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### Being Informed

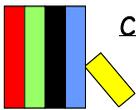
Leo  
Adam  
Millie  
Charlie

### Star Writer

Thomas

### Star Reader

Max  
Lucas



Charity Tuck Shop - our Eagles class will be having an afterschool tuck shop every Tuesday this half term. There'll be treats and a 'guess how many' game so please bring along your change as the money raised will be going towards Cancer Research.

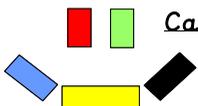
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Dolphins Meetings - Mrs Cuddy and Miss Pounder will be running the following for parents;

- A phonics session on the 15<sup>th</sup> February for all **Year 1** parents at 17:00.
- A SATS information session on the 1<sup>st</sup> March at 17:30 for all **Year 2** parents.

SRE- sex and relationship is taught throughout our curriculum from Reception to Y6, however for the Year 5 and 6 pupils we like to provide a session to talk more in depth and answer any questions. Over the coming weeks, the Year 5 children will be split into boys and girls and talk about puberty. The Year 6 boys and girls will be split and will talk about puberty and reproduction. Please let us know if you have any concerns by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The material can be found on the school website <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/parent-information/SRE/>

Eagles Spelling - Years 5 and 6 will be receiving additional spelling homework following their objectives each week, and will be tested on them weekly. These will go home on a Tuesday and we ask that they be returned by the Friday.



Campsmount Dance - on 29<sup>th</sup> March we will be taking part in Campsmount's Dance Competition again. This year we will be entering 2 teams; Lions, and Eagles. Our Year 2's will also be opening the show! In the lead up we will be having rehearsals

### Be Happy

during school time, but closer to the time there will be a couple of after school rehearsals. A letter has been sent home this week with the final rehearsal and show details, and we ask that the consent form is sent back into the office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. We are hoping to have final transport details available shortly and will send a letter home with costings and ticket details as soon as possible.

World Book Day - on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite character in honour of World Book Day. Donations of £1 will be accepted towards some fab new resources for the school.

**Absences** - please remember to contact the school office in person or by telephone before 9:30 if your child is absent. This needs to be done each day they are off. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded.

**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.



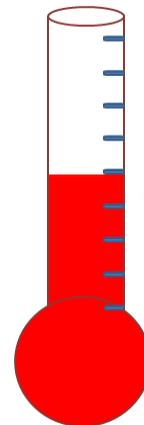
1. Assessment: Be consistent with an assessment procedure so that it is fully understood and supports teaching and learning.

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

**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

**School Uniform Swap** - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap.



**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 a smaller prize guaranteed to someone at our school. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win one of two Fitbit Alta's. 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.

**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 fifteen 1 hour swimming lessons commencing on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (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 now been confirmed for our swimming lessons, and following a generous contribution from Parents & Friends, the cost per child is £65.00. This amount is now set up on parentpay. Can we please ask that the balance is paid no later than Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Starfish Explorers- Extended Early Years Entitlement** - You may already be aware of the Government announcement to increase Early Years Funding for three and four year olds from 15 to 30 hours per week for working parents from September 2017. This is designed to support working parents with the affordability of childcare and enable parents who want to work, or to work more hours, to do so. This can make a difference to children in terms of their educational outcomes and to their parents by enabling them to work and create a better standard of living for their families.

Here in North Yorkshire families who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to seek 30 hours funded childcare each week in term time or 1,140 funded hours stretched across the year from the beginning of the Summer term 2017 (April 2017) as we have been selected to roll this out early.

As this is just a pilot within North Yorkshire and not rolled out nationally until September 2017 it is only available to those families who live in North Yorkshire and attend a North Yorkshire setting. To determine this families must pay their Council Tax to a North Yorkshire District Council - for our parents this will be Council Tax that is paid to Selby District Council.

For further information on this, please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) click on the tab 'Children and Families' and follow 'Early education and childcare', 'Early Education Places and Funding'.

There will be an online application process that opens on Monday, 6th March and closes on 31st March 2017.

Should you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Marner.

**Fundraising Stamps** - we have teamed up with Fundraising Stamps to help raise money for Shooting Star Chase (<http://www.fundraisingstamps.com/shooting-star-chase>), a hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. All we need from you is your used stamps. We send these on to Fundraising Stamps, who give us a nominal donation towards school resources, and they sell on to collectors to raise money for our chosen charity. It's a simple scheme that can do a lot of good for a lot of people. Please remember to save any used, undamaged stamps and send them into the school office. Thank you.



**Dental Survey** - our school has been randomly selected by North Yorkshire Dental Care Services as part of a national programme, to take part in a dental survey. A sample of our Reception and Year 1 children will be asked to have a brief examination by a dentist in school. The children have not been selected as yet, but when we are given names, consent forms will be sent home with those chosen containing further details. If you have any queries please get in touch.

