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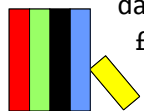
Dear parents/carers

This week our focus has been ‘to have a healthy mind and strive to be the best.’ The children and teachers felt that they had achieved 4 stars this week. Our holiday target is to stay safe, I wish for all our families to have a lovely half term and hope the sun shines all week. See you all on the 2nd November.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy

School Dinner Payments-The amount owing for school dinners for the next half term is £75.25 (7 weeks @ 2.15 per day). If your child only has meals on certain days, the amounts owing 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.



Be Informed

Please make payments onto parentpay before Monday, 2nd November 2015. If you are having difficulty with parentpay in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Bonfire Themed Day- The school will be holding a bonfire themed day on 5th November, the day will be focusing on history, Art, DT and safety awareness. During the afternoon we will be selling hotdogs for £1. This is not a dressing up day.

Science Club – Mrs Beedle would like to run a Science Club on a Monday 3.30-4.30pm. This is for all children in years 2-6. The club is free of charge. Please let the office know if you would be interested in a place for your child. Once we have a rough idea of numbers we can confirm a start date.

School Uniform - - After half term until Easter 2016 can we please ask that boys wear long trousers not shorts.

Carols around the Christmas tree – Could we please have all slips to request balloons for the Carols around the tree event by Friday, 6th November.



Be Helpful

Operation Christmas Child – Leaflets are being sent home tonight with information about Operation Christmas Child and how you can help. Maybe you could spend some time over half term filling a shoebox with your child? Please return any completed shoeboxes at school before Friday, 13th November 2015.

Smeatons Lucky Lotto – Please return all lucky lotto envelopes back as soon as possible. If you would like extra tickets to sell to family and friends please just let us know. If for some reason you don't wish to purchase your tickets can we kindly ask that you still return them. Thank you to Mrs Mason for kindly offering to manage this fundraiser for us.

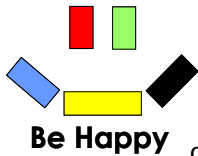
Parents & Friends Fashion Show – A massive thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Fashion Show on Saturday and to everyone who donated bottles, nibbles, raffle prizes and hotdogs! Thank you also to our lovely ladies who modelled for us, what an amazing job you did! Thank you also to the Mums who helped set up, run and clear away after the event - absolute stars! Ticket sales, raffle sales and refreshments total amount raised was £220.90! – Once again thank you for your support Finally, we cannot forget to mention the Lady who makes these events happen and gives up lots of time in the process.....THANK YOU MEL!

Poppy Appeal – The British Legion have provided poppies to purchase for this year's poppy appeal. They are available from the front office.

Children in Need- we have a dressing up day for Children in Need on Friday 13th November, please bring a donation, all donations will be sent to the charity.

Mobile Phones – If anyone has any old/unused mobile phones that they no longer need, please forward them to the school office for them to be sent for recycling. We receive funds for every 30 phones we send.

Christmas Service at St Peters Church – Our Annual Christmas Service will take place on Thursday, 17th December at 2pm in St Peters Church. We look forward to seeing as many families and community members as possible!



Parent Celebration – On Friday, 20th November we're holding a parent celebration afternoon in the school hall where children will be showcasing some of their work for parents to see. The times for this are as follows: Starfish & Dolphins 2-2.30pm – Lions & Eagles 2.45-3.15pm. We do hope you can come along and share your child's successes with them.

Christmas Presents – During the week commencing Monday, 16th November, Parents & Friends are in the process of organising Christmas presents for children to buy for their parents, if they wish. These will be sold at £3.00 each during playtime of that week. If you would like to give your child the opportunity to choose a Christmas present for you, please ensure they have £3 with them during that week.

Christmas Jumper Day – On Friday, 18th December we're having a Christmas Jumper Day! If children don't have a Christmas jumper there's no need to go out and get one, just wear a top with some Christmas colours on it! We are asking for £1 donation and all funds raised will go to Eagles class this half term to buy some new assessment materials for the new SATs.

Our last fundraiser (Farm Animal Day) went to Starfish class and purchased two CD players.

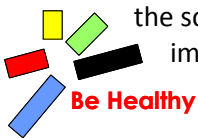
Harvest Auction – Thank you to everyone who donated produce at our Harvest Festival. Following the auction held that evening at the Shoulder of Mutton we are extremely grateful for the donation to school of £190!

Christmas card design competition Thank you for all the lovely designs for the Church Christmas card competition – our chosen design for her lovely colourful artwork is Eva Hursthouse in Dolphins Class! – Well Done Eva!! The design will feature on the Church's Christmas card.

Team points- All children have been placed in a team point group. The groups are; Yellow Centaurs, Blue Minotaurs, Red Dragons and Green Griffins. Each week the children are awarded points and they are counted on a Friday. The team with the highest score gets a cheer each week. At the end of the term the points are counted and the team with the most points will have a cinema afternoon in the Smeaton Centre. Good luck teams!

| This week | Overall |
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| Yellow Centaurs= 182 | Yellow Centaurs= 655 |
| Blue Minotaurs=271 | Blue Minotaurs= 690 |
| Green Griffins= 294 | Green Griffins= 842 |
| Red Dragons= 172 | Red Dragons= 763 |

Flu Vaccination for Children in Years 1 and 2 –There are still a few outstanding flu immunisation forms. Duplicate forms will be sent home tonight with those children who still haven't returned their form. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible even if you have made the decision for your child not to be immunised. The immunisation will take place on Monday, 23rd November 2015.



Bikeability- Thank you to the bikeability team for coming into our school again and providing essential cycling skills and Well done to all the Children!

After School Dance – Sue Brierley will be running her after school dance next half term from Monday, 2nd November – Friday, 18th December (7 weeks)

The classes are as follows:

Monday's 3.30-4.30 Musical Theatre (Annie) with a performance on Monday, 14th December @ 4.20pm

Tuesday's 3.30-4.50 Little Street Movers and Creative Dance

Friday's 3.30-4.30 Street Dance

A1 Football Factory school holiday clubs During Monday - Friday of half term, A1 Football Factory is running a football camp (9am-3pm each day, we think) for children aged 5-12. Cost is £60 for the full week or £18 per day if your child doesn't attend all 5 days. Some of our pupils have attended in the last summer holidays and enjoyed it. A flyer is being sent out with the email version of the Friday letter. If you don't receive this or would like more details or to book a place please contact A1 Football Factory on 01977 677 721.

For those with younger or older children, there is a session for 2-4 year olds from 10-11.30 each day and an A1 World Cup tournament for secondary age children.



School Premises – May we remind parents that if children choose to use the school premises during the half term break that they do so at their own risk and ensure they must ensure the grounds are **Be Safe** treated with care and respect.

Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 97.46%

Congratulations to
Lions!

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| <i>w/c 12.10.2015</i> | |
| <i>Whole school</i> | <i>98.21%</i> |
| <i>Starfish</i> | <i>98.15%</i> |
| <i>Dolphins</i> | <i>95.00%</i> |
| <i>Lions</i> | <i>99.39%</i> |
| <i>Eagles</i> | <i>98.26%</i> |

Mrs A Marner
Admin Officer

Important dates for your diary

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| Collective Worship with Fr Adrian | 2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm – Not during November |
| School opens | Monday, 2 nd November 2015 |
| School photographs | Tuesday, 3 rd November 2015 |
| Year 1 parent information session | Wednesday, 4 th November @ 2.30pm |
| Bonfire themed day (£1 hotdog) | Thursday, 5 th November 2015 |
| Reception parents information meeting | Wednesday, 11 th November @ 2.30pm |
| Children in Need (dressing up day) | Friday, 13 th November 2015 |
| Anti-bullying week | W/C 16 th November 2015. |
| Parent Celebration | Friday, 20 th November (pm) |
| Christmas fair (donations please!) | Saturday, 21 st November 2015 |
| Flu Immunisations (Year 1 & 2) | Monday, 23 rd November 2015 |
| KS1 Christmas Play -School Hall | 10 th December @ 2.30pm |
| Carols around the Tree (balloons) | 11 th December 2015 @ 2.45pm |
| Christmas Service (St Peters Church) | 17 th December 2015 @ 2pm |
| Christmas Jumper Day | 18 th December 2015 |
| School Closes | 18 th December 2015 |