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Dear parents/carers

This week our target has been to be punctual to class. We have been very good at getting to class first thing in a morning, but still need to work on being punctual after dinner times. Next week our target is to respect each other's personal space.

After Easter we will be changing rotation afternoon, this is to ensure that we can fully assess children in the foundation subjects. All teachers will be teaching all foundation subjects in their own class with the support of any specialised teaching. Due to the change we are able to make Coach Clayton's Wednesday PE session more valuable and Dolphin's class will be able to join in.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Myers next week, but we hope her all the luck in her future. We ALL would like to say thank you for her work and commitment to Kirk Smeaton School.

**Thank you.
 Mrs Cuddy**

Mrs Sayers Retirement – As you will probably know, Mrs Sayer, our School Business Manager will be retiring on Thursday, 24th March after 26 years at Kirk Smeaton School. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her a lovely retirement and thanking her for all her hard work and commitment to our school over the last 26 years. She is a fantastic colleague who will be greatly missed by all.

There is a retirement card for parents/families to sign in the front reception and if you would like to make a small donation for a nice bouquet of flowers you can also leave this at reception.



School Uniform – Further to previous correspondence, our school shop is now set up! There is a separate letter being sent home tonight with further details.

Be Informed Free School Meals – Due to a government initiative, all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to free universal school meals. This is different to free school meals that are claimed by parents who may be in receipt of certain benefits. If you think you may be entitled to benefit related free school meals but haven't claimed as you already receive universal free meals, please speak in confidence to the school office. Not only is this beneficial to the school it also has certain benefits for parents and ensures you continue to receive free meals as your child moves out of year 2.

Class Photographs – Confirmation of this will follow but we intend to have class photographs (including year 6 photographs) taken in the summer term.

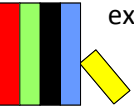


1. Leadership: Further develop middle leader's impact by sharing outstanding practice.

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.

Dolphins Visit to Tropical World – This visit takes place next Tuesday, 15th March. If you haven't already done so, please make payment for the trip onto parentpay and be reminded that consent is also given for the visit at the time of making payment onto parentpay. All children are required to bring a packed lunch for the visit. Should you experience any difficulties with parentpay, please ensure you pop into the office on Monday as it is essential we have consent for each child attending.

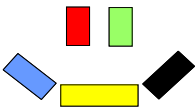


Be Informed Residential Visit – Thank you to all parents who have consented and paid the deposit for the Kingswood Residential visit in September. I have noticed that there are still quite a large proportion of children who have not expressed their interest and I'm presuming they do not wish to attend. Numbers have now been confirmed to Kingswood. I will be setting up the remainder of the balance shortly to allow payments to be spread over time.

Campsmount Dance – This exciting event is fast approaching!! Tickets are now on sale from the School Office at a cost of £3.50 each. Originally these were allocated 2 tickets per child. We are now selling the remainder on a first come first serve basis and Campsmount will be collecting any remaining tickets on Monday lunchtime. If you haven't already bought your tickets or you require more, please pop into the office before 10am on Monday!

Class Assemblies – On Friday, 18th March, we are holding class assemblies to give children the chance to showcase their recent work. Lions & Eagles assembly will be at 1.15pm, Starfish & Dolphins assembly will be at 2.45pm. Parents are invited to come along! – We will also be serving drinks and buns and any donations will be given to Sports Relief. If anyone is able to donate buns/biscuits, we'd be more than grateful for any donations on the morning of Friday, 18th March - Thank you!

Easter Service – Our Easter Service will take place in St Peters Church on Wednesday, 23rd March @ 9.15am. We do hope you can come along and join us.



Easter Lunch – On Thursday, 24th March our School Cook will be serving an Easter lunch as follows: Hotdog with Tomato Sauce, Wedges, Carrots and an Easter Crispie Nest. All children who normally

Be Happy have a school dinner on a Thursday will automatically receive this meal. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have the Easter lunch, please let the office know and make a £2.15 payment onto parentpay.



Sports Relief – On Monday, 21st March children will be taking part in a 1 mile walk/run (several laps) of the school field in aid of Sports Relief. Sponsor forms are being sent home tonight with all children in the hope we can raise as much money as possible for a very worthy cause. The sponsored walk will take place during school time. Please return your sponsor forms with any donations by Monday, 21st March 2016.

School meals – Summer Term Menu – Our new summer term menu is being sent home tonight. Please take time to go through this with your child. There is just one slight amendment to the menu: On week 1, the Monday dinner will be Chicken Korma & Rice instead of Bacon & Pea Pasta (I'm sure you'll all agree this is a wise choice!) Can we also remind parents that should your child wish to change from school dinner to packed lunches or vice versa that you must notify the office giving two weeks' notice.



Attendance – Whole School Attendance to date – 96.53%

(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 29/02/2016	
Whole school	95.39%
Starfish	96.30%
Dolphins	100%
Lions	94.55%
Eagles	93.45%

Dogs – In the interest of Children’s safety, please ensure dogs are not brought inside of the green gates in a morning when bringing children to school or likewise at the end of the school day when collecting children.

Head Lice – As a general school reminder, can we please ask that you be vigilant and regularly check your child’s hair for head lice.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons – In the interests of safety, staff at Askern swimming pool have asked that boys do not wear baggy shorts for their lessons. They must wear tighter fitted swim shorts or trunks. Whilst shorts are allowed at the pool for fun sessions/family times, baggy shorts do hinder children when the purpose of their visit on a Friday is to learn to swim.

Kind Regards,
Mrs A Marner

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
Dolphins Trip to Tropical World	Tuesday, 15 th March 2016
Campsmount Dance Competition	Wednesday, 16 th March 2016
Lions and Eagles Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 1pm
Dolphins and Starfish Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 2.30pm
Easter Service (St Peters Church)	Wednesday, 23 rd March @ 9.15am
Easter Lunch	Thursday, 24 th March
School Closes	Thursday, 24 th March 2016
School Opens	Tuesday, 12 th April 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 th June 2016 (Reserve Tuesday, 21 st June 2016)
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 th July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 st July 2016