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Dear Parents/Carers

This week our target was to stay safe in the sun, I think I may have jinxed the weather (apologies) as the children have not had the chance due to the rain. Next week we have two targets, to add a little extra energy to the mile a day run and finally to ensure that all children wear the appropriate school uniform. It has been noticed that children are wearing black trainers and not plain black school shoes. It was decision made by school to ensure that every child wears the same shoe to avoid the peer pressures of fashion. I ask for all parents to provide an appropriate school shoe for their child.

Thank you for your support in the matter.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 27.5.16

### Star Reader

Frasier  
Milan  
Aryan  
Isaac

### Being Helpful

Billy  
Gracie  
Thomas  
Oliver



**Sports Day** - as the weather unfortunately meant we had to cancel this weeks Sports Day, we have moved it to Tuesday 21st June (weather permitting), so please remember to

**Be Informed** send your children with P.E. kits, trainers, suncream, sunhats and plenty of water.

Dolphins, Lions and Eagles will be starting at 1pm and then at 2:30pm Starfish will be joining them until 3:15pm. Parents are welcome to come and cheer them on, and we hope to see you all there! At the event all donations will be towards the cost of a defibrillator for the Smeaton community. There will be tea, coffee and some small crafts for sale. If anyone would be kind enough to do some baking for the event also it would be greatly appreciated.

**Non uniform day**- on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July all children are invited to wear non uniform, but instead of asking for money, we ask that all children bring a tombola prize for the Summer Fair on the Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you in advance.

**Summer fair preparation**- the final meeting for the Summer Fair is on Tuesday 28th June at 8pm in the Shoulder pub. After the meeting there will be a list outside school with a wish list of donations and jobs. If you are able to help we really appreciate it, please add your name to the list. We are hoping to raise funds to pay for activity lines on the playground, so we have a target of £3000. Thank you again for your continued support.

**Eagles Trip to Cobblers Lane** - a letter has been sent home this week with Eagles children detailing their upcoming trip to Cobblers Lane Primary on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. This has now been set up on parent pay where consent and payment can be given. Please let the office know of any problems as soon as possible.

**Parentpay Changes** - You may have noticed when logging into your parentpay account that it has changed slightly. Parentpay are constantly looking to make improvements to their service by feedback given from customers.

I have attached some guidance to this email but the main change you need to be aware of is that you need to pay money or 'top up' money into 'My Account' before being able to pay for services. The idea behind this is that you can budget more easily for things by paying money into 'My Account' frequently if you wish to do so. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you experience any difficulties.

**Artistic Instruments** - in preparation for our sports day, everyone is invited to make an instrument at home to cheer on the day. We have attached an instruction sheet for some carnival maracas, but feel free to make the instrument of your choice.

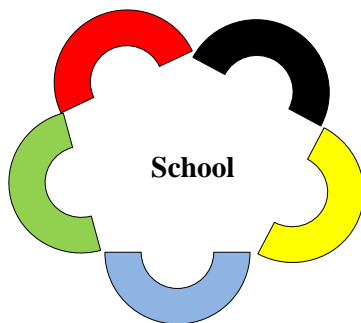


**School Dinner/Packed Lunches** - Please be reminded that when you wish your child to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa that we need at least two weeks notice. It has been brought to our attention that some children are just bringing packed lunches or requesting a school dinners at lunch time on an adhoc basis. I'm sure you can appreciate this causes a lot of problems for the office and the School Cook as she only prepares meals based on the numbers we give her each week.

**Pre-School Announcement** - there will be no breakfast club or pre-school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June as the room is being used as the local polling station.

**Website Update** - along with sending trip letters home, we now also publish these on our website. You can find a copy of any upcoming trip letter in the diary dates section, and we ask that you refer to this if your copy is lost.

**After School Clubs** - details of Septembers after school clubs can now be found on the website under the 'School Clubs' tab. I have also attached a letter from Mrs Brierley regarding the Art Club she is hoping to start in September. If your child may be interested in this please complete and hand into the school office.



