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**Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy**

**Date: Friday, 20th November 2020**

**Risk Assessment** – we have updated our risk assessment and attached to this email.

**Staffing Update** – we're sad to announce Mrs Holt will be leaving us on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. She's devoted a whopping 16 years of her life to Kirk Smeaton and will be a great loss to us, but we wish her lots of happiness in her new role.

**Door Bell** – we've installed 2 new door bells on site – one on the green gate heading towards the playground, and one on the main door to the school office. If the gates are closed and you are picking up from after school club, and no-one is in the office, please use these. They ring wonderfully loud all throughout school so a member of staff will be able to assist you.

**Primary School Application** – for those with children starting in Reception class from September 2021, applications open on 12<sup>th</sup> October, and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please remember that although your child may be in our nursery, you will still need to apply for a reception place via your home council. A letter from NYCC can be found under 'Notices' on our website with further details.



**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>. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win a family ticket to the Harry Potter Studio tour. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

**Pupil Photographs** – in line with the latest guidance, we have rescheduled our pupil photographs to February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

**Bags 2 School** – we've arranged a collection for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and have sent home bags to fill up with any unwanted clothes etc. Please make sure the bags aren't returned until the day of collection as we do not have the facility to store them. Thank you in advance.

**Bookclub** – this term's bookclub leaflet has now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are returned along with cash or cheque (made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School') by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Alternatively, you can place your order online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/kirk-smeaton/digital-book-club>

**Christmas Cards** - Children are welcome to bring Christmas cards from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December and pop them in the post box outside of Mrs Maltby's office. They will be quarantined for a week and then given out to the children w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure to put the class on the envelope as well as names, to save any mix ups on delivery day.

**Christmas Dinner** – Mrs Helstrip will be preparing our festive feast on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If any children who are on a packed lunch would like this, please let the school office know by 20<sup>th</sup> November. Dinners are £2.50 per meal for children in Year 3 and above, payable on Parentpay.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, children are invited to join us in Christmas Jumpers (school uniform trousers / dress and school shoes as normal though). £1 donations will be sent to Save the Children.

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**Christmas Raffle** – we're hoping to have our usual Christmas Raffle this year, even without our Christmas Fair. If anyone can tempt companies to donate anything ie. vouchers, hampers, luxury items, or even just chocolates or bottles for us to make up our own hampers, it would be so greatly appreciated! If these items could be sent in by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we then hope to sell tickets (£2 per ticket, cash can be sent in and the tickets will be sent via email) w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December. We'll then draw the tickets w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December, and let our winners know by email.

**Christmas Gifts** – w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December, children will be able to buy a gift bag ready prepared to hand to their wonderful parents. These will be £5 per gift, with 1 being available to purchase for each child in school. If anyone would like to purchase more than 1, they will be added to a waiting list. Please note the gift will be perfect for 1 adult or 2 to share.

**Parents & Friends** - Parents and friends have worked wonders over the years, we have been so lucky to see the benefit of their work. They have funded books, audio systems, playground equipment, school trips, pantomimes, school bus fundings and IT devices as well as other things. A massive thank you to all! Many members have left the group so we would like to hear from parents who are interested in leading the charity. There are many roles in the charity, chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary, plus more.

**Road Closure** – please be aware, Water Lane will be closed between 30 Nov 07:30 - 1 Dec 23:59.

### **A message from Smeaton's Event Group:**

**This year, more than ever, we would like The Smeaton's to have a fun and festive feel. We would like as many homes as possible to create and display a themed SNOWMAN outside your house. This is obviously one where your little ones can help! Let your imagination run wild – it could be a film star snowman, a pop star snowman or even a Disney character snowman – any snowman you fancy!!! –made of anything you like! We hope people will be able to walk around the two villages on a 'Smeaton Snowman Trail' – spotting all the different snowmen!**

**A note for your diary – whilst songs around the village tree will not be possible this year – we do have some great news ! On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December starting in Little Smeaton at 4:30pm Santa will be making his annual trip around the Smeaton villages. He will be giving out special Santa presents to the children of the villages and will be collecting food donations for the Food Bank.**

#### **Reminders**

We are a nut free school. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks.

