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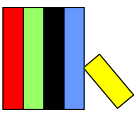
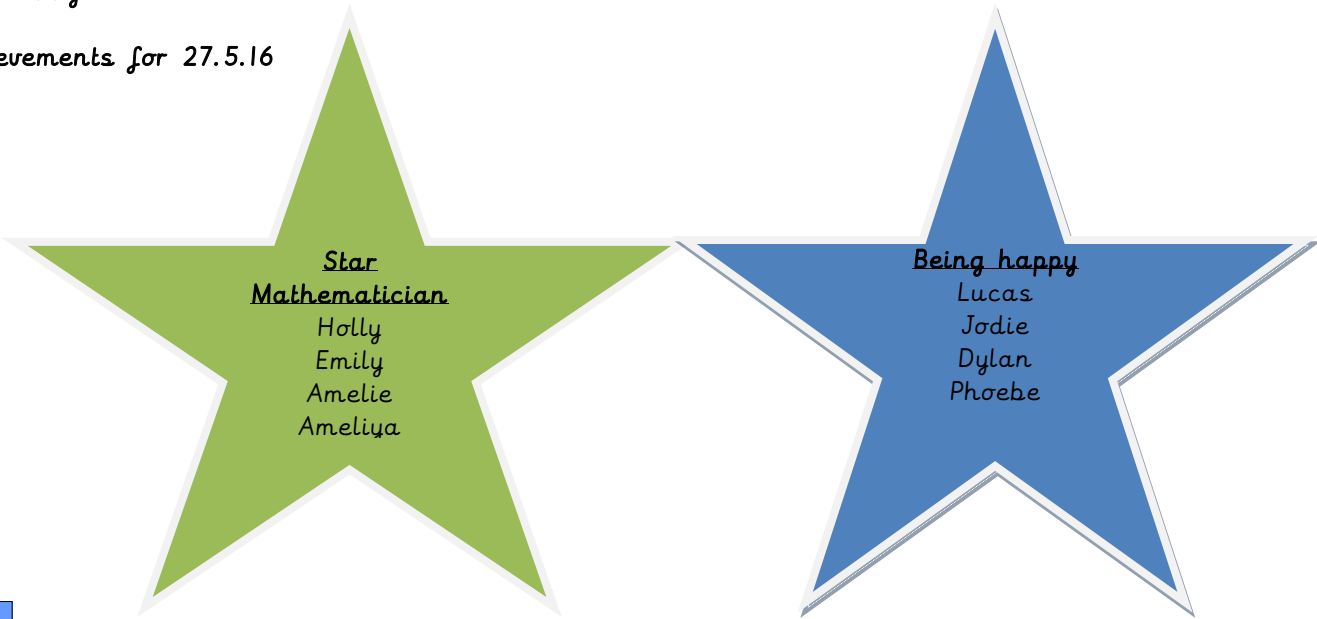
Date: Friday, 10th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope all our families had lovely week off. It is lovely to see all the children back safe and happy. Next week our target will be to stay safe in the sun. Things like applying suncream before school, wearing a hat and drinking plenty of water are great ways to enjoy the sun, but equally stay safe.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 27.5.16



Sports Day - we will be having our sports day on Tuesday 14th June (weather permitting), so please remember to send your children with P.E. kits, trainers, suncream, sunhats

Be Informed and plenty of water. Dolphins, Lions and Eagles will be starting at 1pm and then at 2:30pm Starfish will be coming out to join them until 3:15pm. Parents are welcome to come and cheer them on, and we hope to see you all there! At the event all donations will be towards the cost of a defibrillator for the Smeaton community. There will be tea, coffee and some small crafts for sale. On Wednesday we had an ambulance and a demonstration of the defibrillator to all children and staff, it was an amazing day. Thank you to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service for providing this opportunity for our school.

Presents-Fathers Day is fast approaching! We have some gifts available for £3 from the front office, children are welcome to come and choose a gift during the day.

Football Festival - we will be taking teams from Years 2, 3 and 4 to Campsount on Monday 13th June to compete in a football festival. Dolphins will now be competing in the afternoon, leaving after lunch and returning for 3:30pm. Lions will now be competing in the morning and return in time for lunch, so please make sure they are at school before the bus departs at 8:50. All children can wear the school football kit but please remember to bring a pair of trainers, shinpads and plenty of water. If you haven't already done so please make sure payment and consent are given on parent pay, or by email if you are having difficulties.

Next year arrangements-We are always looking for ways to develop learning within the school and whilst we are limited about the physical changes we can make because of the size of the building, we feel that there are some small changes we can make to our class structure to ensure that the youngest of our children, and any prospective pupils, get the best possible start. From October 2016 we want to provide an afternoon nursery in school to support the local morning nursery provided by Mrs Beck and offer parents with additional childcare support. We believe that bringing nursery children into the Starfish classroom will provide a really solid start for all children starting at the school. So we can achieve this, in the coming year Year 1 and Year 2 will

be based in the current Dolphins classroom and throughout the day they will have access Starfish resources this is to support the transition into Key stage 1 and 2.

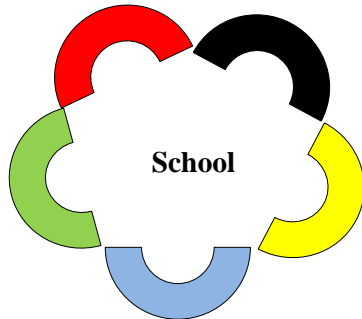
To allow us to achieve this next year the classes will be structured in the following way:

Y5/6 in Eagles classroom taught by Mrs Hursthouse and Miss Freeman

Y3/4 in Lions classroom taught by Miss Ghent

Y1/2 in Dolphins classroom taught by Miss Pounder

Reception and nursery in Starfish classroom taught by Ms Wolff and Mrs Morton



1. Leadership: Further develop middle leader's impact by sharing outstanding practice.

2. Challenge: Encourage challenge and mastery in Maths, Reading, Writing and SPAG for more able learners.

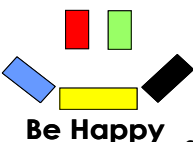
3. Curriculum: Raise children's attainment in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Ensure that all children are working within age-related achievements.

