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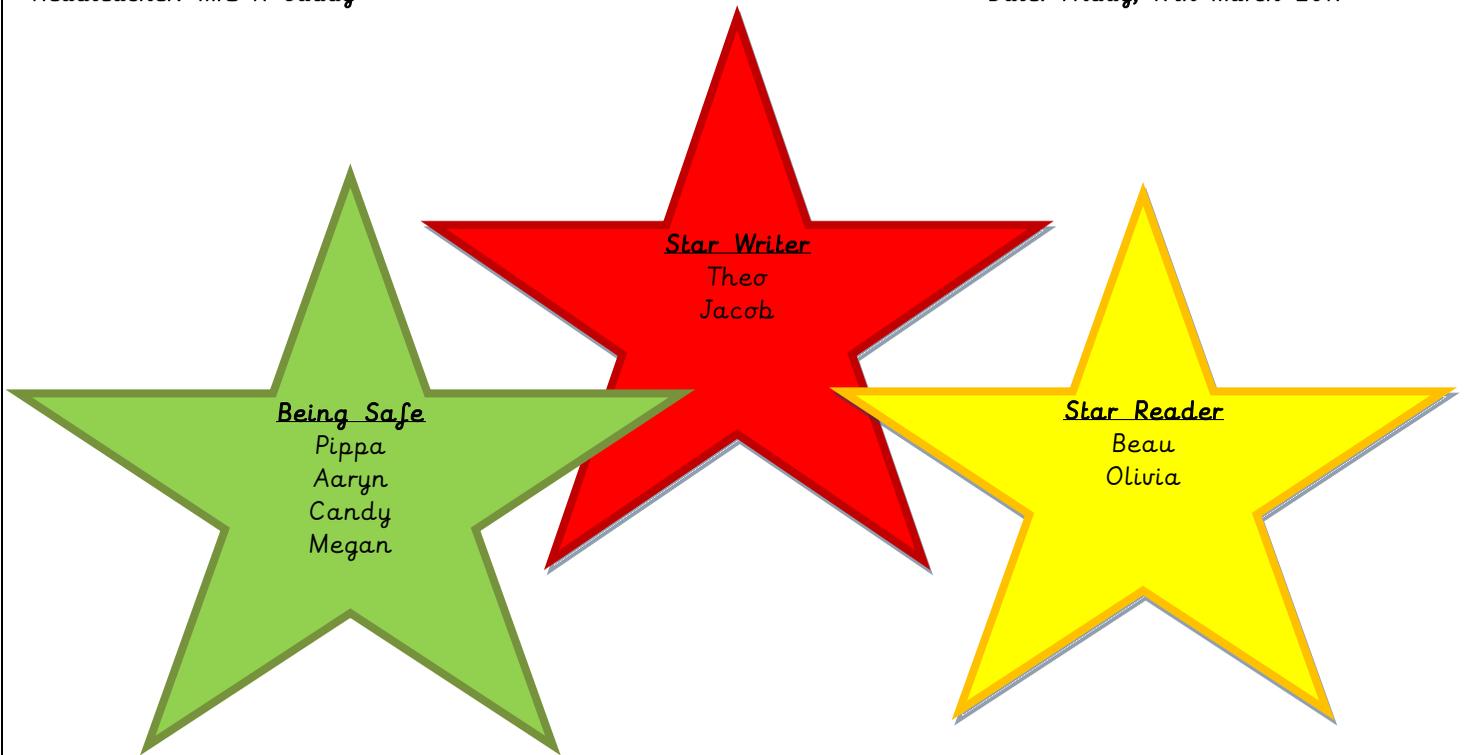
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 17th March 2017



After school care - a letter was sent home last week regarding this. Thank you to all who have sent the letters back already. If you have not yet returned the booking form but require afterschool provision from Easter, please make sure this is handed into us by **Be Informed** Friday 24th March. Miss Humphreys is our new dedicated play leader and will be coming in to meet the children before our exciting new clubs start. There's going to be a fantastic range of indoor and outdoor activities available in school as well as support with homework.

Starfish Explorers Stay and Play - our next stay and play session will be on Thursday 6th April from 2 - 3pm for children whose birthdays are between 01/01/2014 - 31/03/2014 and will be starting nursery from 25th April. If you would like a slot reserving please contact the school office.

If your child will be starting Nursery explorers or Reception next year please come along to the parent meeting on 5th May at 2pm. There will be a stay and play session for any child starting Reception and Nursery in September 2017 on the 15th May at 2-3pm.

Book Club - leaflets have now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office along with payment by cash or cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') by Friday 24th March.

Year 2 Football - on the afternoon of 31st March, we will be taking our Year 2's to the Campsmount Football Festival. We will be leaving school after lunch and returning in time for pick up as normal. Transport is just being finalized but a letter with further details will be sent home shortly. If you have any queries before this is received please get in touch.

Forest School After School Club - In addition to the after school provision already suggested, Ms Wolff will be setting up a Forest School Club on a Monday 3.30pm-5pm for Key Stage 2. There is currently a gap in the provision at this time for KS2 therefore it seemed sensible to offer it to this group of children first. If it is a success and there is demand for it we can run it for KS1 for the last half term. A letter has been sent home with our KS2 children this week. If you would like a slot reserving, please complete the form provided and hand back to school by 24th March.

Free School Meals - if you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please pop into the office and have a confidential discussion so we can help get this set up for you.

Campsmount Dance - on 29th March we will be taking part in Campsmount's Dance Competition again. This year we will be entering 2 teams; Lions, and Eagles. Our Year 2's will also be opening the show! In the lead up we will be having rehearsals during school time, but closer to the time there will be a couple of after school rehearsals. The show itself starts at 6:30pm, with children needed at Campsmount for 6pm.

