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Date: Friday, 16th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a fantastic week at Kirk Smeaton School, the children have settled very well into school life. I have been amazed by the number of smiley faces I have seen and the manners of all children have been impeccable. Keep it up children.

All the building work is now complete and the school is looking super.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy



One Page Profile - If you did not make the one page profile or the parent presentation, please see <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/newsletters-news/news/>.

Be Informed The session outlined general house-keeping, homework age related expectations and handwriting.

Harvest festival - we have planned for our Harvest Festival to take place on Monday 3rd October at 9.30am, and parents are of course invited to join us. This year we will also be looking for donations of tinned / canned food for the food bank, and fresh produce to be sold in the pub that evening.

Please could all Starfish and Dolphins come dressed as scarecrows ready for their performance in church - old hats, shirts and straw.

Eagles Trip - letters have been sent home today with Eagles children regarding their upcoming trip to the Headingley Water Treatment Works on Thursday 13th October. The trip is now set up on Parentpay where consent must be given. Please make sure this is done by Friday 7th October. If you have any problems please speak to the school office.

Book Club - the latest leaflets have now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are handed into the school office by September 30th, and that cheques are made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.

Library Bus - this is next in Kirk Smeaton on 27th September. Please make sure you send your child with their library card and any books that need to be returned.

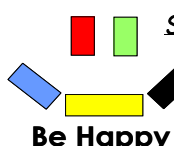
Starfish Explorers - Starfish explorers will be opening its doors for 3 year olds on 31st October. Admission packs will be handed out to parents who have requested a place for their child shortly and we will be holding a launch afternoon on Monday 10th October at 2pm.

Kingswood Residential:

For those parents who were unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, please see below a few important pieces of information. Should you require a list of suggested clothing, please pop into the office.

- Coach to depart at 10am on Monday, 26th September for an 11am arrival. Children who are attending the Residential do not need to be in school until 9.45am.
- The return Coach departs Kingswood on Wednesday, 28th September at 1.30pm so the expected arrival time is approximately 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to collect children at this time or alternatively collect at normal 3.30pm. We just ask that all children come up the School drive once off the bus so we can see who is being collected.
- If your child has any prescribed medication, please ensure the office is made aware on the morning of the trip and the necessary form is completed. Medicine will be passed to a member of staff who is attending the trip.
- Luggage Labels aren't provided, Kingswood just ask that everything is named and you pop a sticker on the luggage with your child's name on (or your own luggage label if you prefer)
- There is a small shop on site, we do ask that the maximum pocket money is £10
- All children require a water bottle with their name on.

Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



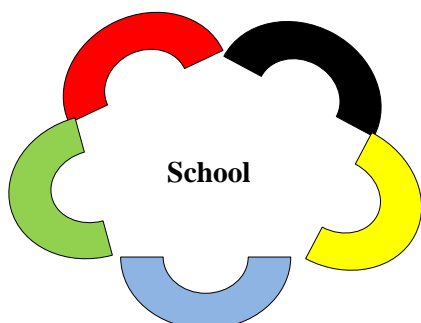
Starfish Grandparents Tea Party - we would like to invite the children's Grandparents to a tea party in our classroom on Friday 30th September 11.00-12.00. On this day, if possible, please send your child dressed as a waiter or waitress as they will be serving their grandparents. An apron will be sufficient, please don't add too much stress to your already very busy lives.

Be Happy

Guitar Lessons - this year lessons take place on a Thursday morning. If your child is signed up to these please ensure they bring their guitars each week.

Grandparents Day - we are inviting grandparents of Dolphins, Lions and Eagles into school for tea and cake at 2.30 on Friday 30th September. We look forward to seeing you all there.

SEND Provision - ISOS are conducting a review of the SEND provisions in our area and they are keen for parents / carers to be involved and give their view. If you wish to take part they are offering parent workshops, or individual telephone discussions. Please see the attached letter for further information.



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



Flu Vaccine - all Years 1, 2 and 3 children have been offered the Influenza Vaccination this year, and letters have been sent home. The vaccine will be given on Tuesday 15th November. Please ensure all forms are returned the school office by Friday 30th September.

Reminder - with the start of a new school year, please remember to be vigilant and monitor your children for any signs of head lice. Prevent, detect and treat!

Parent Toddler Dance Class - Message from Sue Brierley

As many of you will be aware, Charlotte Brown is raising money for The Childrens Liver Disease Foundation, a charity very close to her heart as her daughter Enola suffers from Liver Disease. I would like to help raise some money for this amazing cause by offering to teach a parent toddler dance class (hopefully in pre-school) one afternoon per week prior to school pick up. I will donate all class fees for the first 6 weeks to CLDF so I hope you can come along and support this amazing charity whilst having fun, learning to dance with your little ones! Please contact me to register your interest : sue@tappytots.co.uk

Many thanks,
Sue Brierley

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for last week - 97.89%

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

w/c 05/09/2016	
Whole school	97.89%
Starfish	100.00%
Dolphins	97.00%
Lions	98.53%
Eagles	97.00%

Important dates for your diary

Monday, 26 th – 28 th September 2016	Kingswood Residential
Thursday 29 th – 30 th September 2016	Starfish Harvest Week – Cooking Mornings
Friday, 30 th September 2016 @ 11:00-12:00	Starfish Grandparents Tea Party
Friday, 30 th September 2016 @ 14:30	Grandparents Day (Dolphins, Lions, Eagles)
Monday, 3 rd October 2016 @9:30	Harvest Festival
Monday, 10 th October 2016 @ 14:00	Starfish Explorers Launch Afternoon
Thursday, 13 th October 2016	Eagles Trip to Headingley Water Treatment Works
Friday, 14 th October 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 21 st October 2016	Multi sports day for all classes – P.E. kits needed
Friday, 21 st October 2016	School closes
Monday, 31 st October 2016	School opens
Friday, 11 th November 2016	Remembrance Day
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	Class assemblies
Monday 28 th and Wednesday 30 th November	Parents evening
Thursday, 8 th December 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Christmas play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes