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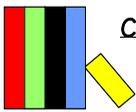
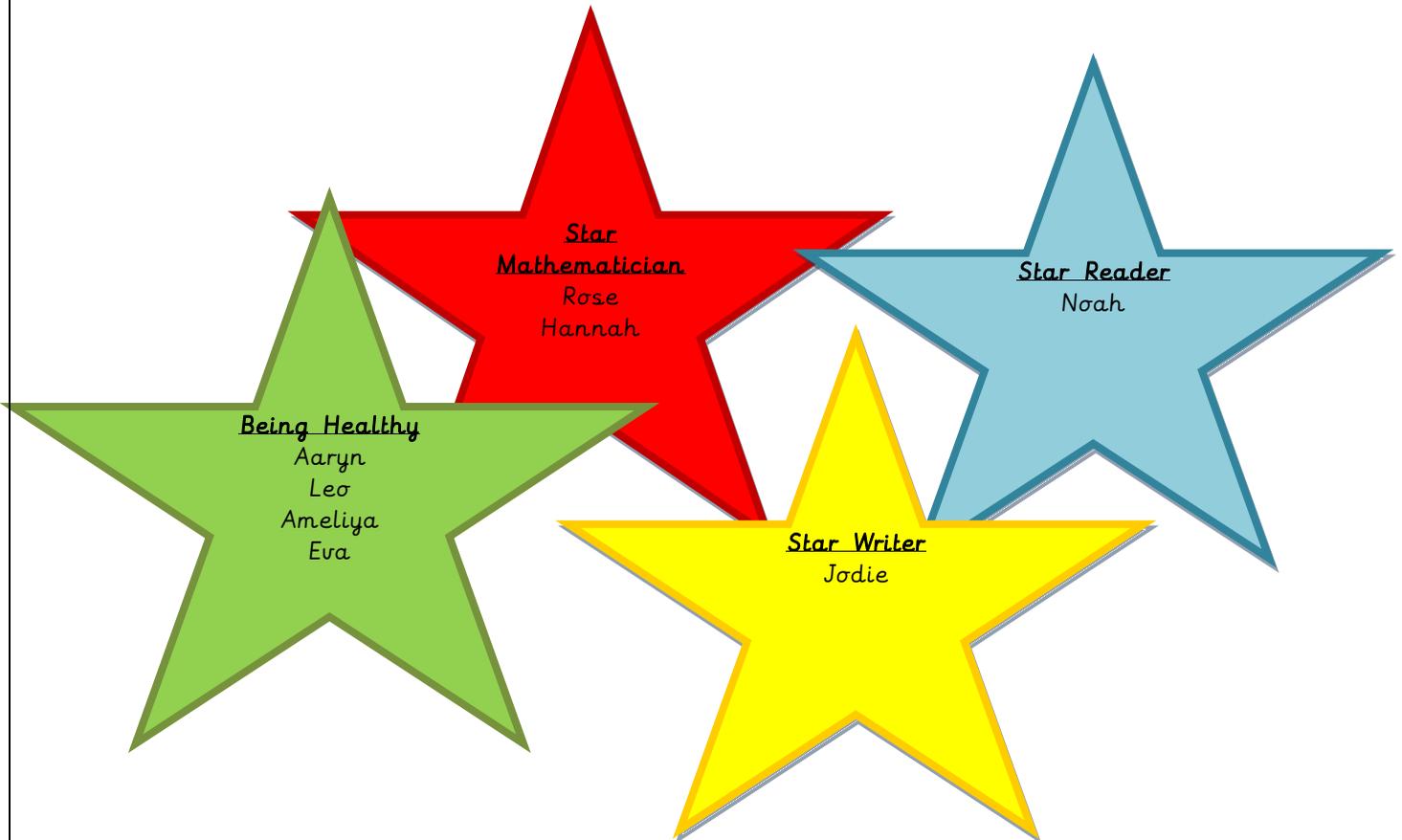
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday, 20th January 2017



Charity Tuck Shop - our Eagles class will be having an afterschool tuck shop every Tuesday this half term. There'll be treats and a 'guess how many' game so please bring along your change as the money raised will be going towards Cancer Research.

