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Date: Friday, 24th March 2016

Dear parents/carers

This week our target has been respect each other's personal space. Our children have worked hard on this and we have tried not to shouting at others, not prodding others and treating each other with respect. Next week, is all about keeping safe. I hope all our families have some lovely family time together.

A big thank you to Mrs Sayner for her work, support, laughter and commitment while working at Kirk Smeaton, she will be greatly missed by everyone.

We are at the end of second term and I would to thank all our parents and carers for the support us over the year. It is an exciting time, lots of changes and movement forward and we have already achieved so much and it is down to the governors, parents, children and staff. I am looking to develop the cloakroom area for KS2 children, so we are thinking about investing in lockers for children to put their belongings. This will reduce the amount of bags, coats and more bags and help with our health and safety agenda. In turn we are thinking about removing pumps from our uniform so that all children wearing shoes all day. This will be a cost saving for parents, but will also increase the learning opportunities for our children. We would love to find out what you think, so please email admin@kirksmeaton.n-yorks.sch.uk with comments by 15th April.

It is now a legal requirement for all children to be taught about sex and relationships from the age of Reception. The school have devised a policy and PowerPoints (PPTS) to support this in each year group. The PPTS are on the school website for parents to view. If you would like any more information or would like to discuss this further, please speak to Mrs Cuddy. The school will start to share the material from 25th April 2016.

Thank you.

Mrs Cuddy



Goodbye – it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Sayner on Thursday after 26 years working at our school. We would like to thank Mrs Sayner for all her hard work and commitment to the school and wish her a happy and most enjoyable retirement.

Welcome – We are pleased to welcome Miss Lyndsay Harrison who will join our team after the Easter break. Miss Harrison is our new General Teaching Assistant and will be working every morning in Lions class.

Parent Questionnaire - We would love to hear from you, please fill out this short survey to help us better our school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GJQ56XK>

School Dinner Payments – The amount owing for the next half term dinners is £70.95. (33 days). 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

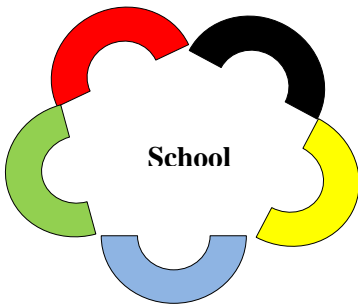
If however, your child has a dinner on a Monday, please take into account the two Mondays we are closed during the next half term 11th April and 2nd May.

Can we please remind you that school dinners must be paid for in advance of the start of each half term. Please ensure you account for any debits/credits on your parentpay account.

Kingswood Residential – The final balance £80 has now been set up on your parentpay account for our residential visit in September. Please ensure payment is made in full by the due date, Friday, 15th July 2016. We will be holding a parent information meeting nearer the time which will include a member of staff from Kingswood coming in to answer any questions you may have. Transport is still to be arranged and you will be advised accordingly but as the venue is far nearer than previous residential visits to Todmorden we are hoping to keep costs to a minimum.

Parent Evening - Thank you for all parents who completed the parents evening questionnaires. All comments help us develop our services. Next parents evening we will aim to deliver a longer session with the teacher and time when parents will be invited into school to look through books.

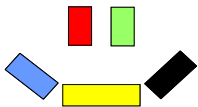
Science Club – Mrs Beedle will be holding her science club again after half term. The club will commence on Tuesday, 12th April 3.30-4.30pm and will run every Tuesday. Science club is open to year 2 children and above. Places will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please register your interest to the school office preferably by email.



1. Leadership: Further develop middle leader's impact by sharing outstanding practice.

2. Challenge: Encourage challenge and mastery in Maths, Reading, Writing and SPAG for more able learners.

3. Curriculum: Raise children's attainment in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Ensure that all children are working within age-related achievements.



Sports Relief – Walk/Run a mile – Thank you to everyone who sent in sponsor forms and money for our Sports relief event that took place on Monday. The children had a great time whilst raising **Be Happy** money for a fantastic cause. We'll announce the total raised for sports relief once we've collected all the sponsorship. If you still have sponsorship money to hand in, please try and do so during the first week back after half term. Thank you to family that supported the event by baking buns and serving tea and coffee.

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Lions Play – Following the wonderful performance by our Lions class, the DVD's are now available for purchase for £5.00. If you would like a copy please let the school office know as soon as possible to enable us to get them sent home before we close for Easter.

Class Photographs – We are pleased to advise class photographs have been organised for the morning of Tuesday, 24th May 2016. This will also include a year 6 group photo. Should you have any concerns or do not wish your child to be included, please let the office know as soon as possible. If we don't hear anything it will be presumed you are happy for your child to be included.

The School Drive – Can we please ask that children do not run, cycle or scooter up and down the school drive. Please encourage your child/children to walk sensibly and therefore creating a safer environment for everyone.

Attendance – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.42%
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)
Be Safe

Kind Regards,
Mrs A Marner

w/c 14/03/2016	
Whole school	97.35%
Starfish	95.56%
Dolphins	100%
Lions	97.88%
Eagles	97.24%

Important dates for your diary

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Year 3 swimming lessons	Fridays 2-3pm
School Closes	Thursday, 24th March 2016
School Opens	Tuesday, 12 th April 2016
Class photographs	Tuesday, 24 th May 2016
School Closes	Friday, 27 th May 2016
School opens	Monday, 6 th June 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 th June 2016 (Reserve Tuesday, 21 st June 2016)
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 th July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 st July 2016