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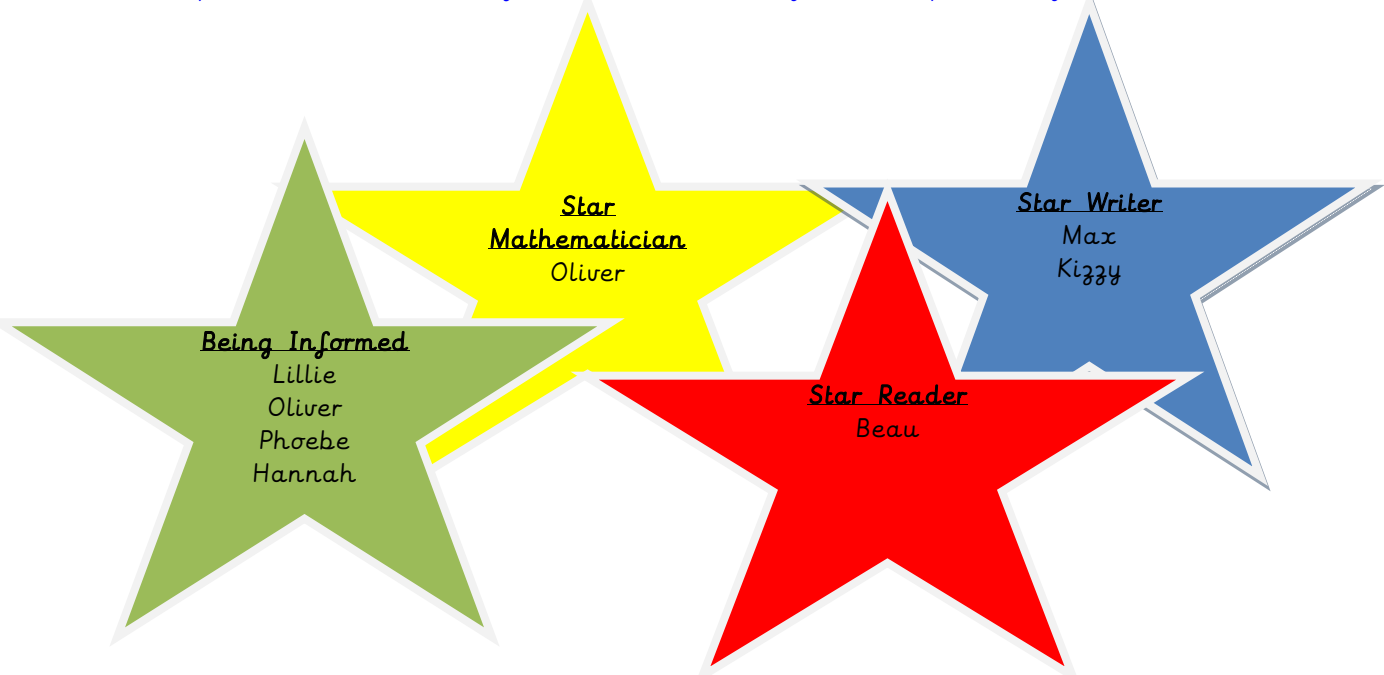


Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday, 18th November 2016

Dear Y5/6 parents,

In the coming weeks Eagles class will be talking about puberty and the changes they will face. This is taught through a range of videos and powerpoints. The videos can be found at https://www.healthpromotion.ie/health/inner/busy_bodies. Sex and relationships is taught from Reception- Y6; please see our website for further information and class materials <http://www.kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/school-information/parent-information/SRE/>



KSI Trip - Starfish and Dolphins will be visiting Wakefield Theatre on the 30th November to watch this years Pantomime of Sleeping Beauty. We will be leaving school after lunch, and returning for approximately 16:45, but a text will be sent out closer to the time with an update. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Be Informed

Christmas

Starfish explorers and Starfish nativity play- 8th December at 1.45pm

Dolphins nativity play- 8th December 2.30pm

Lions and Eagles carol service and mince pies- 13th December at 2-3pm

Starfish and Dolphins Church service- 14th December at 1.30pm.

Lions and Eagles Christingle service- 14th December at 2.30pm.

We have separated the Church services to accommodate the number of people attending, we hope that this will allow you to see your child fully and also ensure we stay within a safe number of people allowed in the church at one time.

Parents Evening - sign up sheets have now been released for each class and are available in the classrooms. If you do not drop off / pick up your child but would like a slot reserving please contact the school office.

Staffing - Ms Wolff has returned to working 3 days a week after covering Mrs Morton full time in recent weeks. Mrs Morton is recovering well from a recent operation and we hope that she will be fit for work soon. Miss Freeman will be covering the other days in Starfish. Mrs Hursthouse, Ms Wolff and Miss Freeman have been extremely flexible in changing their working days to make this transition very smooth. Thank you to all staff and parents for the patience and understanding during this time.

Miss Shearman will be leaving us on 25th November; we wish her luck in her new school and thank her for her work at Kirk Smeaton C of E School.

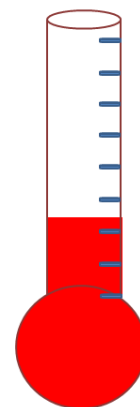
Dolphins Trip - on Monday 21st November, Dolphins will be attending a Multi-Skills festival at Campsmount. Letters have been sent home this week, and it is set up on parentpay for payment and consent. Should you have any queries please contact the school office.

Christmas Fair - the school fair will take place on Saturday 3rd December from 11am. We will be holding a non-uniform day on 25th November and are asking for donations of tombola / raffle prizes rather than money.

