of books. You can find more to choose from online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues>. Any orders should be handed in to the school office by Friday 3rd February with cheques made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.



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 one of two Fitbit Alta's. 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.

School Drive - please only use the school drive if needed, we ask instead that you park on the road or in the pub car park. It has been noted that people are driving at speed up and down the drive, please go SLOW, we need to keep everyone safe.



School Hall Access - in the interests of Health and Safety and keeping our children safe, we recently changed our School Hall key code. The only persons authorised to use this code are Staff members and other users of the Hall that School have given the code to in confidence.

Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that certain pupils have been using this code and more astonishingly so have their parents to gain access. May we take this opportunity to kindly ask that under no circumstances should anyone other than authorised users be accessing the Hall using the Key code.



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.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.37%

w/c 12/12/2016	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	97.64%	10	23	12	93
Starfish	98.18%	1	2	2	18
Dolphins	99.10%	0	0	3	59
Lions	95.88%	4	14	1	3
Eagles	97.20%	5	7	4	15

Please be aware late marks reduce your child's attendance. It is extremely important for all children to be in school on time, every day; they will miss out on valuable learning time. We have 23 children who were below 95% attendance last term. If attendance is lower than 95% it is classed as a persistent absence. Let's try and reduce this number down by Easter, all you have to do is come to school every day.

On a positive note we have 26 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! All children who get 100% attendance for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize.

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Monday, 16 th January 2017	Eagles trip to Campsmount Sportshall Athletics Finals
Thursday, 19 th January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday, 26 th January 2017	Lions Trip to The Deep
Wednesday, 1 st March 2017 @ 9:10	Ash Wednesday Service
Tuesday, 7 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday, 8 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Thursday, 30 th March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Wednesday, 5 th April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Week Beginning 8 th May 2017	Year 6 SATS
Week Beginning 15 th May 2017	Year 1 SATS
Friday, 9 th June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 th June 2017	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Tests
Tuesday, 20 th June 2017	Sports Day
Tuesday, 27 th June 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday, 8 th July 2017	Summer Fair
Monday, 17 th July 2017	Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents

St Peter's Church Dates

Sunday, 8 th January 2017 @ 9:15	Family Service
Sunday, 29 th January 2017 @ 16:00	Plough Sunday