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We have had a super term, well done to all our amazing children and staff for all their work and effort. I hope you are all feeling festive from the fabulous carol concerts, nativities and Christingle services. It is so nice to have so many of our parents/carers, grandparents and extended families join us for these occasions. Kirk Smeaton School staff would like to say Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all. We hope you have a lovely time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all on 4th January.

Mrs Cuddy



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.

Lions Trip - Lions will be visiting The Deep on January 26th. A letter has been sent home this week 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.

Starfish Explorers - We hope Children who joined Starfish Explorers on Monday, 31st October have enjoyed their first half term, we've certainly enjoyed having you and look forward to welcoming you and some new children in January 2017. Invoices have now been issued for the next half term covering the period Wednesday, 4th January - Friday, 17th February 2017. Thank you to everyone who has already made payment. May we remind you that payment **must** be made in advance and by the due date to ensure a place is kept for your child. The due date for next half terms invoices is today, Friday, 16th December 2016. If for some reason you haven't received your invoice, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Parentpay - School Dinners

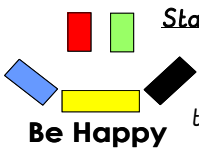
School meals amounts due for the next half term are £70.95 (33 meals @ £2.15 per day). If your child has a meal plans the amounts due are as follows:

- 1 meal per week - £15.05
- 2 meals per week - £30.10

3 meals per week - £45.15
4 meals per week - £60.20

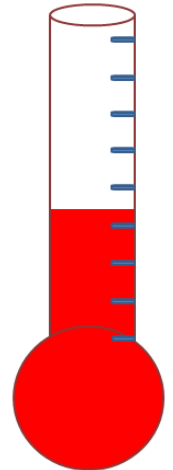
If your child has is on a meal plan and has dinners on a Monday/Tuesday, please remember to deduct £2.15 for Monday, 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd January when school is closed.

As a reminder school dinners must be paid for in advance and the due date for the above meals is **Friday, 30th December 2016**. When making payment, please take into account any debits/credits showing on your parentpay accounts.

 **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.

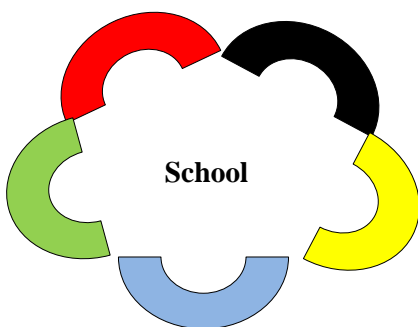
Donations - if anyone has any unwanted, complete packs of playing cards or dominoes please consider donating them to us. We have found they are great for intervention work with the children and make a great resource

Christmas Carols - Tuesday, 13th December - Thank you to everyone who came along to join in our Christmas Carols on Tuesday afternoon, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. A total of £107.20 was raised in donations on this afternoon which will help us purchase new dictionaries. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



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.

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.



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



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. It has been noted that people are driving at speed up and down the drive, please go SLOW, we need to keep everyone safe.

School Hall Access - in the interests of Health and Safety and keeping our children safe, we recently changed our School Hall key code. The only persons authorised to use this code are Staff members and other users of the Hall that School have given the code to in confidence. Unfortunately it has been brought to our attention that certain pupils have been using this code and more astonishingly so have their parents to gain access. May we take this opportunity to kindly ask that under no circumstances should anyone other than authorised users be accessing the Hall using the Key code.



Race to Santa - this terms running target will be to Lapland to see Santa before he sets off on his magical journey. After many kilometers (3009 to be exact) our fantastic pupils and staff have made it!! Now it's time to put our feet up and enjoy the festivities. Hopefully Santa can drop us all back at home on his rounds...



Football Club - Coach Clayton will be running his football club next term, starting from Wednesday 4th January 2017. For the 7 week period, it will be at a cost of £28 for one hour a week, or £56 for the 2 hour sessions. All payment is to be made direct to Coach Clayton. Monday's Multi-Sports will not be continued in January, though it will be reviewed when the weather improves and we will notify you of any changes.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.27%

| w/c 05/12/2016 | Attendance | | | Punctuality | |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Attendance | Pupils Absent | Sessions Absent (AM and PM) | Minutes Late | Pupils Late |
| Whole school | 96.32% | 15 | 36 | 142 | 16 |
| Starfish | 98.18% | 2 | 2 | 56 | 4 |
| Dolphins | 98.80% | 2 | 3 | 14 | 4 |
| Lions | 91.47% | 10 | 29 | 16 | 4 |
| Eagles | 99.20% | 1 | 2 | 56 | 4 |

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 20 children who are below 95% attendance this term. 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 37 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! This half term (31/10/16-9/12/16) we had 57 children who came to school every day- well done! All children who get 100% attendance for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize.

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby



Important dates for your diary

Wednesday, 4th January 2017
Friday, 6th January 2017
Friday, 6th January 2017 @ 9:00

Thursday, 19th January 2017
Thursday, 26th January 2017
Wednesday, 1st March 2017 @ 9:10
Tuesday, 7th March 2017
Wednesday, 8th March 2017
Wednesday, 5th April 2017 @ 9:30
Thursday, 6th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00
Week Beginning 8th May 2017
Week Beginning 15th May 2017
Friday, 9th June 2017 @ 14:30
Week Beginning 12th June 2017
Tuesday, 20th June 2017
Tuesday, 27th June 2017
Saturday, 8th July 2017
Monday, 17th July 2017

School opens
Epiphany
Parent Information Session on Internet Safety
Bags 2 School Collection
Lions Trip to The Deep
Ash Wednesday Service
Parents Evening
Parents Evening
Easter Service
Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Year 6 SATS
Year 1 SATS
KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Tests
Sports Day
Reserve Sports Day
Summer Fair
Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents



St Peter's Church Dates

Monday, 19th December 2016 @ 18:00
Saturday, 24th December 2016 @ 21:15
Sunday, 25th December 2016 @ 9:15

Village Carol Service
Christmas Communion Service
Christmas Communion Service

St Martin's Church Dates

Wednesday, 21st December 2016 @ 19:30
Saturday, 24th December 2016 @ 15:00
Saturday, 24th December 2016 @ 23:00
Sunday, 25th December 2016 @ 9:30

Carols by Candle-light
Crib Service
First Mass of Christmas
Holy Communion

