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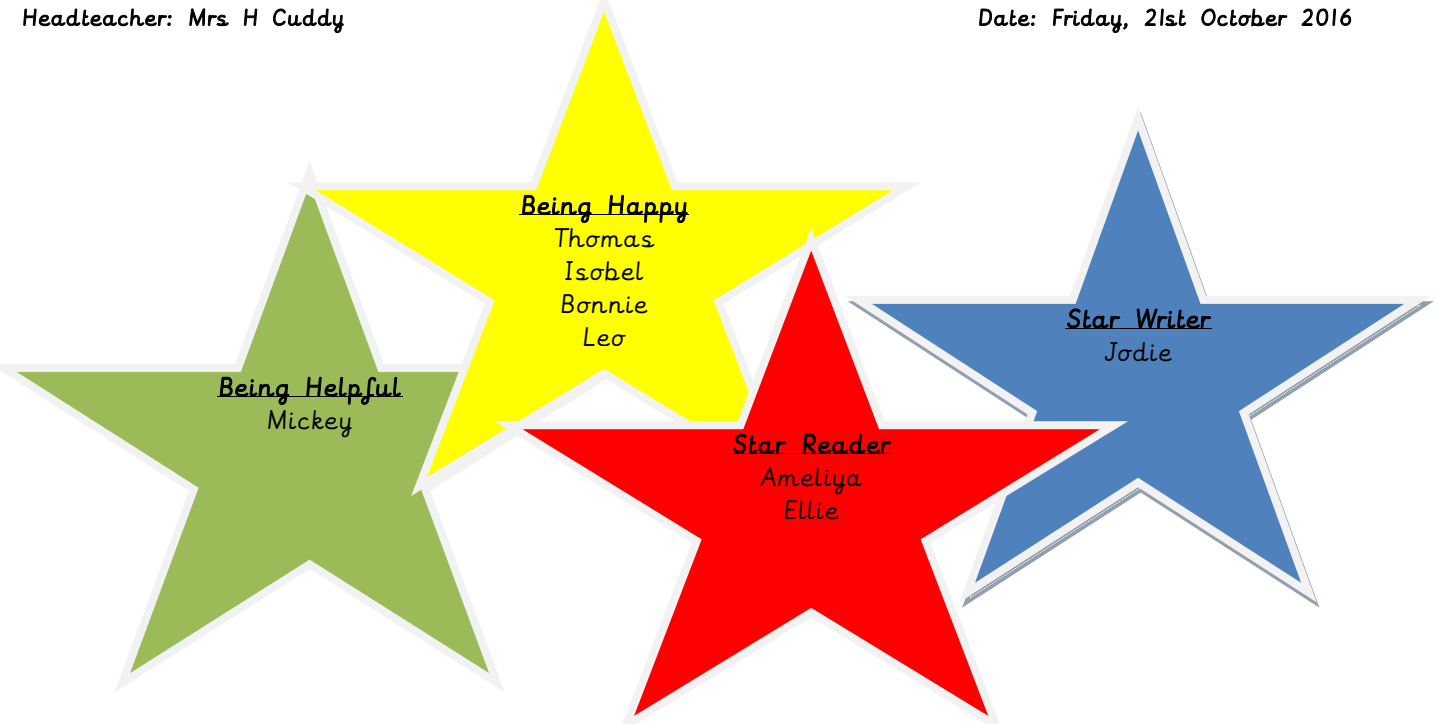
In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club

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Date: Friday, 21st October 2016



KSI Trip - Letters have now been sent home with our Starfish and Dolphins children regarding their upcoming trip to Wakefields Pantomime on 30th November. The trip is also set up on parentpay where consent must be given. If you have any trouble logging on please contact the school office.

Christmas Fair - the school fair will take place on Saturday 3rd December. More details will follow shortly.

Starfish Explorers - we are looking forward to seeing all our explorers after half term! Can all parents please remember to send them with wellies, a water bottle, a bookbag and a change of clothes each day.

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 at the stay and play session this week. If not, please find it attached to this newsletter. The deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January 2017. Further information is all 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>. There is a chance of winning a prize every week, along with a separate chance of winning £25,000 each week too. So far we have had very few people sign up, which means that we are not eligible for the funding the lottery provides. If you can spare £1 a week not only do you stand to win some amazing prizes, but our school will be able to provide even more resources for the children.

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 pencils, pens, soaps, needle and thread (it doesn't need to be brand new). We will have to post these items to Mozambique, so cash donations are needed to send these things. Any donations you can spare would be greatly appreciated, and can be handed into the school office. Thank you to those who have donated so far - you have been extremely generous!.