**Dress Code and being safe** - as a gentle reminder, please be aware that as part of our dress code, we ask for long hair to be tied up during school hours.



**Road Safety** - please can we remind all parents and carers to park in sensible spaces in order to avoid drives being blocked, traffic blockages and most importantly to keep every pedestrian safe.

**Safeguarding** - You may have seen on the local news that there have been some incidents in West Yorkshire where young people using the app Live.ly, which is linked to Musical.ly, have been accessed by adult strangers who have then been able to interact with children. Whilst the app is only supposed to access contacts on the user's phone, it appears that quite quickly friends of friends are able to join the group chat whom your child doesn't know at all. It is, therefore, an

unsafe app for children to use. We would urge you to ensure that your child does not have access to this app on their phone or tablet.

**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.47%

w/c 30/01/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	97.15%	12	29	5	50
Starfish	94.55%	3	6	1	10
Dolphins	98.80%	2	3	1	10
Lions	96.34%	5	14	0	0
Eagles	97.39%	2	6	3	30

Please be aware late marks reduce your child's attendance. It is extremely important for all children to be in school on time, every day; they will miss out on valuable learning time. We have 22 children who are currently below 95% attendance. If attendance is lower than 95% it is classed as a persistent absence. Let's try and reduce this number down by Easter, all you have to do is come to school every day.

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

If you arrive at school after 9am, please ensure you drop your children off in the front office, and sign them in, rather than going straight round to the classrooms.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

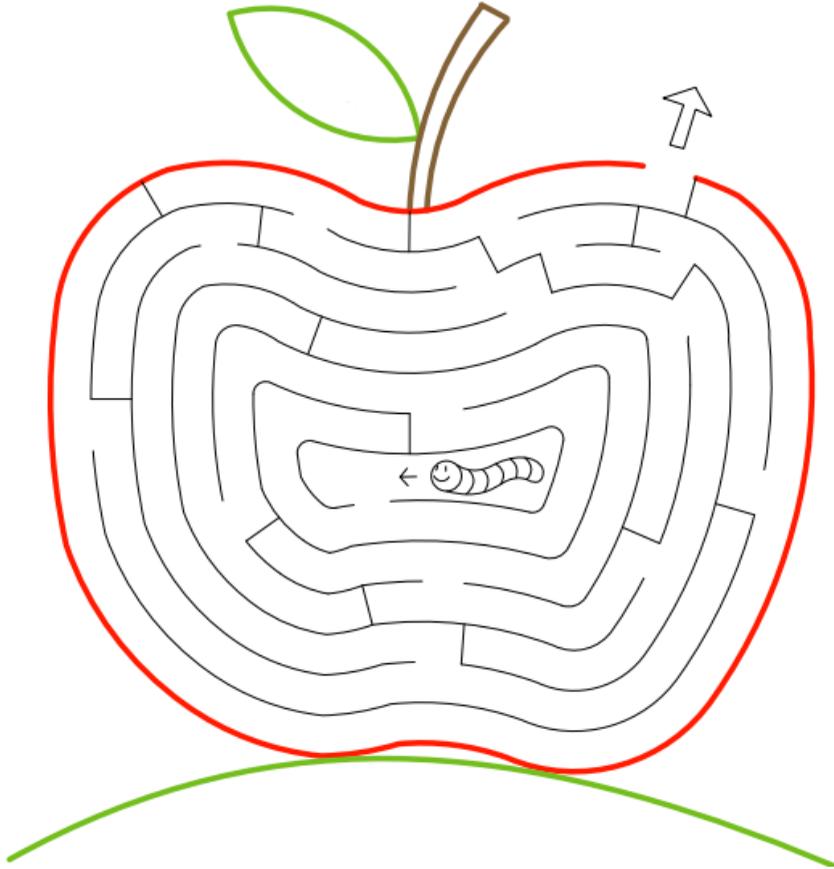
### **Important dates for your diary**

Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Reception Parents/Grandparents Lunch
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 @ 17:00	Year 1 Parents Phonics Session
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	School Closes
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	School Opens
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 @ 9:10	Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 @ 17:30	Year 2 SATS Information Session
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	World Book Day (Dress as a Character)
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Parents Evening
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 15:00-17:30	Rehearsal for Campsmout Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 13:00-15:00	Dress Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Campsmount Dance Competition
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	School Closes
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	School Opens
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Year 6 SATS
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	School Closes
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	School Opens
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Tests
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Sports Day
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Summer Fair
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	School Closes

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## Maze

Help the worm find his way out of the apple.



## Spot the Difference

Find 6 differences