Askern Cricket - a reminder to all Dolphin parents that on Wednesday 15th June the class will be taking a trip to Askern Welfare Cricket Club to compete in the kwik cricket festival. They will need to be at school for 8:30 for registration. Please refer to your letter for further details or contact us if you have any queries.

To those Eagle parents who received a letter regarding the Doncaster Pyramid Qualifier, please remember this is also on Wednesday. If there are any changes to transport times we will let you know on the day, though we do not expect it to cause any disruptions to normal pick-up times. All children going on the trip need to come with sun cream, sun hats, raincoat and PE kit plus plenty of water.

Race for Life - the school will be hosting a race for life event on Thursday 7th July. Starfish and Dolphins will be running from 2pm, and Lions and Eagles from 2:30pm. The children have already been given a sponsor sheet and 'I race for life for...' sheet, both of which need to be returned before the day as the children will be wearing them on their back. Parents and children are all welcome to take part in the event, and we will attempt to run/walk 30 laps of the playground, which is 3 miles. Children will need a water bottle and PE kit for the day. Parents and friends will be serving refreshments - we hope to see you all there.

Year 5 Visit to Campsmount - our Year 5 children will be visiting Campsmount on 14th June for a morning taster session. Please make sure children are at school for 8:10 as the bus departs at 8:15. Lunch will be back at Kirk Smeaton as normal. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office.



Summer Fair - we still desperately need donations of tombola prizes, bottles, sweets / chocolates, bottles of spirits and ingredients for the cocktail stall at this years summer fair. We are also looking for help with setting up the event and manning the stalls. If you can be of any assistance please let us know.

Smeatons Lucky Lottos - Congratulations to May's winners;

1st prize: Ticket 32 - Rollover to next month - prize £40.00

2nd Prize - Ticket 199 - Rollover to next month - prize £20.00

3rd Prize - Ticket 195 - Chris Sayner £5.00

Cash prizes are awaiting collection from the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Teddy Bears Picnic - on Tuesday 21st June we will be hosting our Teddy Bears Picnic. All children who normally have a dinner will be given a lunch consisting of vegetable sticks, ½ sausage roll, a bun and a breadcake with filling of either ham, cheese, egg or tuna. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a lunch provided by our school cook for this please let the office

know. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come and join their children outside with your own picnic. Don't forget your picnic blankets and teddy bears!

School Photographs - Your fantastic school photo proofs have been sent home this week. Please make sure that any orders and money is handed into the school office by Thursday 16th June at 4pm as the order is being collected first thing on the 17th.

Wellies - from September we are hoping to be able to provide wellies for all Starfish children to wear outdoors, rather than using trainers. If anybody would like to donate a pair in any child size or colour it would be greatly appreciated.



Artistic Instruments - in preparation for our sports day, everyone is invited to make an instrument at home to cheer on the day. We have attached an instruction sheet for some carnival maracas, but feel free to make the instrument of your choice.

Reception Class - on Monday 13th June, all reception children will be having a vision test carried out by our lovely Healthy Child Team. If there are any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Great North Run - Thank you to anyone who has, or intends to sponsor me in taking on the Great North Run half marathon in September 2016. But I have exciting news... I'm not doing it alone! I am hugely grateful to Rachel Mason (Thomas and Oliver's mum) who too has agreed to take on this challenge. Rachel has also pledged to raise £350 for a wonderful cause. We are raising money for Children's Liver Disease Foundation; a small but truly generous and supportive charity who provide invaluable support to children and their families affected by childhood liver disease. With this in mind, school are kindly supporting us and at the end of the school day, Friday 17th June, Rachel and I will be selling delicious home made buns and wrist bands with all proceedings going towards our fundraising goals. Please come along and support us! Thank you, Charlie and Rachel xx

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachel-Mason19>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Charlotte-Brown31>



Rio Update - all the children have made excellent progress for our 'Walk to Rio' challenge. So far they have accumulated 2490 miles - we have just about cleared the coast of Western Sahara in Africa and are almost half way to Rio!

Attendance - Whole School Attendance to date - 96.44%
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 23/05/2016	
Whole school	94.56%
Starfish	91.48%
Dolphins	99.29%
Lions	96.36%
Eagles	93.10%

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Year 3 swimming lessons	Fridays 2-3pm
Football Festival at Campsmount	Monday, 13 th June 2016
Reception Class Vision Test	Monday, 13 th June 2016
Year 5 Transition Morning at Campsmount	Tuesday, 14 th June 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 th June 2016 (Reserve Tuesday, 21 st June 2016)
New Reception Parents Meeting	Wednesday 15 th June 2016 @ 1:30
Rescheduled cricket day for Y2 and Y5/6	Wednesday 15 th June 2016
Teddy Bears Picnic	Tuesday, 21 st June 2016
Eagles Trip to Headingley Cricket Ground	Wednesday, 22 nd June 2016
Y6 Campsmount Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 th July 2016
Y6 Brayton Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 th July 2016
Race for life	Thursday, 7 th July 2016
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 th July 2016
Summer Fair and Smeatons Got Talent	Saturday, 9 th July
Lions Trip to Headingley	Thursday, 14 th July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 st July 2016
Last day	Friday, 22 nd July 2016