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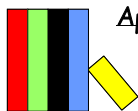
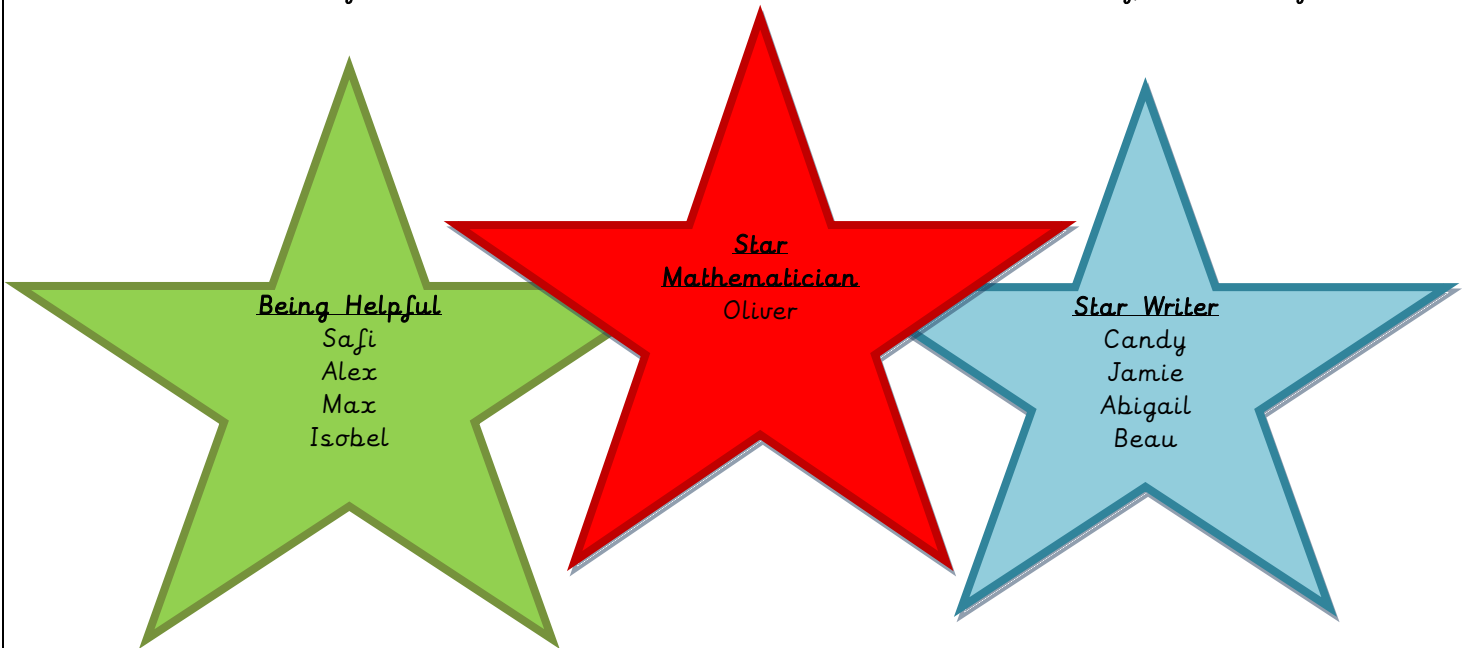
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 13th January 2017



Be Informed

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 within the letter however should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

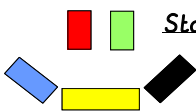
Charity Tuck Shop - our Eagles class will be having an afterschool tuck shop every Tuesday this half term starting next week. There'll be treats and a 'guess how many' game so please bring along your change as the money raised will be going towards Cancer Research.

Starfish Explorers - a letter has been sent home this week to our Starfish Explorers parents, requesting important information on your funding. If you have not received your copy or have any queries please contact the school office.

Also, now our nursery has settled into a lovely routine, pick up for our little explorers can be between 3:15 and 3:30pm.

Eagles Trip - The regional pyramid final of the Sportshall Athletics will be taking place on Monday 16th January 2017 at Campsmount, and we will be taking a team from Eagles to compete. A letter has been sent home this week with the children who would like to go, but please get in touch should you have any queries.

Lions Trip - Lions will be visiting The Deep on January 26th. A letter has now been sent home with further details. Please ensure payment and consent are given on parentpay by Friday 20th January, or let the school office know if there are any problems.