Transport has now been arranged, at a cost of £13 per child, which can be made on parentpay. A letter has been sent home with confirmation of times and tickets. Ticket orders are now available for collection from the school office. Please make sure you pick these up before 4pm on Wednesday 22nd March.

Costumes;

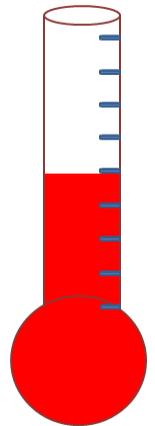
Dolphins will need to wear trainers, black trousers, and a white or red top.

Lions will need to be dressed as predators or prey - this can be as simple or extravagant as you like. For example, rabbits can come dressed in white, or tigers in orange and we'll paint some whiskers on. Please do not worry too much about this, just do as little or as much as you can.

Eagles; boys need to wear a white shirt with a black bow tie, black non-slip shoes and black/grey trousers, and girls need to wear a red mid-length dress with no shoes.

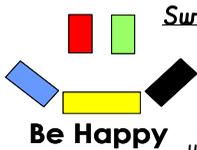
Lions Play - this has now been rescheduled to Tuesday 4th April at 2pm. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope to see you there.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March from 15:10 until 16:00. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap. We are particularly interested in any uniform with the school logo on, so if you have any lying around please bring them in.



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 an annual pass to your choice of National Trust, National Trust Scotland, or CADW. 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 - 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 has now been confirmed for our swimming lessons, and following a generous contribution from Parents & Friends, the cost per child is £65.00. This amount is now set up on parentpay. If you haven't already done so, can we please ask that the balance is paid as soon as possible.

Donations - if anyone has any old (but still in good repair) scooters and helmets please consider donating them to school.

Starfish - Ms Wolff will be baking with our Starfish children every Monday and we ask that children that attend on this day kindly make a donation towards ingredients. There is an envelope on the parents info board in Starfish, or you can hand to the school office. Thank you in advance.



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

Starfish Explorers- Extended Early Years Entitlement - An email has been sent to our Starfish Explorers parents today regarding a change in this. If you have an queries please contact Mrs Marner.

Easter Tombola - Parents and Friends will be holding an Easter tombola to be drawn on the last day of this term. Donations of chocolate would be greatly received, and raffle tickets will be on sale shortly.

Fundraising Stamps - we have teamed up with Fundraising Stamps to help raise money for Shooting Star Chase (<http://www.fundraisingstamps.com/shooting-star-chase>), a hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. All we need from you is your used stamps. We send these on to Fundraising Stamps, who give us a nominal donation towards school resources, and they sell on to collectors to raise money for our chosen charity. It's a simple scheme that can do a lot of good for a lot of people. Please remember to save any used, undamaged stamps and send them into the school office. Thank you.

St Peters Church, Kirk Smeaton - Can you spare an hour to increase your understanding and think about the small things we can do to make a difference to people affected by dementia in any way in our community? If so please join us in church on Monday 3rd April between 2 and 3pm for a free session - all are welcome!

Invitation - to celebrate Red Nose Day and Mothers day, we would like to invite all parents and grandparents to a tea and coffee afternoon on Friday 24th March from 1:30pm. Please let the school office know if you would like to join us by Friday 17th March, or if you are available to help us serve.

Children are invited to wear non-uniform also, with a red theme for Red Nose Day, for a donation of £1 to be split between school and Comic Relief.



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.



Be Safe

Road Safety - please can we remind all parents and carers to park in sensible spaces in order to avoid drives being blocked, traffic blockages and most importantly to keep every pedestrian safe.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.30%

w/c 06/03/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	92.68%	10	69	6	108
Starfish	95.45%	2	5	1	30
Dolphins	90.80%	3	23	2	41
Lions	96.88%	1	10	0	0
Eagles	86.52%	4	31	3	37

We have 17 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! Each half term any child who has got 100% attendance will go into a prize draw to win some stationary and books. Good luck everyone!

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

Friday, 24 th March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
Friday, 24 th March 2017	Non Uniform Day
Friday, 24 th March 2017 @ 13:30	Tea and Coffee Afternoon for all Parents and Grandparents
Monday, 27 th March 2017 @ 15:00-17:30	Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 th March 2017 @ 13:00-15:00	Dress Rehearsal for Campsmount Dance Competition
Wednesday, 29 th March 2017	Campsmount Dance Competition
Thursday, 30 th March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Friday, 31 st March 2017	Year 2 Football Festival @ Campsmount
Tuesday, 4 th April 2017 @ 14:00	Lions Play
Wednesday, 5 th April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Friday, 7 th April 2017	School Closes
Tuesday, 25 th April 2017	School Opens
Monday, 1 st May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday, 5 th May 2017 @ 14:00	New Parent Presentation
Week Beginning 8 th May 2017	Year 6 SATS
Monday, 15 th May 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 26 th May 2017	School Closes
Monday, 5 th June 2017	School Opens
Friday, 9 th June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 th June 2017	Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests
Wednesday, 14 th June 2017	Year 5 ½ Day Taster at Campsmount
Thursday, 15 th June 2017 @ 9:00	Class Photographs
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
Friday, 21 st July 2017	School Closes

[St Peters Church, Kirk Smeaton](#)

[Sunday, 26th March 2017 @ 9:15](#)

[Mothering Sunday Service](#)

[Monday, 3rd April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00](#)

[Dementia Friends Information Session](#)

KIDZONE

How fast can you spot the missing Noses?
Race with your friends!

