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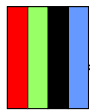
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 9th December 2016



### Christmas

Lions and Eagles carol service and mince pies- 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2-3pm

Starfish and Dolphins Christingle service- 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

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### Be Informed

PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS SEND AN ORANGE IN WITH YOUR CHILD/REN ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER SO WE CAN PREPARE THEM FOR THE CHRISTINGLE.

DVD's from this weeks nativities will be available next week from the school office, at a cost of £5. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

Helpers Needed - we are looking for any helpers to come in on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm to help serve tea and coffee for Lions and Eagles carols. If you can lend a hand please let us know. We're also asking for any donations of buns and mince pies for everyone to enjoy on these days.

Christmas Parties - all classes will be having their Christmas parties on the 16<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon, and would appreciate any offers of party food to add to the festivities. We only ask that the food is nut free!

Christmas Fair - The Christmas fair was a huge success, thank you to all who supported the event. Parents and friends do a brilliant job to raise funds for the children of Kirk Smeaton School; we would like to say a big thank you to you all.

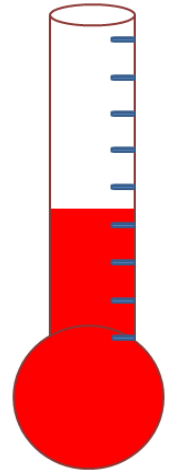
Well done to our raffle winners - all prizes have now been handed out except one - Pink ticket 504 Mr R Hall - please contact the school office.

Thankyou to everyone who bought the lovely treats on offer from the bake-off auction - thanks to you we raised £90.00 for Macmillian. A massive thank you too to judges Charlotte Broadbent and Jacci White, and to Mr Shearman for running the auction.

Presents - Christmas presents are now on sale from the school office - if your child would like to purchase one please make sure they bring £3 in.

Starfish Explorers Stay and Play - our next stay and play session will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2 - 3pm for children whose birthdays are between 01/09/2013 - 31/12/2013 and will be starting nursery from 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like a slot reserving please contact the school office.

**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.



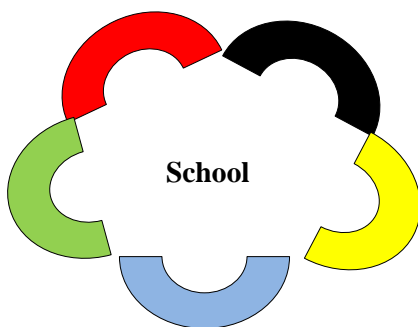
**School Lottery** - our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>. The more people that sign up for it, the more funding our school receives. Just 50 people will give 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 £20 guaranteed to someone at our school. 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.

**Darjeeling** - The children were very lucky to have a visit from Hugh who works for the Darjeeling Trust. He works with children in the Darjeeling area. Our children learnt about housing, schools and general life for these children. If you wish to know more or support this charity please visit <http://www.darjeelingchildrenstrust.org.uk/our-vision/>

**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.

**Be Happy**

**4fronttheatre** - the children were very lucky to have a theatre company to come in and share a version of the Christmas story. The staff and the children loved the play and would like to say a big thank you to parents and friends for funding this lovely event.



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

**Starfish Explorers - Childcare Vouchers** - We are pleased to advise that we can now accept Childcare vouchers for payment of Starfish Explorers invoices. Most employers who provide Childcare Vouchers do so through a salary sacrifice scheme. This means you agree to reduce your salary by a certain value, and receive Childcare Vouchers to the same value but pay no tax or National Insurance on these vouchers.

We are currently registered with the following companies:  
 Computershare - [www.computersharevoucherservices.com](http://www.computersharevoucherservices.com)  
 Fideliti - [childcare@fideliti.co.uk](mailto:childcare@fideliti.co.uk)  
 Edenred - [www.edenred.co.uk](http://www.edenred.co.uk)

If you receive childcare vouchers from any other companies and would like to use them, please let us know and we'll happily register with other companies.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marnier should you have any queries regarding this.

**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

**Bags 2 School** - we will be having another collection on January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are thinking of having a clear out ready for Christmas please consider saving any clothes to donate for us.

**Reading Resources** - NYCC and Ziptales have teamed together to provide a free interactive reading resource for all children, filled with stories, puzzles, lessons and games. Just head over to <http://ziptales.co.uk/subs/northyorkshire/> and enter your library number (if you don't have one, there are instructions for setting this up).



Be Safe

**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.



Be Healthy

**School Meals** - next terms school menu has now been released and can be found on our website. Should you wish to make any changes to your child's meal plan please contact us to discuss.

**Race to Santa** - this term's 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 covered 2601km, which means we have just entered Finland! Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff - we're almost there!



**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.26%

w/c 28/11/2016	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Minutes Late	Pupils Late
Whole school	98.76%	6	12	39	5
Starfish	95.45%	2	5	2	1
Dolphins	98.80%	2	3	2	1
Lions	99.41%	1	2	3	1
Eagles	99.20%	1	2	32	2

We have 27 children who are below 95% attendance this term so far. It is important that your child attends school each and every day in order to access all learning and reach their full potential.

On a positive note we have 32 children who have 100% attendance at present, let's hope they keep it up all year - Well done! All children who get 100% for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize. If your child gets 100% for the whole year, they get a certificate and put into a draw to win a £20 Argos voucher.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

### **Important dates for your diary**

Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 : 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 14:00-15:00	Christmas Carols in the Hall with Lions and Eagles
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 13:30	Christmas Service (Christingle for Starfish and Dolphins)
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service (Christingle for all KS2- Year 5 to lead)
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	School closes
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School opens
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 @ 9:00	Parent Information Session on Internet Safety
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection

### **St Peter's Church Dates**

Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 18:00	Village Carol Service
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 21:15	Christmas Communion Service
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 9:15	Christmas Communion Service

### **St Martin's Church Dates**

Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016 @ 19:30	Carols by Candle-light
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 15:00	Crib Service
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 23:00	First Mass of Christmas
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 9:30	Holy Communion
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017 @ 11:00	Sunday Eucharist