Do you own or work for a local business? Would you be willing to sponsor or donate a raffle prize to our school Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Fair? Perhaps a pair of cinema tickets, or an M&S voucher? It's a great marketing opportunity as all of our sponsors are clearly displayed! All raffle proceeds are used to provide school resources and in the past have contributed to climbing walls, iPads, scooter tracks, maths resources and building refurbishment to name a few. If you are able to help, please contact Rachel Suaznabar on smeatonraffle@gmail.com with details of your donation and company logo. Thankyou.

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.

Shoe box appeal- Kirk Smeaton school is supporting the Rainbow Foundation this year, but if parents would still like to take part in this St Giles Church in Pontefract is taking donations. Please see Mrs Cessford for more information.



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.

Rainbow Foundation - this year we will be helping the Rainbow Foundation in Mozambique. This is a wonderful charity that has set up schools, environmental projects, and is in the process of building a health clinic. We are asking for donations of money to send the things that have been donated. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be handed into the school office by Friday 25th November. Thank you to those who have donated so far - you have been extremely generous!

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.

Christmas Dinner - our fabulous kitchen staff will be offering a Christmas Dinner on 7th December. This will be given to all those who normally have a school dinner. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Wednesday but they would like a Christmas Dinner, please let the school office know by Friday 25th November.

Starfish Explorers - Childcare Vouchers - We are pleased to advise that we can now accept Childcare vouchers for payment of Starfish Explorers invoices. Most employers who provide Childcare Vouchers do so through a salary sacrifice scheme. This means you agree to reduce your salary by a certain value, and receive Childcare Vouchers to the same value but pay no tax or National Insurance on these vouchers.

We are currently registered with the following companies:

Computershare - www.computersharevoucherservices.com

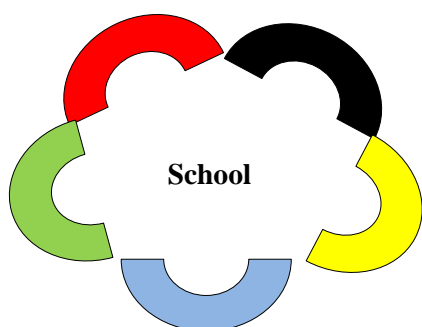
Fideliti - childcare@fideliti.co.uk

Edenred - www.edenred.co.uk

If you receive childcare vouchers from any other companies and would like to use them, please let us know and we'll happily register with other companies.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marnier should you have any queries regarding this.

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

Book Club - this half terms book club leaflet has now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are passed to the school office by Friday 25th November, with payment made by cheque to 'Kirk Smeaton School'. If any orders are Christmas presents please advise us so we do not pass the books across to your children.

Photographs - Local professional photographer Johanna Hilton will be in the Community Rooms on Sunday 4th December between 11am and 1pm and is offering photographic sessions for families or individuals. Johanna does not charge for taking the pictures, you only pay for the prints you order afterwards. Each slot will last fifteen minutes. If you would like to see the types of pictures Johanna takes, Lorna Thornley has had family photographs taken by Johanna for the last four years and is happy to show you some. To book a slot please email Johanna directly on info@johannahilton.co.uk



Seasonal Clothing - The weather is turning cold, so please ensure your children wear tights or trousers and ensure they come in a warm and waterproof coat.

Race to Santa - this terms running target will be to Lapland to see Santa before he sets off on his magical journey. We've got 2917km to cover, and have so far covered 1449km, which puts us in Brandstorp, Sweden, a town which only has around 116 residents! Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff - we're half way there!





Parking - please remember to be mindful when parking your cars for drop off and pick up. Residents need access to their properties, and enough room must be left on the road for emergency vehicles to get by.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.02%

w/c 07/11/2016	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Minutes Late	Pupils Late
Whole school	97.54%	12	24	Last weeks has already been published. We will update this section next week. It has been a marked improvement, thank you to all those who have made a difference.	
Starfish	98.18%	1	2		
Dolphins	97.20%	4	7		
Lions	97.06%	4	10		
Eagles	98.00%	3	5		

We have 24 children who are below 95% attendance this term so far. It is important that your child attends school each and every day in order to access all learning and reach their full potential.

On a positive note we have 51 children who have 100% attendance at present, let's hope they keep it up all year - Well done! All children who get 100% for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize. If your child gets 100% for the whole year, they get a certificate and put into a draw to win a £20 Argos voucher.

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Monday, 21 st November 2016	Dolphins Multi-Skills Festival at Campsmount
Friday, 25 th November 2016	Non Uniform Day (Tombola Prize Donations)
Monday, 28 th November 2016	Dolphins, Lions and Eagles Parents Evening
Tuesday, 29 th November 2016	Starfish, Dolphins and Lions Parents Evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2016	Lions and Eagles Parents Evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2106	Starfish and Dolphins Pantomime Trip
Saturday, 3 rd December 2016	Christmas Fair
Thursday, 8 th December 2016 @ 13:45	Starfish Christmas Play
Thursday, 8 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Dolphins Christmas Play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Tuesday, 13 th December 2016 @ 14:00-15:00	Christmas Carols in the Hall with Lions and Eagles
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016 @ 13:30	Christmas Service (Christingle for Starfish and Dolphins)
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service (Christingle for all KS2- Year 5 to lead)
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes
Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	School opens
Friday, 6 th January 2017 @ 9:00	Parent Information Session on Internet Safety
Thursday, 19 th January 2017	Bags 2 School Collection

Church Dates

Sunday, 11 th December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 th December 2016	Village Carol Service