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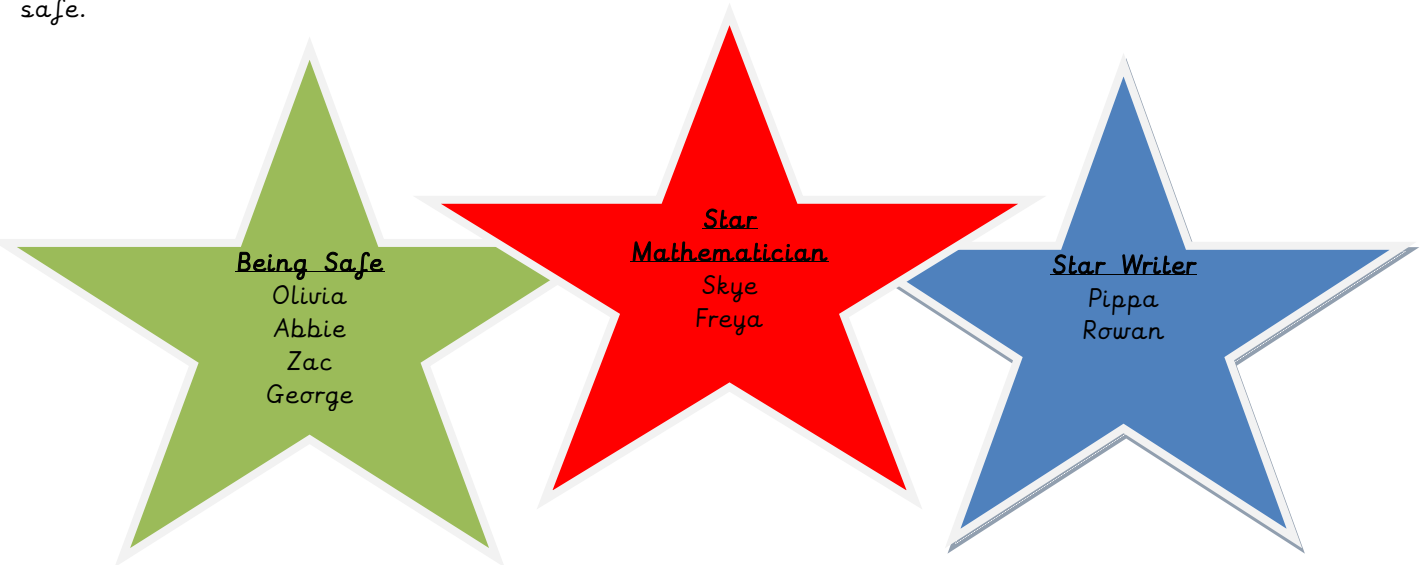
Date: Friday, 11th November 2016

Dear Parents,

Last week the children took part in a safety day and part of the day was internet safety. I will be delivering a parent session on Friday 6th January at 9am to talk about internet safety for parents, but I wanted to draw your attention to an excellent website which gives you all the information you need to know. I urge every parent to look at the website regardless of the age of your child/ren, it provides parents with valuable internet safety tips to keep you one step ahead of the game.

<https://tcpinto.org/parents/> tells you all you need to know.

<https://ceop.police.uk/> provides you with facts and support on how to report concerns and stay safe.



KSI Trip - Letters have now been sent home with our Starfish and Dolphin children regarding their upcoming trip to Wakefields Pantomime on 30th November. The trip is also set up on parentpay where consent must be given by the 15th November. If you have any trouble logging on please contact the school office.

Christmas Cards - this year we will offering parents the chance to purchase Christmas cards and tags with your childs art work on. The designs were sent home this week with an order form which is to be handed back to us with payment (cheques made payable to NYCC Kirk Smeaton BAFS) no later than **Monday 14th November**. We will then get them printed and the final product will be with you before the end of term.

Assemblies / Plays - our Christmas Plays for KSI have now been confirmed for December 8th. Starfish will go on at 1:45pm, and Dolphins will follow at 2:30pm.

We will also like to invite Lions and Eagles parents to join us in the hall on the 13th December between 2 and 3pm for Christmas Carols.

Dolphins Trip - on Monday 21st November, Dolphins will be attending a Multi-Skills festival at Campsmount. Letters have been sent home this week, and it is set up on parentpay for payment and consent. Should you have any queries please contact the school office.

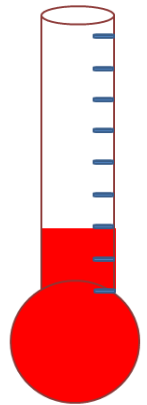
Christmas Fair - the school fair will take place on Saturday 3rd December from 11am. We will be holding a non-uniform day on 25th November and are asking for donations of tombola / raffle prizes rather than money.

Do you own or work for a local business? Would you be willing to sponsor or donate a raffle prize to our school Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Fair? Perhaps a pair of cinema tickets, or an M&S voucher? It's a great marketing opportunity as all of our sponsors are

clearly displayed! All raffle proceeds are used to provide school resources and in the past have contributed to climbing walls, iPads, scooter tracks, maths resources and building refurbishment to name a few. If you are able to help, please contact Rachel Suaznabar on smeatonraffle@gmail.com with details of your donation and company logo. Thankyou.