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.

**Next year arrangements**-We are always looking for ways to develop learning within the school and whilst we are limited about the physical changes we can make because of the size of the building, we feel that there are some small changes we can make to our class structure to ensure that the youngest of our children, and any prospective pupils, get the best possible start.

From October 2016 we want to provide an afternoon nursery in school to support the local morning nursery provided by Mrs Beck and offer parents with additional childcare support. We believe that bringing nursery children into the Starfish classroom will provide a really solid start for all children starting at the school. So we can achieve this, in the coming year Year 1 and Year 2 will be based in the current Dolphins classroom and throughout the day they will have access Starfish resources this is to support the transition into Key stage 1 and 2.

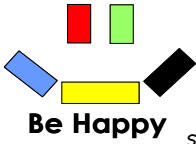
To allow us to achieve this next year the classes will be structured in the following way:

Y5/6 in Eagles classroom taught by Mrs Hursthouse and Miss Freeman

Y3/4 in Lions classroom taught by Miss Ghent

Y1/2 in Dolphins classroom taught by Miss Pounder

Reception and nursery in Starfish classroom taught by Ms Wolff and Mrs Morton



**Summer Fair** - we still desperately need donations of tombola prizes, bottles, sweets / chocolates, bottles of spirits and ingredients for the cocktail stall at this years summer fair. We are also looking for help with setting up the event and manning the stalls. If you can be of any assistance please let us know.

**Bookclub** - bookclub leaflets are being sent home tonight. Please can we have any orders by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Lions Assembly** - Miss Ghent will be hosting a Parents Assembly on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. The children will be showcasing their work, performing music with Mr Timmins, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Teddy Bears Picnic** - on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we will be hosting our Teddy Bears Picnic. All children who normally have a dinner will be given a lunch consisting of vegetable sticks, ½ sausage roll, a bun and a breadcake with filling of either ham, cheese, egg or tuna. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a lunch provided by our school cook for this please let the office know. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to come and join their children outside with your own picnic. Don't forget your picnic blankets and teddy bears!

**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.

**Small Freezer/Gazeha** - Does anyone have either of the above items blocking their garage/shed that they would like to clear out and donate to School? If so we'd be more than grateful! - If anyone knows of either of these items for sale at a reasonable price we would also be interested in purchasing.



**Rio Update** - all the children have made excellent progress for our 'Walk to Rio' challenge. So far they have accumulated 2825 miles - we have now reached Cape Verde!



**Race for Life** - the school will be hosting a race for life event on Thursday 7th July. Starfish and Dolphins will be running from 2pm, and Lions and Eagles from 2:30pm. The children have already been given a sponsor sheet and 'I race for life for...' sheet, both of which need to be returned before the day as the children will be wearing them on their back. Parents and children are all welcome to take part in the event, and we will attempt to run/walk 30 laps of the playground, which is 3 miles. Children will need a water bottle and PE kit for the day. Parents and friends will be serving refreshments - we hope to see you all there.

**Football Festival** - well done to all our Dolphins and Lions that competed in this weeks football festival. They all put in amazing effort and had a fantastic time.

**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance to date - 96.27%  
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 06/06/2016	
Whole school	91.08%
Starfish	88.52%
Dolphins	100%
Lions	92.42%
Eagles	87.50%

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

### **Important dates for your diary**

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Year 3 swimming lessons	Fridays 2-3pm
Sports Day	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016
Teddy Bears Picnic	Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016
Eagles Trip to Headingley Cricket Ground	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016
Year 1's Transition to Dolphins	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Lions Class Assembly	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Non Uniform Day	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
Book Swap	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
Y6 Campsmount Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Y6 Brayton Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Transition Morning for all Classes	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Race for life	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Summer Fair and Smeatons Got Talent	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Eagles Trip to Cobblers Lane Primary	Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Parents Open Evening	Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Lions Trip to Headingley	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016
Last day	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016