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**In association with Went Valley Pre-School and Breakfast Club**

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**Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**



**Admissions** – the admissions process has now opened for all children due to start in Reception class from September 2020. To apply, you will need to create an online account with your local council and provide the necessary details and preferred schools. If you have any queries or need assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Starfish Explorers** – we will be holding another ‘Stay and Play’ on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December for our January Starfish Explorers. If you have not heard from us, but you would like your child to start from January, please contact the school office.

**Bookclub** – the latest bookclub leaflet has now been sent home. If you wish to place an order, please return your completed form with cash or cheque (made payable to ‘Kirk Smeaton School’) to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**Christmas Festivities** – on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we would like to invite all parents to join us for a sing-a-long in the school hall from 13:30-14:30. Following this we will be having our annual Christmas Fair, where there will be the usual tombola, raffle, games and delicious treats. We hope to see you all there.

**Lions Trip** – On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, our Lions will be visiting the Marks & Spencer development centre in Leeds. A letter has already been sent home with full details (or a copy can be found on our website). The trip is set up on parent pay where consent must also be given. If you have not returned your lunch choice form, your child must bring a packed lunch from home.

**Christmas Dinner** – our wonderful kitchen team will be making a scrumptious Christmas Dinner for us on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If your child does not normally have a school dinner, and you have not ordered a Christmas dinner, please ensure you still send a packed lunch on the day – we will not be able to accommodate any further requests.



**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 Kindle. We are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can. Please see the attachment

**Pantomime Trip** – we have arranged for all children in Years R – 6 to attend this years production of ‘Cinderella’ at the Doncaster CAST Theatre on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has gone home with further details, and we ask that payment and consent are given on Parentpay by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Our nursery setting will be open as normal from 1pm.

**Nativities** – this year our nativities will be held as follows;

Dolphins – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Starfish and Explorers – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Please remember that filming and photography of these events are strictly limited to staff only to safeguard our children. We will then make these available on DVD's / USB's or on the school website where possible. We also do

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always try to give the opportunity for parents to take photographs of their own children in costume on the stage at the end of a production.

**Bags 2 School** – our collection of bags will now be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and bags have been sent home today. If you are thinking of having a clear out ready for Christmas please consider saving any clothes to donate for us. For a full list of items you can donate please see <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect> . Please do not bring the bags to us until the 5<sup>th</sup> however, as we do not have the facilities to store them. We ask instead that you place them at the top of the school drive on the day of collection.

**Went Valley Pre School** – please be aware that Went Valley's morning provision and breakfast club will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December due to voting.

### **Posada**

*What is it?* 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.

We have enough sets of knitted figures for each class at school to celebrate Posada.

*What happens?* After an introductory Assembly,, children 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, information sheet, a story book, carol sheets and a game to play. The Mary and Josephs will then join us in church on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Village carol service where they will be welcomed to share the story of their journey with us all.

If you are the last family to host the figures please will you bring them back TO SCHOOL on the last day of term.

**Planting Party** – as per our previous email, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Sally Wolff will be leading a planting party at school. Any parents that are able to join us for this or volunteer to assist in any way, please let the school office know. Can we ask that all children come to school ready in the Forest School kit on the day, but please remember to bring a change of footwear for indoor use.

**School Grounds** – we are currently having some new surfacing and equipment installed on the playground. Because of this, our grounds will be closed to the public outside of school hours from today (22/11/19) to the 27<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your understanding.

**School Photos** – these have been sent home today – please ensure any orders are returned to school (with exact payment – we are unable to offer change) by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.



