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Date: Friday, 15th July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

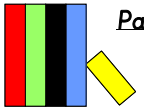
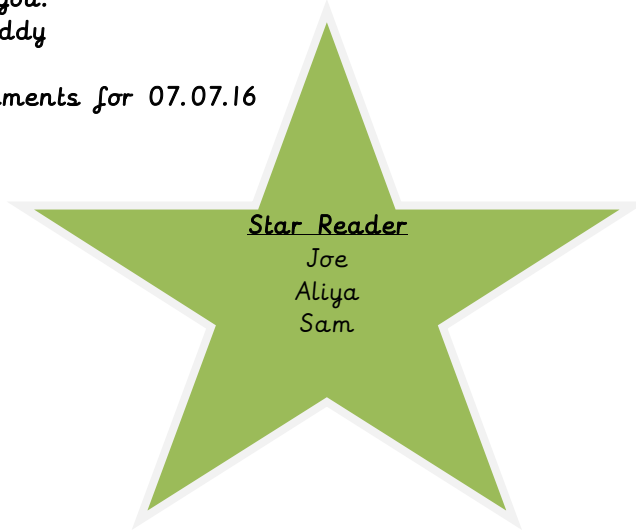
Thank you to all who have completed the report slips, if you have not had chance to fill it in, please do, all your comments help us provide a better service.

One more week until we break up, we hope all our families have a fabulous holiday and keep safe. Teachers will be sending spellings home for the next year, these are to work through with your child. We ask that over the holiday children keep reading, writing and doing lots of maths work. <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/> is a brilliant website full of maths games to work through and <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar> is a super website for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 07.07.16



Parentpay Balances - As the school year end is approaching can we please ask that you carefully check your parentpay accounts and ensure any outstanding payments are made before we close for the Summer on Friday, 22nd July 2016. Please ensure you take next weeks meals into account when making payment if your child has school lunches.

Kingswood Residential - Please be reminded that today, Friday, 15th July is the due date for our Residential visit to Kingswood in September, the transport fee is also due today. Please ensure this is paid before Monday, 18th July as School does need to pay the invoice in full before we close for the summer. Should you experience any difficulties in this request or with parentpay in any way, please speak in confidence to the office.

Dolphins - there will be no parent reading on Friday 22nd July

Pupil Updates - we have today sent home with each pupil a copy of the details we have on file for them as well as parents and carers. Please make sure this is checked carefully and if any changes are needed the form is updated and handed back into the school office. We have also sent home next terms menu and details surrounding school dinners. Please can everyone (regardless of whether you wish to change or not) send back stating what meal plan your child/children will be having from September. If both letters could be sent in before we break up it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations - if anyone has any unwanted iphone/ipad charging cables we would ask that you please consider donating them to school.

Lost Property - our lost property boxes are full to bursting again with various items of school wear (all un-named). If you believe any of it could belong to your child/children please make sure you collect before we break up for the summer. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Class Photographs - we have now been passed your orders back from Phototronics and they have been handed out. If you have not received your order please let the school office know as we have a couple that do not have names attached.

Boccia - This week we were privileged to have two fantastic Boccia players come into school to work with the children. All the children (and staff) had a lot of fun, and learnt so much - thank you to the guys for an amazing day!



Sports Equipment - we have noticed quite a few children are bringing balls from home into school. Please can we make sure these are not brought in during school hours.

Raffle Winners - congratulations to everyone that won a prize at the Smeaton Fayre Raffle - all prizes have now been handed out, with the exception of one - Lisa Baulby if you're out there we have a prize waiting for you. Please come into the school office to collect before we break up for the summer.

Starfish Explorers Stakeholder Consultation

Thank you to all who sent comments on the proposed consultation of the new Starfish Explorers provision. All comments have been discussed and hopefully have been answered where possible in the letter from the chair of governors, Rebecca Rawson. I am happy to announce that Starfish Explorers will be going ahead in October 2016. We feel that this decision is the very best for the school.

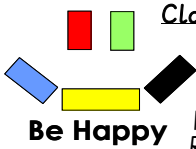
It provides children the best possible start in their education and school life, which in turn will have a positive impact on the results at Key stage one and eventually in key stage two at Kirk Smeaton C of E School.

We are setting the charge for this provision so that it is at least cost neutral to school and, to the extent it provides more funds into the school budget, this will allow the school to deploy more support work for our current children in Reception to Year 6.

The decision will stabilise the school further and we hope that over time we have more balanced numbers in each year group as a result of this provision.

If you are interested in using this service please see Mrs Maltby and she will add your name to a list. In September all paperwork will be finalised and sent out to those who have expressed an interest.

More information on staffing will be shared as we know more information on numbers attending but please note our intention is to use funds raised from our charge for this new provision to pay for any extra staffing requirements as a result of having the provision (with surplus funds being used as mentioned above). If there are any questions, please pop in to the office and we will do our very best and answer them.



Class Assemblies

EAGLES- on 21st July at 1:45 pm Year 6 will be showcasing their talents in the leavers assembly. Year 6 parents are welcome to attend, though Year 5's will not be participating so we ask that these parents do not attend.

RECEPTION GRADUATION - this will be at 9am on Tuesday 19th July. Year 1 parents, carers and grandparents are also welcome.

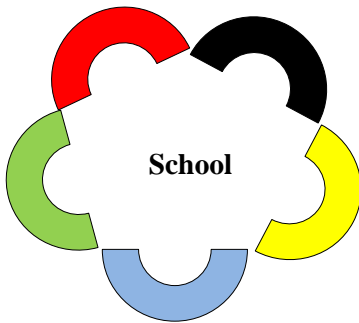
Smeaton Summer Fayre - A massive thank you to the parents who planned, set up and manned the stalls at this years Summer Fayre - it was amazing to see all that turned out to support us on the day, despite the lousy weather conditions in the morning.

A massive thank you to our sponsors;

- West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
- Pizza Express
- Doncaster Knights Rugby
- Flexible Exercise
- Laser Zone
- Clarks Vehicle Services
- Momentum Fitness Coaching
- Sol-X
- Xercise 4Less - Xscape
- 4D Golf - Xscape
- Mr Mulligans Pirate Golf - Xscape
- Dovecote Park
- Wentbridge House
- Greenwood and Brown Vets
- Xplore Soft play Xscape

We couldn't raise this amount without your continued support. We are most grateful.

We managed to raise £2152.30, despite the weather. A huge thank you to Parents and Friends for all their hard work. Please join them if you can, and this could grow and grow with more help and ideas.



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.

Wellies - from September we are hoping to be able to provide wellies for all Starfish children to wear outdoors, rather than using trainers. If anybody would like to donate a pair in any child size or colour it would be greatly appreciated.

After School Clubs - there will be no after-school classes with Sue the first week back in September, but they will be running from 12th September as per the schedule on our website. Don't forget to get your names down for her new art club too!



Rio Update - all the children have made excellent progress for our 'Walk to Rio' challenge. So far they have accumulated 3734 miles - we are now parallel closer to South America than Africa. Keep it up guys!

Race For Life - thank you to everyone who sponsored our Race for Life event, and to everyone that participated. We've raised a total of £710.50!



Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.14%
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

<i>w/c 04/07/2016</i>	
<i>Whole school</i>	<i>96.16%</i>
<i>Starfish</i>	<i>97.39%</i>
<i>Dolphins</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Lions</i>	<i>92.42%</i>
<i>Eagles</i>	<i>97.62%</i>

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
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 st July 2016
Last day	Friday, 22 nd July 2016