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Date: Friday, 10th March 2017

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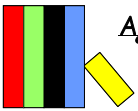
Oliver
Ellie

Being Healthy

Libby
Skye
Riley

Star Writer

Jodie
Sam



After school care - please see the attached sheet with details about after school care and return to school by Friday 23rd March.

Be Informed Starfish Explorers Stay and Play - our next stay and play session will be on Thursday 6th April from 2 - 3pm for children whose birthdays are between 01/01/2014 - 31/03/2014 and will be starting nursery from 25th April. If you would like a slot reserving please contact the school office.

If your child will be starting Nursery explorers or Reception next year please come along to the parent meeting on 5th May at 2pm. There will be a stay and play session for any child starting Reception and Nursery in September 2017 on the 15th May at 2-3pm.

Dolphins Meeting - Miss Pounder will be holding another phonics session for any Year 1 parents who missed the previous one, on Friday 17th March at 9am.

Eagles Outing - on Wednesday 15th March, Eagles will be taking a trip to Brockadale Nature Reserve. A letter has been sent home today. Please let us know by Tuesday 14th March if you would prefer your child not to participate.

Y2 Parents - We have signed up to the whiterose hub in the countdown to SATS. To sign up all you have to do is go to <https://diagnosticquestions.com/> and sign up as a student and add BJXIBAHK as the school reference. The advantage of doing this is that two questions will be automatically sent to your child each day they log in to Diagnostic Questions, they will be marked for you, and teachers can access detailed insights into your child's performance and possible misconceptions.

Y6 Parents - We have signed up to the whiterose hub in the countdown to SATS. To sign up all you have to do is go to <https://diagnosticquestions.com/> and sign up as a student and add TVFJBYVV as the school reference. The advantage of doing this is that two questions will be automatically sent to your child each day they log in to Diagnostic Questions, they will be marked for you, and teachers can access detailed insights into your child's performance and possible misconceptions.

Y5 Parents - we will be holding a SATS presentation for our current Year 5 parents on Wednesday 15th March at 17:30. We hope to see you there.

Book Club - leaflets have now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office along with payment by cash or cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') by Friday 24th March.

Campsmount Dance - on 29th 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 during school time, but closer to the time there will be a couple of after school rehearsals. The show itself starts at 6:30pm, with children needed at Campsmount for 6pm.

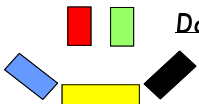
Transport has now been arranged, at a cost of £13 per child, which can be made on parentpay. A letter has been sent home with confirmation of times and tickets. If you have not already placed your ticket order, please contact the office as soon as possible, but please note we may no longer be able to guarantee your order.

Costumes;

Dolphins will need to wear trainers, black trousers, and a white or red top.

Lions will need to be dressed as predators or prey - this can be as simple or extravagant as you like. For example, rabbits can come dressed in white, or tigers in orange and we'll paint some whiskers on. Please do not worry too much about this, just do as little or as much as you can.

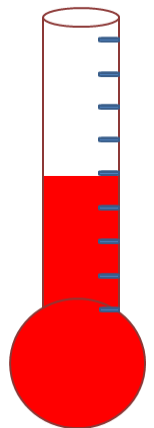
Eagles; boys need to wear a white shirt with a bow tie, and black trouser, and girls need to wear a pretty dress.

 **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

Be Happy

Parents Evening - Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening. If you have yet to send a completed questionnaire in to school please do so before Wednesday 15th march. If you did not complete a questionnaire, please pop into reception to pick one up. Thank you.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March from 15:10 until 16:00. 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 an annual pass to your choice of National Trust, National Trust Scotland, or CADW. 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 - All children in year 3 will have fifteen 1 hour swimming lessons commencing on Friday, 24th 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, 17th 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 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. Please see attached further information regarding this.

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.

Invitation - to celebrate Red Nose Day and Mothers day, we would like to invite all parents and grandparents to a tea and coffee afternoon on Friday 24th March from 1:30pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to join us by Friday 17th March, or if you are available to help us serve.



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.

