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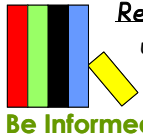
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Date: Friday, 7th October 2016



Residential- well done to the children who attended Kingswood, the adults were very happy with the manners and attitudes you showed. We are looking at other options for where we go next year; one of the options is for Eagles class to go to France. This would be an amazing opportunity for our young people. Obviously, we would love to hear your comments, please email admin by Thursday 13th October. Please see the link for details <http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/primary-schools/courses/france-explorer>

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. If you have any trouble logging on please contact the school office.

Campsmount - they will be holding a Year 5 and 6 open evening on Thursday 20th October from 4:30pm to 7pm. Further information can be found on their website, or by contacting the school.

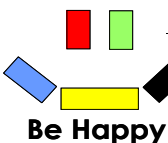
Eagles Trip - letters have been sent home with Eagles children regarding their upcoming trip to the Headingley Water Treatment Works on Thursday 13th October and the trip is now set up on Parentpay where consent must be given. Please make sure this is done by Friday 7th October. If you have any problems please speak to the school office.

Rainbow Foundation - this year, instead of doing the show box appeal, 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. The charity's latest newsletter is attached so you can see the work they are doing to strengthen their community. 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 in advance.



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>.

There is a chance of winning a prize every week, along with a separate chance of winning £25,000 each week too.



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.

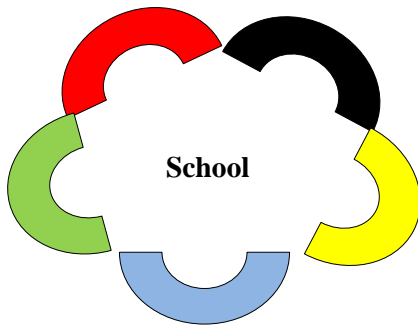
Grandparents afternoon- Thank you to all the grandparents and friends of Kirk Smeaton who attended the afternoon. It was lovely to see you all. The children enjoyed performing in front of their loved ones. We raised £92.22 for the McMillan charity.

Harvest festival- It was a real success and we thank you for all the kind donations of food. All

the tins and dried food were donated to Pontefract foodbank, this was gratefully received and now will be helping those less fortunate. The hamper auction also went terrifically and we'll have more details shortly.

Non-Uniform - Instead of the Halloween day we are going to dress in blue for the anti-bullying and keeping safe day on 4th November. Sorry for any confusion.

Starfish Explorers - Starfish explorers will be opening its doors for 3 year olds on 31st October, and welcome letters have now been sent to those who registered an interest. We will be accepting children from the term after their 3rd birthdays, so at this point only those who turned 3 before September will be able to join us. We will be holding a launch afternoon on Monday 10th October at 2pm, where admission packs will be handed out - anyone who will be joining us this school year is welcome to attend.



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.

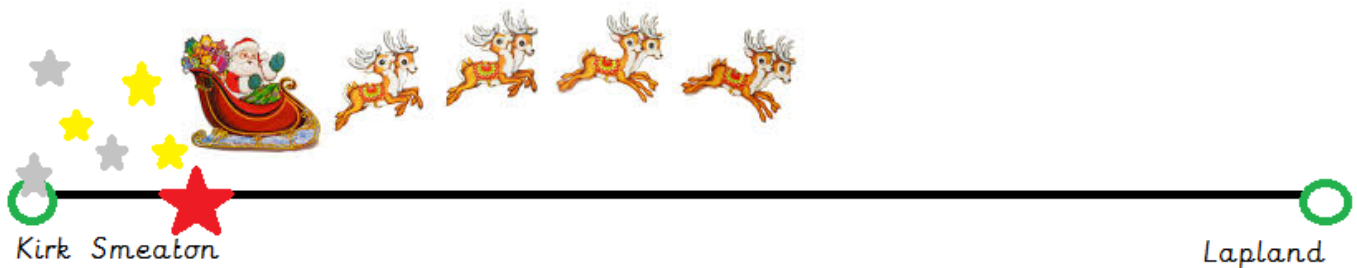
3. Curriculum: raise achievement in all areas with special focus on spelling and maths arithmetic



Defibrillator - thanks to the community's fantastic efforts, the village defibrillator is now live! Instead of being in the community rooms, it has been placed in the Shoulder of Mutton (much easier to locate). A training event is due to take place on 25th October at 7pm for anyone wishing to gain further information, but if there is an emergency contact 999 and they can provide full instructions.

Bikeability - Monday, 10th and Tuesday, 11th October 2016 - For those pupils taking part in the bikeability programme this is just a reminder that the course takes place next Monday and Tuesday. (letters have been issued to those eligible) Children must have their bikes and helmets in School on both days. Children are not required to wear school uniform on these days but the instructors do ask that pupils wear sensible warm clothing for cycling (ie not baggy joggers) and do recommend gloves and a waterproof coat as the course does go ahead unless they feel the weather makes the course unsafe.

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 walked 319km, which pops us on the ferry through the North Sea, almost reaching Rotterdam. Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff!



Starfish - why not go for a woodland walk this weekend, and see if you can find any conkers or acorns along the way, or any other autumn goodies. If you do find anything please bring it in to share with the class.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.20%

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

w/c 26/09/2016	
Whole school	98.32%
Starfish	97.27%
Dolphins	99.60%
Lions	97.65%
Eagles	98.40%

Important dates for your diary

Monday, 10 th October 2016 @ 14:00	Starfish Explorers Launch Afternoon
Thursday, 13 th October 2016	Eagles Trip to Headingley Water Treatment Works
Friday, 14 th October 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Tuesday, 18 th October 2016 @ 14:00 – 15:00	Starfish explorers Stay and Play
Friday, 21 st October 2016	Multi sports day for all classes – P.E. kits needed
Friday, 21 st October 2016	School closes
Monday, 31 st October 2016	School opens
Monday, 31 st October 2016	Non-Uniform Day (Anti-Bullying)
Thursday, 3 rd November 2016	School Photographs
Friday, 11 th November 2016	Remembrance Day
Tuesday, 15 th November 2016	Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday, 18 th November 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 18 th November 2016	Class assemblies
Monday 28 th and Wednesday 30 th November	Parents evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2106	Starfish and Dolphins Pantomime Trip
Thursday, 8 th December 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Christmas play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes

Church Dates

Saturday 29 th October 2016	Craft Fair
Wednesday, 2 nd November 2016 @ 19:00	Remembering the Faithful Departed
Sunday, 11 th December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 th December 2016	Village Carol Service