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Date: Friday, 26th February 2016

Dear parents/carers

The children of Kirk Smeaton School have been so lucky, we now have new laptops, new tyre park and to top it all off the climbing wall has a new floor surface. In light of these things our focus this week has been to follow rotas and talk through any problems. It has been lovely to see everyone working together and achieving this goal. Well done children.

We also had a new target in light of some community news and this was to look after and care for one another, I am overwhelmed with how our young people have cared and supported each other- a big thank you to them. Next week our target is to be resilient and to seek others if they need help. Mrs Cuddy

<u>School Dinner payments</u> – The amount owing for school dinners this half term is £51.60 (24 meals @ £2.15 each). If your child only has dinners on certain days the amounts are as follows:

1 meal per week - £10.75

2 meals per week - £21.50

3 meals per week – 32.25

4 meals per week - £43.00

If you child has a meal on a Friday, please deduct £2.15 from the amount owing to account for Friday, 25th March 2016 (Good Friday).

When making payment please ensure you account for any credits or debits on your parentpay account and be reminded that school meals should be paid for in advance of the new half term commencing.

<u>Parentpay Login</u> – There have been some recent changes made to parentpay. From 17 February, parents who login with a username that is not a verified email address will be prompted to change their username. Parents will have until 03 March to make the necessary changes if they wish to continue to use ParentPay. Should you have any problems whatsoever with parentpay, please contact the office.



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.

Residential Visit – Thank you to all parents who have consented and paid the deposit for the Kingswood Residential visit in September. I have noticed that there are still quite a large proportion of children who have not expressed their interest and I'm presuming they do not wish to attend. If this is not the case and your child does wish to attend, please contact the office as soon as possible. <u>Campsmount Dance –</u> This exciting event is approaching fast, a separate letter is being sent home to all those involved.

Mother's Day Service – On Thursday, 3rd March @ 2.30pm we will be holding a Mother's Day Service in St Peters Church. All parents & Grandparents are welcome to come along.

Be Happy World Book Day – 'Dress as a book character' – World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 3rd March 2016. We are having a 'Dress up as a book character day' on Friday, 4th March 2016 and asking for a donation of £1 please.

<u>Book Club and World Book Day Vouchers</u> – Book club leaflets are being sent home tonight. There is also a £1 world book day voucher to spend against any order. Please could we have orders by Monday, 7th March 2016.

<u>Attendance –</u> Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.80% (Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

Be Safe

w/c 08/02/2016	
Whole school	92.00%
Starfish	91.85%
Dolphins	95.00%
Lions	94.85%
Eagles	87.50%

<u>Contact telephone numbers</u> – as a reminder, if your telephone/mobile numbers change at all, please ensure the office are made aware.

Kind Regards, Mrs A Marner

Important dates for your diary		
Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 nd Tuesday of each month at 1pm	
Year 3 swimming lessons commence	Friday, 26 th February 2016 (2-3pm)	
Parent Evenings (Lions, Eagles, Starfish)	Wednesday, 2 nd March 2016 @ 1pm-6pm	
Parents Evening (Dolphins)	Wednesday, 2 nd March 2016 @ 3.40pm-6pm	
	Sign Up for Parents Evening is now available	
Mother's Day Service	Thursday, 3 rd March 2016 @ 2.30pm	
Dress as a Book Character day	Friday, 4 th March 2016	
Lions Class Play	Tuesday, 8 th March @ 2.30pm	
Campsmount Dance Competition	Wednesday, 16 th March 2016	
Lions and Eagles Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 1.15pm	
Dolphins and Starfish Class Assembly	Friday, 18 th March 2016 @ 2.45pm	
School Closes	Thursday, 24th March 2016	
School Opens	Tuesday, 12 th April 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	