Healthy Child - a letter has been sent home this week with our Reception and Year 6 children regarding the annual height and weight check from the NHS Healthy Child Team. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office.

Reminder - with the warmer weather on its way, please remember to be vigilant and check your child for head lice. Details of treatments and how to spot them can be found at <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/parent-information/child-health/>

Complete Sports Holiday Club

THE SOCCER CUBE - Easter Dates
Boys & Girls 4-12yrs

3 days of fun football activities, themed days, tournaments, certificates, trophies, mystery prizes and much more.... Open to all abilities. BOOK FAST!

CODE 1

Mon 10 - Weds 12 April
Kirk Smeaton School
10am - 3pm

CODE 2

Tues 18 - Thurs 20 April
Kirk Smeaton School
10am - 3pm

Prices:

£45 per child

£80 - 2 children

£18 daily fee

To book

Text - COURSE CODE / name & age to 07977 253693 Or Email to info@completesport.org.uk



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

Memory Walk - The Prince of Wales Hospice have organised a memory walk to take place on Sunday 19th March from the Shoulder of mutton pub, to start at 10am. Further details and a booking form can be found attached for those wanting to participate.



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.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.46%

w/c 27/02/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	95.67%	10	41	9	147
Starfish	89.09%	2	12	1	16
Dolphins	98.00%	3	5	2	45
Lions	97.50%	1	8	2	27
Eagles	93.04%	4	16	4	59

We have 18 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! Each half term any child who has got 100% attendance will go into a prize draw to win some stationary and books. Good luck everyone!

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.

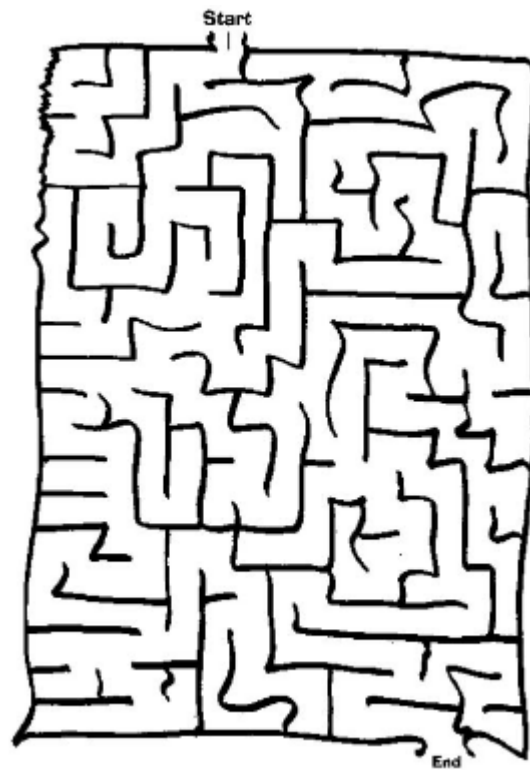
Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday, 15 th March 2017 @ 17:30	Y5 Parents SATS Presentation
Friday, 17 th March 2017 @ 9:00	Year 1 Parents Phonics Session
Friday, 24 th March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
Friday, 24 th March 2017 @ 13:30	Tea and Coffee Afternoon for all Parents and Grandparents
Monday, 27 th March 2017 @ 15:00-17:30	Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 th March 2017 @ 13:00-15:00	Dress Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 th March 2017	Campsmount Dance Competition
Thursday, 30 th March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Wednesday, 5 th April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Friday, 7 th April 2017	School Closes
Tuesday, 25 th April 2017	School Opens
Monday, 1 st May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday, 5 th May 2017 @ 14:00	New Parent Presentation
Week Beginning 8 th May 2017	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 15 th May 2017	Class Photographs
Monday, 15 th May 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 26 th May 2017	School Closes
Monday, 5 th June 2017	School Opens
Friday, 9 th June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 th June 2017	Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
Tuesday, 20 th June 2017	Sports Day
Tuesday, 27 th June 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday, 8 th July 2017	Summer Fair
Monday, 17 th July 2017	Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents
Friday, 21 st July 2017	School Closes

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Maze



Spot The Difference

Can you find the 5 differences between the 2 pictures?