**Sports Trips** – Please see below dates of our upcoming sports trips to Campsmount – a letter for each trip will be sent out closer to the time with full details. Consent letters have also been sent home. Please make sure this is returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Reminder- it is important that the children go straight into the classroom alone to get changed. Parents will be unable to come inside due to safeguarding – thank you for your understanding.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Eagles	Netball
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Lions	Netball

**Swimming Lessons** – the final instalment for this years swimming lessons is now set up on Parentpay, where consent must also be given. Please ensure this is completed by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

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### Reminders

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

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

### Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497  
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After School Club: 07940 111 816

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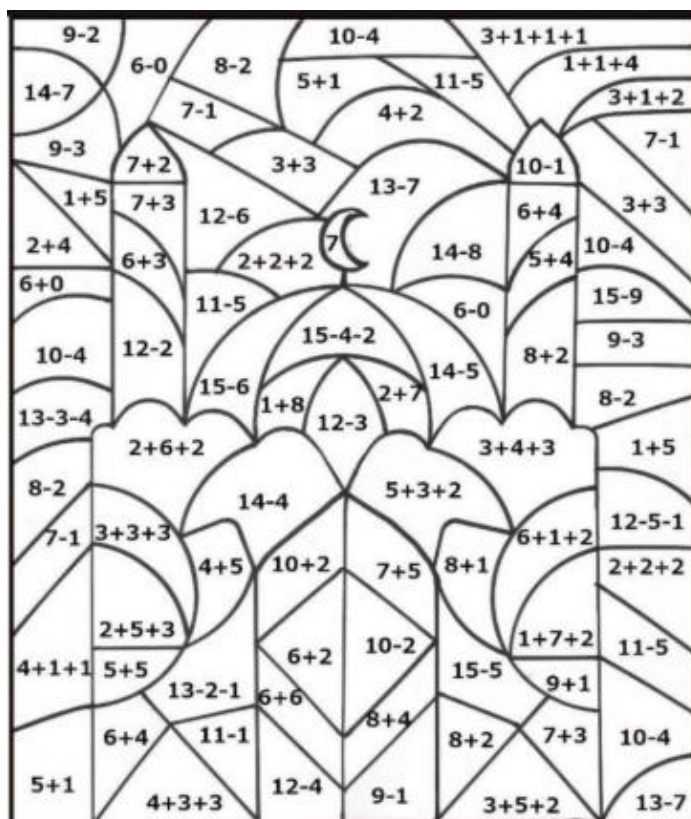
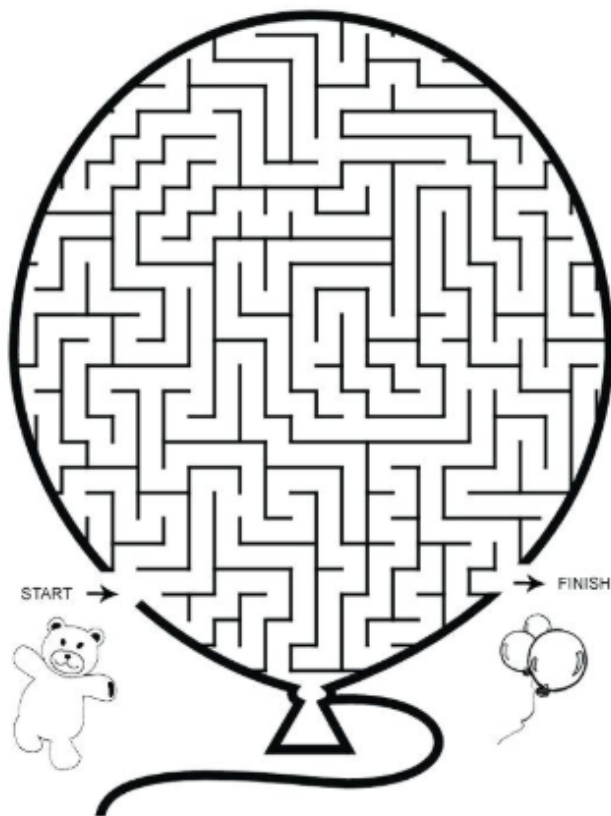
### Important Diary Dates

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 14:00  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 14:00  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 13:30-15:00  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 13:30-14:30  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 14:30  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 14:00  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
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Lions Trip to M&S  
Eagles Netball @ Campsmount  
Planting Party  
Bags 2 School Collection  
Lions Netball @ Campsmount  
EYFS Nativity  
Pantomime Trip  
KS1 Play  
Christmas Dinner  
Non Uniform Day – Tombola Donations Please  
Starfish Explorers Stay-And-Play  
Christmas Sing-A-Long  
Christmas Fair  
Christmas Service  
Christmas Jumper Day  
School Closes

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