Be Informed

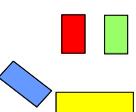
Dolphins Meetings - Mrs Cuddy and Miss Pounder will be running the following for parents;

- A phonics session on the 15th February for all **Year 1** parents at 17:00.
- A SATS information session on the 1st March at 17:30 for all **Year 2** parents.

Year 6 SATS Meeting - Our year 6 teachers and Mrs Cuddy will be running a year 6 SATS information session for parents on the 8th February at 17:30 in Eagles classroom. This is a session to explain to parents the expectations for the Y6 SATS and provide them with the necessary information and paperwork. We urge all parents to attend to attend the session.

Starfish Explorers - a letter has been sent home this week to our Starfish Explorers parents, requesting important information on your funding. If you have not received your copy or have any queries please contact the school office.

Also, now our nursery has settled into a lovely routine, pick up for our little explorers can be between 3:15 and 3:30pm.



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

Be Happy

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.



1. Assessment: Be consistent with an assessment procedure so that it is fully understood and supports teaching and learning.

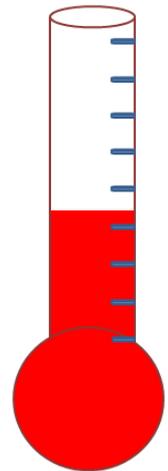
2. Leadership: All leaders proactively assess their area of the curriculum providing all the necessary monitoring and reporting arrangements.

3. Curriculum: raise achievement in all areas with special focus on spelling and maths arithmetic

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

Lunch Invitation - On Tuesday 14th February, we will be inviting parents/grandparents of our Reception children to join us for lunch in the school hall. We are able to offer 2 places per child, and ask that you confirm attendance by Friday 3rd February. Any requests received after this date will unfortunately not be able to be met as kitchen orders will have been submitted. The meal on the day is Cottage Pie with vegetables, and a heart shaped cookie for pudding. The cost of this will be £2.76 per adult, payable by cash or cheque to the school office in advance.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap.



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 one of two Fitbit Alta's. 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 - The government is committed to ensuring swimming takes place in schools. Swimming is a compulsory part of the current national curriculum for PE. By the end of key stage 2 (age 11), pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a distance of at least 25 meters, using recognised strokes, on their front and back, and demonstrate an understanding of water safety. It is up to primary schools to decide when, and at what point they wish to teach this.

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 is being arranged to transport children to and from the event, and will update you with the total cost shortly. If you have any queries in the meantime please get in touch.

Book Club - Book club leaflets have now been sent home. They are a slightly different format, and include only a small selection of books. You can find more to choose from online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues>. Any orders should be handed in to the school office by Friday 3rd February with cheques made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.



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.

Sainsburys Vouchers - Sainsburys will be launching their Active Kids scheme again on 25th January. If you receive any vouchers please send them in to us so we can get more wonderful PE equipment for the school.

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. Please also be mindful not to block access to residents homes, or the school drive. Remember to keep our children and village safe.



Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.34%

w/c 09/01/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	96.53%	11	34	2	56
Starfish	100.00%	0	0	1	28
Dolphins	99.20%	1	2	1	28
Lions	97.35%	3	9	0	0
Eagles	90.80%	7	23	0	0

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 23 children who are currently below 95% attendance. 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 22 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! All children who get 100% attendance for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize.

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

Thursday, 26th January 2017
Wednesday, 8th February 2017 @ 17:30
Tuesday, 14th February 2017
Wednesday, 15th February 2017 @ 17:00
Wednesday, 1st March 2017 @ 9:10
Wednesday, 1st March 2017 @ 17:30
Tuesday, 7th March 2017
Wednesday, 8th March 2017
Friday, 24th March 2017
Thursday, 30th March 2017
Wednesday, 5th April 2017 @ 9:30
Thursday, 6th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00
Week Beginning 8th May 2017
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

Lions Trip to The Deep
Year 6 SATS Information Session for Parents
Reception Parents/Grandparents Lunch
Year 1 Parents Phonics Session
Ash Wednesday Service
Year 2 SATS Information Session
Parents Evening
Parents Evening
Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
School Uniform Swap
Easter Service
Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Year 6 SATS
Year 2 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

Sunday, 29th January 2017 @ 16:00

Plough Sunday