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Date: Friday, 15th April 2016

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to all our families, we hope you have had some lovely time together.

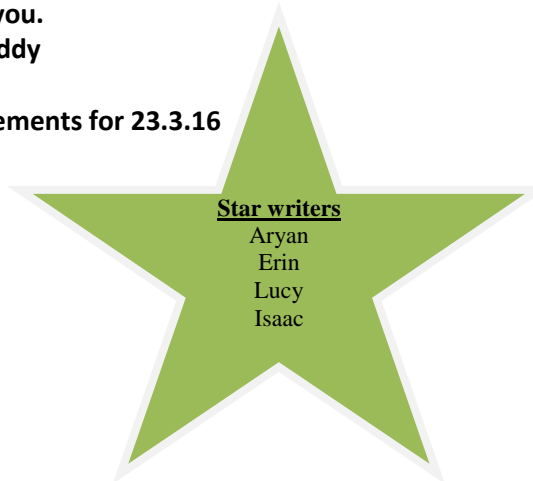
Our target next week will be to attend school every day and be on time. Our attendance has dipped over the past half term, so we need to get back on track.

This term we will no longer be sending the postcards in the post for the star of the week achievements. The postcards will be sent home with the child and a public mention will be added here.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 23.3.16



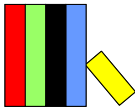
Star writers

Aryan
Erin
Lucy
Isaac



Being safe

Freya
Noah
Jack
Paddy



Parent Questionnaire - We would love to hear from you, please fill out this short survey to help us better our school.

Be Informed <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GJQ56XK>

Maternity cover- Mrs Wilkinson will be leaving us at the end of May to have a baby. We have employed Miss Freeman to cover this until the end on July. Well done to Miss Freeman for being successful in the interview process and we welcome her to our team.

Starfish Trip - This visit takes place next Wednesday, 20th April. 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. The deadline for this is Sunday 17th April. 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.

Bookclub – Leaflets for the bookclub have been sent home today. Please ensure any orders are passed to the office with payment by cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') or cash by Friday 25th April.

Parent Pay – Please be reminded that if you haven't already paid for this terms school dinners, this should be done as soon as possible. We also have a number of older balances which need to be paid. If you are having difficulty with payment please contact the office to make suitable arrangements.

Cancellation of the One Page Profile Review Invitation - As you will be aware there was an invitation to all parents Y1-Y6 to review their children's One Page Profiles on Monday 18th April. We have listened to feedback from the children, staff and parents about the review process and a decision has been made to cancel the review date this term. In place of this we will be sending the profiles home at the end of the year so parents can see the celebration stickers that the children have been awarded throughout the year. The feedback was that the children had nothing to add to their profiles so it wasn't purposeful to review them so frequently. Having said this, the initial invitation to parents to come into new classrooms at the beginning of the year was well received by all and something that we intend to keep. As always we really welcome your feedback so if you have any further comments on this please email them into the school admin address FAO: Ms. Wolff

Message From Mrs Sayner - Thank you all for the wonderful cards, gifts, flowers and best wishes I received on my retirement from Kirk Smeaton Primary school.

I first started here at Kirk Smeaton on 16 March 1990 when Mrs Hazel Willis was Headteacher, there were 36 pupils on roll in two classes, no school hall, kitchen, or Eagles, Dolphins or Starfish classrooms and only a portable typewriter to work on! It was just a few hours a week at first gradually increasing and increasing and then in 1991 I also began work in the school office at Womersley Primary School.

I was at Womersley School for 14 years until sadly it had to close but I'm glad to say, close ties have now developed between the two communities.

In my 26 years here and working alongside six brilliant Headteachers and numerous great teachers and support staff, pupils and governors I have seen Kirk Smeaton School grow and develop into the successful and thriving school that it is today and I am very proud to have been part of all this.

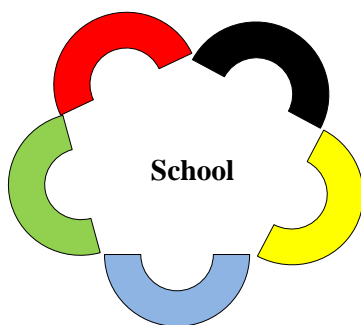
I have been very fortunate to work alongside wonderful admin staff and helpers who have provided valuable help and support in the school office.

I would like to thank everyone – past and present pupils, staff, parents, governors, volunteers and everyone connected to the two schools for making my time here so enjoyable. Challenging sometimes but always enjoyable!

I have been extremely happy here and have so many good and fun memories, it has been a large part of my life for so many years and I will miss you all!

Whilst I am sad to say goodbye, I am looking forward immensely to the next phase in my life and would like to wish you all the very best for the future success of the school.

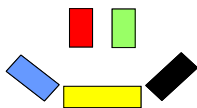
Thank you all.



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.



Lions Space DVD – If you have ordered a DVD of the Lions play, these are now awaiting collection in the school office.

Be Happy

Lost Property – We have a large amount of lost property that has yet to be claimed – this includes uniforms, hats, gloves, scarves, coats and even the odd pump! If your child is missing an item please call into the office for a rummage. Anything left uncollected by Friday 22nd April will be donated to charity.

Parents and Friends - the initial meeting for the Summer Fair & Smeatons Got Talent (proposed date of Saturday 9th July), will be on Tuesday 29th April 8-9pm, in the Shoulder. Everyone is welcome - ideas, ideas, ideas, please!!



First aid- This year we have worked with Watsons Services in providing our staff with the relevant first aid qualifications. The trainer is passionate about first aid and writes a blog about keeping safe. If you

Be Safe would like any more information please see the link.

<http://www.watsontrainingservices.co.uk/news/>

The School Drive – Can we please ask that children do not run, cycle or scooter up and down the school drive. Please encourage your child/children to walk sensibly and therefore creating a safer environment for everyone



Sainsburys – We are now collecting Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. If you have any, please bring them into the school office. We can redeem these against sports and cooking equipment for the school, so all children can eat well, move well and live well!

Sports Relief – Well done to all of the children who took part in this, you did fantastic! Thankyou also to everyone who sponsored the children – we have managed to raise an amazing £625.82!

Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.33%
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 21/03/2016	
Whole school	93.50%
Starfish	95.37%
Dolphins	100%
Lions	87.88%
Eagles	95.26%

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
Starfish Trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park	Wednesday, 20 th April 2016
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 9 th May – Friday 13 th May 2016
Year 2 SATS Week	Monday 16 th May – Friday 20 th May 2016
Class photographs	Tuesday, 24 th May 2016
Race For Life Event	Thursday 26 th May 2016
School Closes	Friday, 27 th May 2016
School opens	Monday, 6 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 @ 2:30
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