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**One Page Profile** - If you did not make the one page profile or the parent presentation, please see <http://kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk/newsletters-news/news/>.

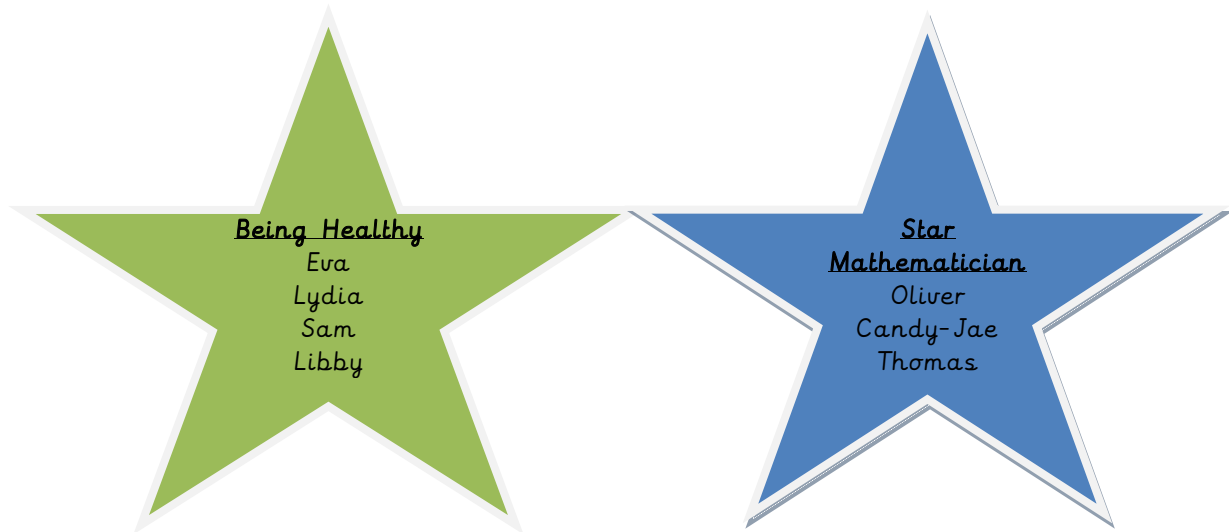
The session outlined general house-keeping, homework age related expectations and handwriting.

**Harvest festival** - we have planned for our Harvest Festival to take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30am, and parents are of course invited to join us. This year we will also be looking for donations of tinned / canned food for the food bank, and fresh produce to be sold in the pub that evening.

Please could all Starfish and Dolphins come dressed as scarecrows ready for their performance in church - old hats, shirts and straw.

**Eagles Trip** - letters have been sent home with Eagles children regarding their upcoming trip to the Headingley Water Treatment Works on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and the trip is now set up on Parentpay where consent must be given. Please make sure this is done by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any problems please speak to the school office.

**Book Club** - the latest leaflets have now been sent home. Please ensure any orders are handed into the school office by September 30<sup>th</sup>, and that cheques are made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.



**Library Bus** - this is next in Kirk Smeaton on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure you send your child with their library card and any books that need to be returned.

**Starfish Explorers** - Starfish explorers will be opening its doors for 3 year olds on 31<sup>st</sup> October. We will be accepting children from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays, so at this point only those who turned 3 before September will be able to join us. We will be holding a launch afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, where admission packs will be handed out.

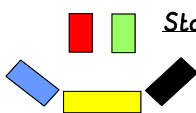
#### **Kingswood Residential:**

For those parents who were unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, please see below a few important pieces of information. Should you require a list of suggested clothing, please pop into the office.

- Coach to depart at 10am on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September for an 11am arrival. Children who are attending the Residential do not need to be in school until 9.45am.

- The return Coach departs Kingswood on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm so the expected arrival time is approximately 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to collect children at this time or alternatively collect at normal 3.30pm. We just ask that all children come up the School drive once off the bus so we can see who is being collected.
- If your child has any prescribed medication, please ensure the office is made aware on the morning of the trip and the necessary form is completed. Medicine will be passed to a member of staff who is attending the trip.
- Luggage Labels aren't provided, Kingswood just ask that everything is named and you pop a sticker on the luggage with your child's name on (or your own luggage label if you prefer)
- There is a small shop on site, we do ask that the maximum pocket money is £10
- All children require a water bottle with their name on.

Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

 **Starfish Grandparents Tea Party** - we would like to invite the children's Grandparents to a tea party in our classroom on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-12.00. On this day, if possible, please send your child dressed as a waiter or waitress as they will be serving their grandparents. An apron will be sufficient, please don't add too much stress to your already very busy lives. If anyone would like to donate any clotted cream, strawberry jam, fruits for a fruit salad, apple / orange juice or bun toppings and decorations please let the office know.

**Be Happy**



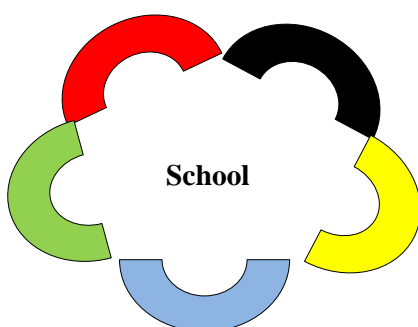
**School Lottery** - our school lottery is now online, and we really need your support! You can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/kirk-smeaton-ce-primary-school/supporter>.

There is a chance of winning a prize every week, along with a separate chance of winning £25,000 each week too.

**Starfish Meeting** - on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, from 2.30pm to 3.15pm, Starfish are holding a settling in meeting for parents. We hope you can make it.

**Guitar Lessons** - this year lessons take place on a Thursday morning. If your child is signed up to these please ensure they bring their guitars each week.

**Grandparents Day** - we are inviting grandparents of Dolphins, Lions and Eagles into school for tea and cake at 2.30 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you all there. Donations of cake and bun would be greatly accepted for the event. Thank you in advance.



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



**Flu Vaccine** - all Years 1, 2 and 3 children have been offered the Influenza Vaccination this year, and letters have been sent home. The vaccine will be given on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure all forms are returned the school office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Audio Test** - our Healthy Child Team will be with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> October to give the Year 1 children their audio test. If you have any queries please let us know.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm for anyone wishing to gain further information, but if there is an emergency contact 999 and they can provide full instructions.

**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.02%

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Whole school	94.53%
Starfish	90.91%
Dolphins	92.40%
Lions	96.47%
Eagles	95.60%

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

### Important dates for your diary

Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Kingswood Residential
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 @ 14:30 – 15:15	Starfish parents settling in meeting
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Starfish Harvest Week – Cooking Mornings
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 @ 11:00-12:00	Starfish Grandparents Tea Party
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 @ 14:30	Grandparents Day (Dolphins, Lions, Eagles)
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016 @9:30	Harvest Festival
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Year 1 Audio Test
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 14:00	Starfish Explorers Launch Afternoon
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Eagles Trip to Headingley Water Treatment Works
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 @ 14:00 – 15:00	Starfish explorers Stay and Play
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Multi sports day for all classes – P.E. kits needed
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	School closes
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	School opens
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016	School Photographs
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Remembrance Day
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 @ 8:30	Book swap
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Class assemblies
Monday 28th and Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Starfish and Dolphins Christmas play
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas theatre for all children
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Christmas jumper day
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	School closes

### Church Dates

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