We are a healthy school. Packed lunches should not contain chocolate or sweets.

Please send in your old batteries and printer cartridges for us to recycle.

#### **Useful Contacts**

School Office: 01977 620 497  
admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk

After School Club: 07940 111 816

Parents and Friends: [pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:pandf@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Debbie Drake: 07879 687 847  
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### **Important Diary Dates**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

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W/C 7<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

W/C 14<sup>th</sup> December

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Christmas Cards to be posted

Raffle donations to be sent into school

Raffle tickets on sale

Bags 2 School Collection

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Raffle

Christmas Gifts Available to Purchase

Christmas Dinner Day

School Closes

School Opens

Pupil Photographs

World Book Day

Comic Relief Non-Uniform

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear Odd Socks

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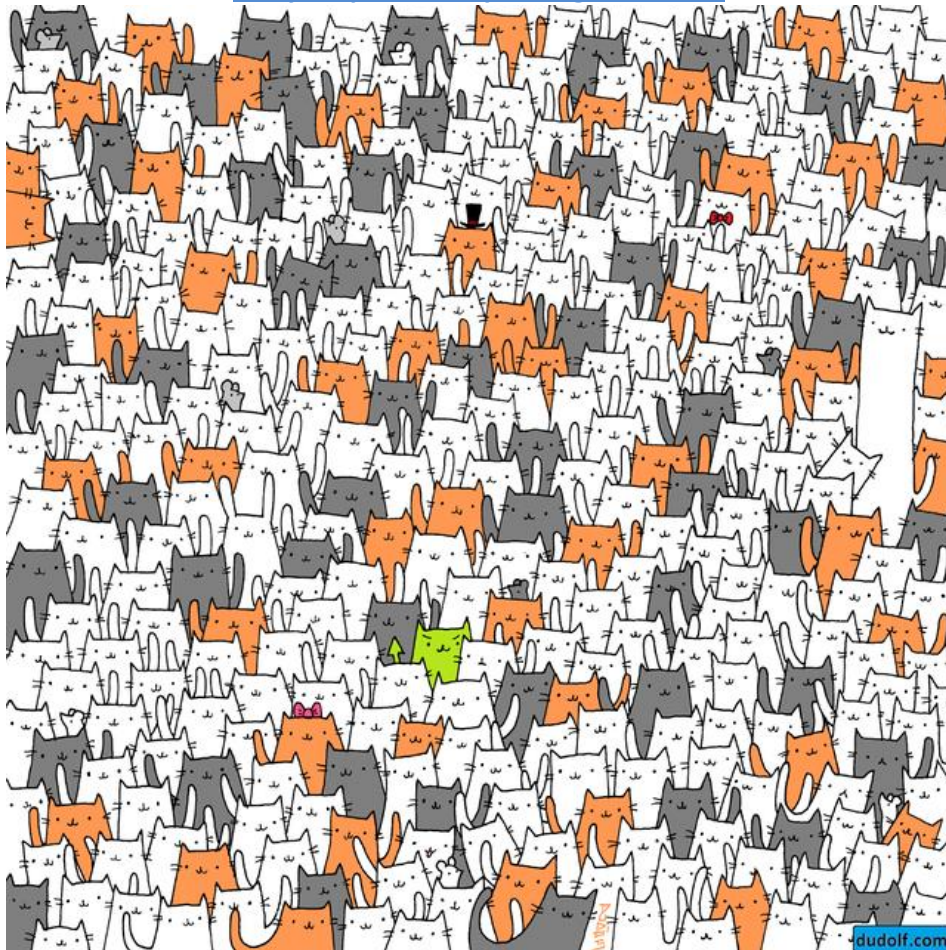
Say the Color of each Word!

(Don't read the word)

How Fast can you say it?

black white yellow green red blue  
yellow red black green white red  
white green red black yellow green  
black white yellow green red blue  
white green red black yellow green  
yellow red black green white red  
white green red black yellow green

Can you spot a bunny amongst the cats?



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