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Date: Friday, 9th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year of 2016/2017. I hope all our families have had a wonderful summer together. It is lovely to see all the children back at school; they seem very happy and look very smart in their new uniforms.

This year we are removing the weekly whole school target and we have replaced it with a class target. We hope that this will be more specific to the class and all children can be actively involved.

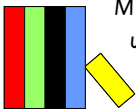
I hope to see you at the one page profile parent session, the morning will start in the hall, where I will go through expectations and the new layout of homework. If you are unable to attend, please do not worry, all the information will be added to the school website.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy

Welcome - We are pleased to announce we have a new member of staff joining our team this week.

Miss Shearstone has joined us as a Teaching Assistant. We also have Miss Drayton who will be our student teacher for the term.



Be Informed

Lions Classroom - the classroom will be ready for next week. Thank you to all parents for your patience and help.

One Page Profile - this will be held on Tuesday 13th September at 9am, along with a presentation in the hall regarding expectations for the year and homework. We hope all parents can join us for this. If you are unable to attend, all the information from the morning will be added to the school website.

Online Lottery - we are now online for Smeatons Lucky Lotto! Please see attached details and a link to set your account up.

Harvest festival - we have planned for our Harvest Festival to take place on Monday 3rd October. We'll shortly update you with more details and a time. This year we will also be looking for donations of tinned / canned food for the food bank, and fresh produce to be sold in the pub that evening.

Kingswood Residential - Parent Meeting

Our Residential is fast approaching! - (We have organised a parent meeting on Wednesday, 14th September 2016 at 3.40pm for any parents of children attending to come along.)

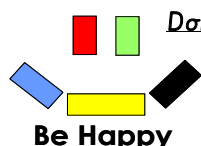
As this is a new venue we have a member of the Kingswood team coming out to give a presentation and you will have the opportunity to ask him any questions.

Unlike Robinwood, luggage labels are not provided, Kingswood just ask that everything is named and you place a sticker with the full name on the luggage (or your own luggage label if you prefer).

We will also be giving out a packing list guide for the visit though for those that have experienced Robinwood previously, it is pretty much the same requirements.

We do hope you can attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have questions, please email these to admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Polite note: - The balance of this residential must be paid in full for your child to attend, please make payment onto parentpay immediately if you haven't done so already. Any problems, please speak to the office.



Donations - if anyone has any unwanted iphone/ipad charging cables we would ask that you please consider donating them to school.

Be Happy

Roald Dahl Day - September 13th marks a global celebration of Roald Dahl. To celebrate, we will be hosting a non-uniform day and would like everyone to dress up

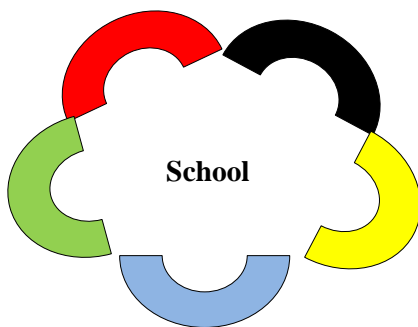
as a character from your favourite book (this doesn't have to be a Roald Dahl book). Donations of £1.00 would be welcomed, and all money raised will go towards school resources.

Music Lessons - NYCC are this year offering a group of tuition sessions in either keyboard, clarinet or flute to any Year 3 - 6's that may be interested. Parents pay a full term up front and lessons are delivered at school. Dates and fees will be dependent upon the number of children who take up the service, so if you would like to register your interest please speak to the school office by September 16th.

Book Club - the latest leaflets have been sent home this week. Please ensure any orders are handed into the school office by September 30th, and that cheques are made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting a school uniform swap on Friday 16th September between 3:10pm and 4pm as a way to help you clear out any old uniforms and re-stock your wardrobes, as well as raising funds for the school. Further information can be found on the attached letter.

Family Support - Child and Family Services are offering several drop-in sessions for any issues you may have affecting your family. Further details can be found on the attached documentation.



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



Flu Vaccine - all Years 1, 2 and 3 children have been offered the Influenza Vaccination this year, and letters have been sent home this week. The vaccine will be given on Tuesday 15th November. Please ensure all forms are returned the school office by Friday 30th September.

Parent Toddler Dance Class - As many of you will be aware, Charlotte Brown is raising money for The Childrens Liver Disease Foundation, a charity very close to her heart as her daughter Enola suffers from Liver Disease. I would like to help raise some money for this amazing cause by offering to teach a parent toddler dance class (hopefully in pre-school) one afternoon per week prior to school pick up. I will donate all class fees for the first 6 weeks to CLDF so I hope you can come along and support this amazing charity whilst having fun, learning to dance with your little ones! Please contact me to register your interest : sue@tappytots.co.uk

Many thanks,
Sue Brierley

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for last year - 96.00%

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday, 13 th September 2016 @ 9:00	One page profile review and homework presentation
Tuesday, 13 th September 2016	Roald Dahl Day
Wednesday, 14 th September 2016 @ 15:40	Kingswood Parent Meeting
Friday, 16 th September 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 16 th September 2016 @ 15:10	School uniform swap
Monday, 26 th – 28 th September 2016	Kingswood Residential
Monday, 3 rd October 2016	Harvest Festival
Friday, 14 th October 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
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
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
Thursday, 8 th December 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Christmas play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes