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Date: Friday, 6th November 2015

Dear parents/carers

This week our focus has been keep safe during the holidays and to use kind words and action. Our Junior Safety Officers have been supporting the children with this target and the children were awarded 4/5 stars. Next week we will be focusing on noise level in the dinner hall.

Thank you.
 Mrs Cuddy

School Photographs are being sent home tonight. Please return your orders by Friday, 13th November 2015 to ensure they are returned in time for Christmas. We are in the process of arranging class photographs in the spring term.

Data Collection Sheets - these were sent home on Tuesday. If you haven't already done so, please return them to the office by Monday.

Parentpay accounts – reminder letters are being sent home for parentpay accounts with a debit balance. Please ensure accounts are credited as soon as possible. As always, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

School Dinner Payments-If you haven't already done so, please ensure school dinners are paid for before Monday.

The amount owing for school dinners for this next half term is £75.25 (7 weeks @ 2.15 per day). If your child only has meals on certain days, the amounts owing are as follows: 1 meal per week £15.05, 2 meals per week £30.10, 3 meals per week £45.15, 4 meals per week £60.20.

Be Informed **Science Club** – Mrs Beedle would like to run a Science Club on a Monday 3.30-4.30pm. This is for all children in years 2-6. The club is free of charge. We still have a few spaces available; please let the office know if you would be interested in a place for your child. We are hoping to confirm the start date of Monday, 16th November and will keep confirm this next week.

Drama Club – With effect from January 2016 the after school drama club will finish. This is going to be replaced by a multi-sports after school club by Complete Sport. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Flu Vaccination for Children in Years 1 and 2 –Please note the change of date for the flu immunisations. This will now take place on Wednesday, 18th November 2015 from 9.30am onwards.

Duplicate forms were sent home with a few children at the end of half term and we still haven't received them back, please do so by Monday.

Be Healthy **Herbie's Birthday Lunch** – On Thursday, 19th November 2015 it's our school meal mascot Herbie's birthday! – A school lunch to celebrate this will be served. The dinner will be a choice of cheese, tuna and egg sandwiched with a Catherine wheel pastry and vegetable stick followed by birthday cake! All children who normally have a dinner on a Thursday will automatically receive this lunch. For those children who normally have a packed lunch but would like to birthday lunch, please let the office know asap and pay £2.15 onto parentpay.

Operation Christmas Child – Please send completed shoeboxes to school by Wednesday, 18th November 2015.

Be Helpful **Children in Need Day** – we are having a non-uniform day on Friday, 13th November 2015. Children are also invited to bring in a teddy with a bandage on its head to resemble Pudsey! Please bring in a donation to support this very worthwhile cause. All donations will be sent to the charity.

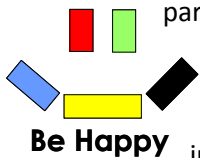
Christmas Tree Please! – If anyone has a spare artificial Christmas tree (preferably 6ft) or are throwing out an old one, we'd be more than grateful to take it off your hands! – Please let the office know if you are able to help.

Bonfire themed day – a massive thank you to the Harper family for kindly donating bread rolls and sausages for our bonfire themed day, it was very much appreciated by everyone!

Christmas Fair – Please see the attached flyer. Parents & Friends will meet in Shoulder on Tues 10th November @ 8pm to finalise Christmas Fair arrangements – Please come along and share your ideas!
Donations of tombola & bottle stall items needed urgently. Ideas & volunteers for stalls. Used gift bags of all sizes for a game stall. Old photo frames for children's art sale. Watch notice board for 'items required'.

Book Club – Christmas book club leaflets are being sent home tonight. Please return any orders by Monday, 16th November 2015 to ensure we receive orders in time for Christmas. Should you wish to order books as Christmas presents and therefore don't want them giving out to children, please pop a note in with your order to let us know.

Christmas Dinner – Our annual Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday, 9th December. All children who have school dinners on a Wednesday will automatically receive this lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Wednesday but would like the Christmas dinner, please let the office know and make a £2.15 payment onto parentpay.



Congratulations to Mrs Wilkinson (formerly Miss Allan!) on her marriage to Mr Wilkinson. I'm sure we speak on behalf of everyone in wishing them a wonderful future together.

Christmas Presents – During the week commencing Monday, 16th November, Parents & Friends are in the process of organising Christmas presents for children to buy for their parents if they wish.

These will be sold at £3.00 each during playtime of that week. If you would like to give your child the opportunity to choose a Christmas present for you, please ensure they have £3 with them during that week.

Cool milk Christmas card competition – This has been organised by Cool Milk themselves. Please see the attachment to this email for further information.

Team points- All children have been placed in a team point group. The groups are; Yellow Centaurs, Blue Minotaurs, Red Dragons and Green Griffins. Each week the children are awarded points and they are counted on a Friday. The team with the highest score gets a cheer each week. At the end of the term the points are counted and the team with the most points will have a cinema afternoon in the Smeaton Centre. Good luck teams! There was a miscalculation last week, so these are the most up to date figures.

| This week | Overall |
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| Yellow Centaurs= 46 | Yellow Centaurs= 519 |
| Blue Minotaurs=101 | Blue Minotaurs= 520 |
| Green Griffins= 98 | Green Griffins= 646 |
| Red Dragons= 87 | Red Dragons= 678 |

Attendance – Whole School Attendance to date – 97.26%



Mrs A Marner
Admin Officer

Congratulations to
Eagles!

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| w/c 19.10.15 | |
| Whole school | 96.10% |
| Starfish | 96.30% |
| Dolphins | 95.00% |
| Lions | 93.03% |
| Eagles | 100% |

Parking outside School – As a reminder, under no circumstances should anyone be parking on the yellow zigzag lines at the bottom of the School drive. This has previously been reported to the local community police.

Important dates for your diary

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| Collective Worship with Fr Adrian | 2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm – Not during November |
| Reception parents information meeting | Wednesday, 11 th November @ 2.30pm |
| Children in Need (dressing up day) | Friday, 13 th November 2015 |
| Anti-bullying week | W/C 16 th November 2015. |
| Parent Celebration | Friday, 20 th November (pm) |
| Christmas fair (donations please!) | Saturday, 21 st November 2015 |
| Flu Immunisations (Year 1 & 2) | Monday, 23 rd November 2015 |
| Christmas Lunch | Wednesday, 9 th December 2015 |
| KS1 Christmas Play -School Hall | Thursday, 10 th December @ 2.30pm |
| Carols around the Tree (balloons) | Friday, 11 th December 2015 @ 2.45pm |
| KS2 Christmas Party | Tuesday, 15 th December 2015 @ 2pm |
| KS1 Christmas Party | Wednesday, 16 th December 2015 @ 2pm |
| Christmas Service (St Peters Church) | Thursday, 17 th December 2015 @ 2pm |
| Christmas Jumper Day | Friday, 18 th December 2015 |
| School Closes | Friday, 18 th December 2015 |