Parentpay - School Dinners

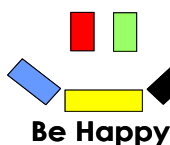
School meals amounts due for the next half term are £75.25 (35 meals @ £2.15 per day)
If your child has a meal plans the amounts due are as follows:

- 1 meal per week - £15.05
- 2 meals per week - £30.10
- 3 meals per week - £45.15
- 4 meals per week - £60.20

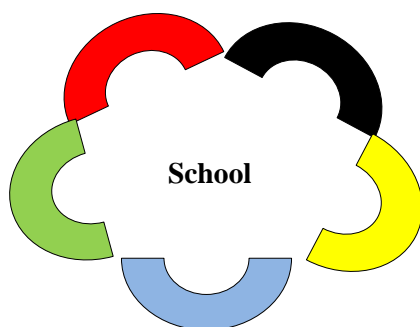
As a reminder school dinners must be paid for in advance and the due date for the above meals is Friday, 28th October. When making payment, please take into account any debits/credits showing on your parentpay accounts.

Don't forget about our school meals incentive too! - Let your child have healthy warm school meals saving you the hassle of preparing packed lunches and also giving them a change to win a goodie bag!

If you would like to discuss our school meals at anytime, whether it be with regards to menu choice, dietary requirements etc please don't hesitate to contact us. Mrs Evans (School Cook) and our Catering Manager are also more than willing to answer any questions as we continue to encourage all children to have school dinners.

 **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.

Non-Uniform - Instead of the Halloween day we are going to dress in blue for the anti-bullying and keeping safe day on 4th November. Sorry for any confusion.



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.

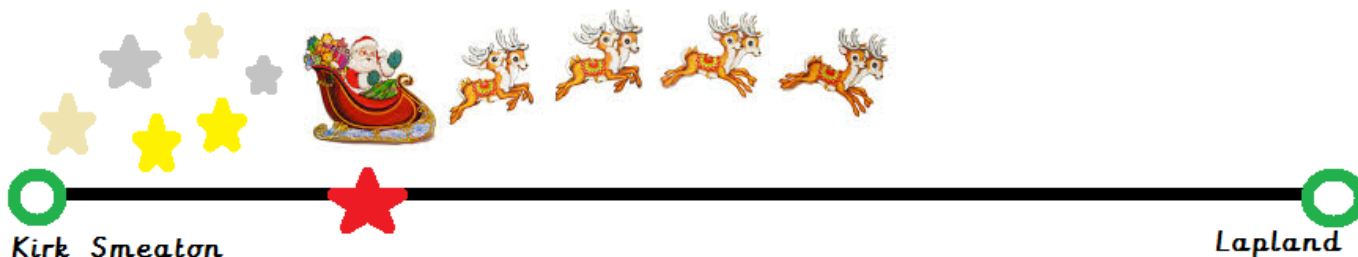
3. Curriculum: raise achievement in all areas with special focus on spelling and maths arithmetic



Defibrillator - thanks to the community's fantastic efforts, the village defibrillator is now live! Instead of being in the community rooms, it has been placed in the Shoulder of Mutton (much easier to locate). A training event is due to take place on 25th October at 7pm for anyone wishing to gain further information, but if there is an emergency contact 999 and they can provide full instructions.

Harvest festival- thank you to all families who supported the harvest festival produce, the pub had a very successful auction and donated some money to the school. Thank you to all at the pub for their hard work in organising the event and for donating money to our children.

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 walked 768km, meaning we are a quarter of the way there, and have almost made it to Bremen Northwest Germany. Brilliant effort so far by all our pupils and staff!



After school clubs- from 31st October all children will be asked to wear their PE kits for the sports / dance afterschool clubs. We hope this will give parents one load of washing and will be easier to organise school bags in a morning. Thank you for your support in the matter. For your reference, our P.E. kit consists of black close fitting shorts, red t-shirt, black tracksuit (outdoor wear), and trainers.

A new information sheet and request form for Sue's clubs has been sent home today - next half term Creative Dance will be working on a performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They are busy making props and working on their Umpa Lumpa dance. If you would like to join them there are still spaces available.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.35%

w/c 10/10/2016	
Whole school	94.94%
Starfish	100%
Dolphins	92.40%
Lions	93.53%
Eagles	97.18%

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Monday, 31 st October 2016	School opens
Thursday, 3 rd November 2016	School Photographs
Friday, 4 th November 2016	Non-Uniform Day (Anti-Bullying)
Friday, 11 th November 2016	Remembrance Day
Tuesday, 15 th November 2016	Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday, 18 th November 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 18 th November 2016	Class assemblies
Monday 28 th and Wednesday 30 th November	Parents evening
Wednesday, 30 th November 2106	Starfish and Dolphins Pantomime Trip
Saturday, 3 rd December 2016	Christmas Fair
Thursday, 8 th December 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Christmas play
Friday, 9 th December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016 @ 14:30	Christmas Service
Friday, 16 th December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 th December 2016	School closes
Wednesday, 4 th January 2017	School opens

Church Dates

Saturday 29 th October 2016	Craft Fair
Wednesday, 2 nd November 2016 @ 19:00	Remembering the Faithful Departed
Sunday, 11 th December 2016 @ 9:15	Family Service with Christingle
Monday, 19 th December 2016	Village Carol Service