Applying for a Primary School place for your child for September 2017 - If you have a child born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you will need to apply for a Primary School place for them. For those who will be attending our Nursery, hopefully you will have been given a letter. If not, you can request one from the school office. The deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2017. Further information is all within the letter however should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

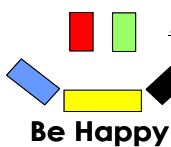
Shoe box appeal- Kirk Smeaton school is supporting the Rainbow Foundation this year, but if parents would still like to take part in this St Giles Church in Pontefract is taking donations. Please see Mrs Cessford for more information.



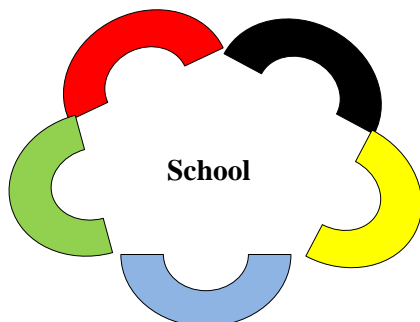
School Lottery - our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>. The more people that sign up for it, the more funding our school receives. Just 50 people will give us £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 £20 guaranteed to someone at our school. 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.

Rainbow Foundation - this year we will be helping the Rainbow Foundation in Mozambique. This is a wonderful charity that has set up schools, environmental projects, and is in the process of building a health clinic. We are asking for donations of money to send the things that have been donated. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be handed into the school office. Thank you to those who have donated so far - you have been extremely generous!

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.



Christmas Dinner - our fabulous kitchen staff will be offering a Christmas Dinner on 7th December. This will be given to all those who normally have a school dinner. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Wednesday but they would like a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know by Friday 25th November.



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

Bags 2 School - we will be having another collection on January 19th. If you are thinking of having a clear out ready for Christmas please consider saving any clothes to donate for us.

Book Club - this half terms book club leaflet has now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office by Friday 25th November, with payment made by cheque to 'Kirk Smeaton School'. If any orders are Christmas presents please advise us so we do not pass the books across to your children.

Children In Need - Children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday, 18th November in order to support the Children in Need fundraiser - this year the theme is 'Spotacular' so pull out those spotty socks and shirts! We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 on the day. All monies raised will be sent to the Children in Need charity.

Photographs - Local professional photographer Johanna Hilton will be in the Community Rooms on Sunday 4th December between 11am and 1pm and is offering photographic sessions for families or individuals. Johanna does not charge for taking the pictures, you only pay for the prints you order afterwards. Each slot will last fifteen minutes. If you would like to see the types of pictures Johanna takes, Lorna Thornley has had family photographs taken by Johanna for the last four years and is happy to show you some. To book a slot please email Johanna directly on info@johannahilton.co.uk



Parking - please remember to be mindful when parking your cars for drop off and pick up. Residents need access to their properties, and enough room must be left on the road for emergency vehicles to get by.



Seasonal Clothing - The weather is turning cold, so please ensure your children wear tights or trousers and ensure they come in a warm and waterproof coat.

Race to Santa - this terms running target will be to Lapland to see Santa before he sets off on his magical journey. We've got 2917km to cover, and have so far covered 1209km, meaning have just passed Copenhagen and are about to cross into Helsinborg, Sweden. Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff!



Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 95.79%

w/c 31/10/2016	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Minutes Late	Pupils Late
Whole school	97.53%	6	24	125	9
Starfish	100.00%	0	0	14	1
Dolphins	97.20%	3	7	55	3
Lions	97.65%	1	8	43	3
Eagles	96.40%	2	9	13	2

We have 23 children who are below 95% attendance this term so far. It is important that your child attends school each and every day in order to access all learning and reach their full potential.

On a positive note we have 56 children who have 100% attendance at present, let's hope they keep it up all year - Well done! All children who get 100% for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize. If your child gets 100% for the whole year, they get a certificate and put into a draw to win a £20 Argos voucher.

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday, 15 th November 2016	Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday, 18 th November 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 18 th November 2016	Children in Need Non Uniform Day
Monday, 21 st November 2016	Dolphins Multi-Skills Festival at Campsmount
Friday, 25 th November 2016	Non Uniform Day
Monday, 28 th November 2016	Dolphins, Lions and Eagles Parents Evening
Tuesday, 29 th November 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Parents Evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2016	Lions and Eagles Parents Evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2106	Starfish and Dolphins Pantomime Trip
Saturday, 3 rd December 2016	Christmas Fair
Thursday, 8 th December 2016 @ 13:45	Starfish Christmas Play
Thursday, 8 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Dolphins Christmas Play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Tuesday, 13 th December 2016 @ 14:00-15:00	Christmas Carols in the Hall with Lions and Eagles
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service (Year 5)
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes
Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	School opens
Friday, 6 th January 2017 @ 9:00	Parent Information Session on Internet Safety
Thursday, 19 th January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection

Church Dates

Sunday, 11 th December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 th December 2016	Village Carol Service