



Kirk Smeaton Church of England Primary School
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Date: Friday, 8TH January 2016

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back, I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

On behalf of all our staff, we would like to say a huge thank you for the beautiful cards and presents that were received over the Christmas period.

Mrs Cuddy

School Office – We welcome Mrs Maltby who has now joined our admin team and will be based in the front office three mornings per week. Please feel free to pop in and say ‘hello’!

School Dinner Payments – Parentpay the amount owing for school dinners for this next half term is £62.35 (29 days @ £2.15 per day). If your child only has meals on certain days, the amounts owing are as follows: 1 meal per week £12.90, 2 meals per week £25.80, 3 meals per week £38.70, 4 meals per week £51.60. If your child has a dinner on a Monday, please remember to deduct £2.15 from the amount owing as we are closed on Monday, 4th January 2016.

If you haven’t already done so, please ensure payment is made before Monday to ensure your child continues to receive dinners. When making payment, please ensure you take into account any credits or debits on your parentpay account. Should you have any queries regarding payments, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Taking and using videos and photographs at Kirk Smeaton C of E School – If you haven’t already done so, please return the form at your earliest convenience, ensuring you sign and tick in the appropriate place on the form. **Also**, please ensure when taking any photographs that no members of staff or other adults are included in the background of the photograph.



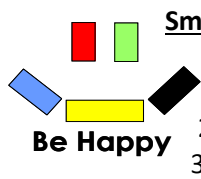
Complete Sport – Multi Skills After School Club – This club commenced on Thursday and was offered for either one hour or two hours. Due to lack of interest for the two hour session this club will now only run for 1 hour (3.30-4.30pm). Any payment enquires should be discussed directly with the after school provider, Coach Clayton.

Swimming Lessons The government is committed to ensuring swimming takes place in schools. Swimming is a compulsory part of the current national curriculum for PE. By the end of key stage 2 (age 11), pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a distance of at least 25 meters, using recognised strokes, on their front and back, and demonstrate an understanding of water safety. It is up to primary schools to decide when, and at what point they wish to teach this.

All children in year 3 will have eighteen 1 hour swimming lessons commencing on Friday, 26th February 2016 (2-3pm). This change will ensure that when each child leaves our school they will be able to swim 25metres unaided. The pool hire and swimming instructor costs are covered by the school but unfortunately we do need to ask for transport payments. A minibus has been arranged to transport children to and from the event. The total cost for the eighteen trips is £45. This payment item has now been set up on parentpay. By making payment on parentpay you are also giving permission for your child to attend the lessons. We do ask that payment be made by Monday, 22nd February 2016. We understand this is short notice and should you need to extend this deadline, please speak in confidence to the school office.

Long Hair - If your child has long hair please ensure it is tied back for school. Also, we do remind parents to be vigilant for head lice.

Coats! – There are a number of children without coats in school. Wherever possible we do encourage outdoor play unless we have torrential downpours or we feel the weather makes playtime unsafe. With this in mind, please ensure your child has a warm winter coat in school.



Smeatons Lucky Lotto – Please find below the winners of the lucky lotto draw

1st Prize – Number 94 – Emma Hall - £40.00
2nd Prize – Number 168 – Chris Partington - £20.00
3rd Prize – Number 87 – No Winner – Rollover to next month!

Cash prizes are awaiting collection from the school office. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for your support!

Bluebell Wood Hospice - £23.75 was sent to the Bluebell Wood Hospice. This was instead of staff sending Christmas cards to each other.

Text Santa – Thank you to those who supported our Christmas Jumper Day for Text Santa. A total of £46.20 has been sent to the charity.

The Children's Society Christingle – Thank you to everyone who supported our Christingle. The total amount raised for the Children's Society was £175.06

Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.57%

(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

Congratulations to
Eagles Class!

w/c 14/12/2015	
Whole school	93.82%
Starfish	92.96%
Dolphins	89.23%
Lions	94.55%
Eagles	95.86%

Mrs A Marner

Important dates for your diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Sports Hall Athletics (1-3pm) Y5/6	Monday, 11 th January 2016
Library bus	Tuesday 19 th January 2016
Parent meeting Y1-Y6 (one page profiles)	Tuesday, 12 th January 2016 (9.10am)
School closes	Friday, 12 th February 2016
School Opens	Monday, 22 nd February 2016
Year 3 swimming lessons commence	Friday, 26 th February 2016 (2-3pm)