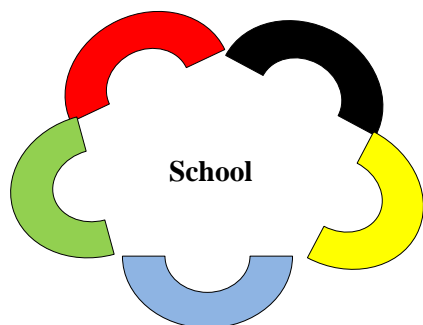


Be Happy

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.

Thankyou - thankyou to Mrs Clark for bringing her beautiful horse into school for the children to meet this week. Also, thankyou to our Parents and Friends for the PA system and playground lines they have funded.

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



1. Assessment: Be consistent with an assessment procedure so that it is fully understood and supports teaching and learning.

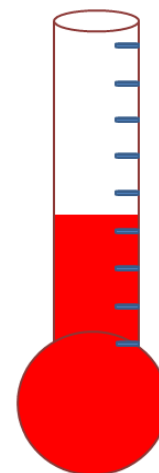
2. Leadership: All leaders proactively assess their area of the curriculum providing all the necessary monitoring and reporting arrangements.

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 and bags have been sent home this week for you to fill with any items you no longer want. These can include clothing (uniforms must not have logos on), paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts and soft toys. Please do not bring bags to school until the 19th - a reminder will be sent out closer to the time. If you have any good quality uniform please save this for our uniform swap - this can be dropped into the office at any time.

Lunch Invitation - On Tuesday 14th February, we will be inviting parents/grandparents of our Reception children to join us for lunch in the school hall. We are able to offer 2 places per child, and ask that you confirm attendance by Friday 3rd February. Any requests received after this date will unfortunately not be able to be met as kitchen orders will have been submitted. The meal on the day is Cottage Pie with vegetables, and a fruit muffin for pudding. The cost of this will be £2.76 per adult, payable by cash or cheque to the school office in advance.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March. 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 one of two Fitbit Alta's. 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 - The government is committed to ensuring swimming takes place in schools. Swimming is a compulsory part of the current national curriculum for PE. By the end of key stage 2 (age 11), pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a distance of at least 25 meters, using recognised strokes, on their front and back, and demonstrate an understanding of water safety. It is up to primary schools to decide when, and at what point they wish to teach this.

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 is being arranged to transport children to and from the event, and will update you with the total cost shortly. If you have any queries in the meantime please get in touch.

Book Club - Book club leaflets have now been sent home. They are a slightly different format, and include only a small selection of books. You can find more to choose from online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues> . Any orders should be handed in to the school office by Friday 3rd February with cheques made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.



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.

Half Term Club - Complete Sports will be running 'The Soccer Cube' this February half term in the school hall. Please see below for further details - all queries and bookings are to be made directly with Coach Clayton.

Sainsburys Vouchers - Sainsburys will be launching their Active Kids scheme again on 25th January. If you receive any vouchers please send them in to us so we can get more wonderful PE equipment for the school.



School Drive - please only use the school drive if needed, we ask instead that you park on the road or in the pub car park. Please also be mindful not to block access to residents homes, or the school drive. Remember to keep our children and village safe.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.33%

w/c 04/01/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late

Whole school	95.39%	9	27	0	0
Starfish	100.00%	0	0	0	0
Dolphins	99.33%	1	1	0	0
Lions	91.18%	6	18	0	0
Eagles	94.67%	2	8	0	0

Please be aware late marks reduce your child's attendance. It is extremely important for all children to be in school on time, every day; they will miss out on valuable learning time. We have 21 children who are currently below 95% attendance. If attendance is lower than 95% it is classed as a persistent absence. Let's try and reduce this number down by Easter, all you have to do is come to school every day.

On a positive note we have 24 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! All children who get 100% attendance for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize.

From Monday, we will be introducing a late register. 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

Monday, 16 th January 2017	Eagles trip to Campsmount Sportshall Athletics Finals
Thursday, 19 th January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection
Thursday, 26 th January 2017	Lions Trip to The Deep
Tuesday, 14 th February 2017	Reception Parents/Grandparents Lunch
Wednesday, 1 st March 2017 @ 9:10	Ash Wednesday Service
Tuesday, 7 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday, 8 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Friday, 24 th March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
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
Week Beginning 8 th May 2017	Year 6 SATS
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 9 th June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 th June 2017	Year 1 and 2 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

St Peter's Church Dates

Sunday, 29th January 2017 @ 16:00

Plough Sunday