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Date: Friday, 20th November 2015

Dear parents/carers

This week our focus has been to keep the cloakrooms tidy. Our Junior Safety Officers have been supporting the children with this target and the children were awarded 4 stars. Next week we will be focusing on talking through our issues with our class friends in a calm and sensible manner.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy



Admin Vacancy – There is a vacancy for an admin assistant within our school. Please see the website for further details.

Science Club – This starts on Monday, 23rd November 2015 at 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Beedle. There is a confirmed place for all children whose parents put their names down.

Year 2 Multi-Skills – This takes place on Monday afternoon at Campsmount. All children will be taken by minibus but must be collected by parents at 3pm from Campsmount. If you haven't returned your permission slip, please do so on Monday morning.

After School Clubs – As from January 2016, Complete Sport will be running a Multi Skills after School Club on a Thursday. This will be for any children from year 1 and above. Please register your interest in the office as we need to know approximate numbers. **Also**, from January 2016 our after school clubs will be providing extended hours for their clubs. The intention is that Sue Brierley will be offering her after school dance classes on a Tuesday until 5.30pm. Monday and Friday classes will stay until 4.30pm. Complete Sport will be offering the option of a 1 or 2 hour after school club session on a Wednesday and Thursday. The normal football and multi skills will

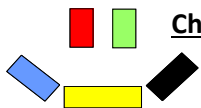


take place with the second hour having quizzes, games cool down time and snacks. Further details will follow shortly reading all the clubs.

Be Healthy

Year 3 Swimming Lessons We are in the process of arranging swimming lessons for all year 3 children again. This will start after February half term and continue to the end of the school year. Lessons will take place on Friday afternoons. There is no charge for the lessons, just the transport fee's which we'll notify parents of and set up on parentpay shortly.

Christmas Lunch – We don't appear to have had many requests for the traditional Christmas Dinner this year on Wednesday, 9th December 2015. All children who normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday will automatically receive this lunch. If your child has a packed lunch on a Wednesday and would like the Christmas dinner please ensure you let the office know by next Wednesday as the School cook needs confirmed numbers. The cost of the meal is £2.15 which can be paid onto parentpay.



Christmas Fair – Thank you to everyone for all the donations for the Christmas Fair, we have been overwhelmed by the number of lovely donations received, your continued support is greatly appreciated. The Fair takes place this Saturday, 11am- 2pm – Please come along and support us!

Be Happy

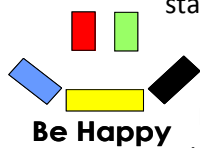
There will be hot beef sandwiches (thanks to Dovecote), 'Daddy cocktails', refreshments, tombola, cards, gifts and crafts, Christmas wreaths & plants, games for the children and much more! All monies raised will go towards new equipment and resources for all the children.

Poppy Appeal – Thank you to everyone who supported the poppy appeal. The total amount raised was £56.45

Christingle On Monday 14th December at 6pm, key stage two children will perform the Christingle at St Peter's Church in Kirk Smeaton. All our children and parents/carers are invited to attend the event.

Carols around the Christmas tree and Balloon Event We are pleased to announce, following an overwhelming response to balloon requests the event will be going ahead as planned on Friday, 11th December. To confirm also, the balloons are bio-degradable ones to support our Eco school ethos. Balloon orders have now being placed.

Posada in Kirk Smeaton 2015–What is it? A posada is Mexican for “inn or shelter”. Spanish families use Advent to think about the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, and how they had difficulty finding anywhere to stay. Last year ladies from the Knit and Natter group knitted enough sets of figures for each class at school to celebrate Posada.



What happens? The children at school will be encouraged to sign up for one night during

December to host Mary and Joseph. They will be passing on a bag containing the figures, a story book, Carol Sheet, a game to play and an information sheet so that you will know what to do! The

Marys and Josephs will then join us at the Village Carol Service where they will be welcomed to share the story of Christmas with us all. Please encourage your child to sign the sheet for their class so that you can host the knitted figures for one night and please join us at the Village Carol Service to welcome them into church for the Christmas holiday.

Campsmount Production – Year 5 & 6 – A letter was sent home last Friday with all 5 & 6 pupils regarding a production Campsmount are organising ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’. Pupils are invited to be part of this production by being part of the children’s chorus. The slip needs returning to Campsmount but please also let our school office know if your child intends to take part. **As we didn’t get any response to the above we are presuming no one is wanting to take part?**

Team points- Please see below for this week’s Team Points and the cumulative total!

This week	Overall
Yellow Centaurs= 75	Yellow Centaurs= 653
Blue Minotaurs=80	Blue Minotaurs= 641
Green Griffins= 160	Green Griffins= 890
Red Dragons= 118	Red Dragons= 912

Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date – 97.37%**



Congratulations to
Eagles Class!

w/c 09/11/15	
Whole school	97.60%
Starfish	99.26%
Dolphins	96.67%
Lions	94.85%
Eagles	99.64%

Arrangements for the end of the School Day – To improve safety and ease congestion when children are leaving school at the end of a school day we have changed the arrangements slightly. With effect from Monday, 23rd November Eagles class will leave via their side door and Lions class will leave through the main school door as they do now. Children will leave their classes in the following order: Starfish, Dolphins, Lions and Eagles. Please ensure you let school know if a different adult is collecting your child.

School Drive – In the interest of safety we request that no cars are driven on the school drive between 8.45-9.15am and 3.15-3.45pm. If you do drive up or down the school drive at any other time, please ensure you drive slowly and carefully.

Mrs A Marner
Admin Officer

Important dates for your diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm – Not during November
Christmas fair	Saturday, 21 st November 2015
Year 2 Multi Skills (Campsmount)	Monday, 23 rd November 2015
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday, 9 th December 2015
KS1 Christmas Play -School Hall	Thursday, 10 th December @ 2.30pm
Carols around the Tree (balloons)	Friday, 11th December 2015 @ 2.45pm
Christingle in St Peters Church	Monday, 14 th December 2015 @ 6pm
KS2 Christmas Party	Tuesday, 15 th December 2015 @ 2pm
KS1 Christmas Party	Wednesday, 16 th December 2015 @ 2pm
Christmas Service (St Peters Church)	Thursday, 17 th December 2015 @ 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 18 th December 2015
School Closes	Friday, 18 th December 2015
Carols by Candlelight (St Martins Church, Womersley)	Monday, 21 st December 2015 @ 7pm
School opens	Tuesday, 5 th January 2016