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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to another school year! I hope it has been a wonderful summer for you all. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all, please come and say hello.

This is the first newsletter of the new academic year. Please take a few minutes to read through and contact us with any question.

Mrs Cuddy

Newsletters

Each Friday we email our school newsletter to inform you any news. To ensure everyone receives the first copy we send out a paper copy for this week only, you should also receive an email. If you don't receive the email this Friday, please forward your email address to admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk.

If you don't have access to the internet and need a paper copy, please let the office know.



Guitar/Piano Lessons Guitar/Piano lessons will begin Monday 14th September at 9am. This is for those pupils already registered with the North Yorkshire Music Service.

Robinwood – Eagles Visit – Monday 28th September 2015 and Lions visit- Monday 19th October

The Robinwood residential is fast approaching. Personal information forms are being sent home tonight along with your luggage label and list of suggested clothing. Please return the personal information form on Monday to the School office as it is vital we forward these onto the activity centre.

Robinwood Transport Unfortunately, there are fewer children attending the Residential visits this year and this has had an impact on the cost of the transport. We have contacted several coach companies for the best price and the company we used last year have agreed not to increase the fee.

The cost of the Coach per child is £30, however 25% of the cost has been subsidised by the generosity of Parents & Friends. The reduced cost is **£20**. The transport fee has been set up on Parentpay. We have set the due date to Friday 16th October for both Lions and Eagles visits, to give everyone the same amount of time to pay.

Reception / Year 1 Numicon Homework Bags At the Reception meeting held on our transition day, it was recommended that children have access to a Numicon Homework Bag. Some Children in Year 1 already have these and these can be shared with siblings. If you would like to know more about these, please speak to Miss Wolff. You can view/purchase the homework bags at the front office. The cost of the bag is £15.50.

Parentpay Accounts Please check parent pay balances and bring any amounts outstanding up to date. For those parents new to the school, you will shortly be receiving an activation letter for parentpay to enable you to make online payments.

Bags2School Our next Bags2School collection will take place on Wednesday 30th September 2015. Bags are being sent home with children tonight. School receives money from this fundraiser as well as donating the clothes to charity. The more weight in clothes = more money for resources for school. Please fill the bag to help raise money for our school!

Lost Property We have quite a lot of lost property left over from the end of the last school year. Please feel free to come and have a look through if your child is missing any items. All unclaimed clothing will be bagged up for our next Bags2School collection on Wednesday 30th September.

Book club Book club leaflets are being sent home tonight. If you would like to place an order, please hand you order form and payment into the School office before Friday 25th September 2015. (Cheques should be made payable to Kirk Smeaton School). For all orders placed the school receive 20% off books.



Bikability We are pleased to advise once again that funding to host the Bikeability 2 day course has been granted once again this year. In order to make the two day training course feasible, the Road Safety Officer has asked if their groups can have 10 children, which is a reasonable amount of children to train on our roads in Kirk Smeaton. Our Year 6 cohort this year has 16 pupils. We obviously want each child to have the opportunity to receive the training so have organised 2 groups of 10 children and offered four spaces to the eldest Children in year 5. (Those parents will receive a letter). If, for some reason your child does not want to take part, please let the office know so we can offer the place to another child. The proposed dates for the two day courses are as follows; Monday, 19th & Tuesday, 20th October 2015 and Wednesday, 21st & Thursday, 22nd October 2015 Please return the consent forms and bike check lists as soon as possible to the office.

P.E Kits Please ensure your child has their P.E Kit in school at all times.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons Year 3 swimming lessons will take place from February 2016 for 18 weeks. Further details will be given nearer the time.



After School Clubs in September 2015

Please note Sue Brierley's Dance Classes begins the week commencing Monday 14th September 2015.

Should you have any queries regarding the dance classes, please contact Sue Brierley on 07747 065296. Football and Drama sessions began this week.

Monday – 3.30-4.30pm Musical Theatre - suitable for all ages.

This term we are working on 'Annie' bring your buckets, mops and pillows as we will be working towards a performance of 'It's a Hard Knock Life'

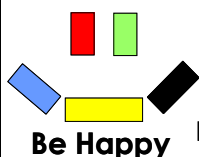
Tuesday – 3.30 - 4.15pm Little Street Movers Street Dance Class – Suitable for boys and girls Reception – Year 3.

Tuesday - 4.15 – 4.50pm Creative Dance Craft, children are encouraged to create and perform their own stories through movement and Drama. (Suitable for boys and girls Reception - Year 3)

Wednesday – 3.30-4.30pm Complete Sport Football Club (Year 1 to Year 6)

Thursday – 3.30 – 4.30pm Drama Club (Year 2 to Year 6)

Friday - 3.30 - 4.30pm Street Dance



The National Autistic Society

A total of £610 was raised at the end of the Summer term to celebrate Mrs Hanney's retirement. Please look out for a copy of the letter acknowledging how the funds are being used. Thank you once again for all the kind donations.

Knitting Club – Monday Lunchtime

We are pleased to advise that our Monday lunchtime knitting club will be running once again this year and will commence on Monday 28th September. This club is available to any children in year 3 and above. If your child would like to join, please let the school office know (preferably by email). Places will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Important dates for your Diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm (13/10/15)
Parent session for Dolphins, Lions and Eagles	15 th September at 9:10-9:40
Eagles mobile library visit	15 th September 2015
Lions mobile library visit	29 th September 2015
Bags to school	30 th September
Eagles Class Residential	28 th -30 th September
Harvest Festival	5 th October at 2.30
Informal parents evening	week beginning 5 th October (Dates to be confirmed)
Parent Forum	8 th October at 9.30
Lions Class Residential	19 th - 20 th October

Kind Regards,
Mrs A Marner
Admin Officer