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**A Well Deserved Break and a Few Sad Goodbyes** - I can't quite believe half-term is here already!

Although, it has been a longer half-term than usual, the weeks have flown by and the children have all been working really hard settling into their new classes. There are many children (and staff) who are looking ready for a week's break to recover and prepare themselves for a wonderful Christmas half-term. Sadly, we do have to say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Bainbridge who has been covering in the office while Mrs Maltby was on maternity leave has moved on to another local school as their administrator. We would like to say a huge thank you to her and wish her all the best in her new school. Finally, Mrs Wilkinson had her last day today before moving on to her new school after the break. Mrs Wilkinson has been a much-valued member of the team at Kirk Smeaton for 10 years and has had an impact on the lives of many children and staff. We will be very sad to see her leave but want to say a huge thank you for all her hard work and wish her good luck in her new role.

**After-School Club** – our after-school club is booking up fast, and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. We are noticing some children arriving without a pre-booking, but if your child has not been booked into afterschool club in advance, they will not be able to join in the fun and you will be contacted to collect them immediately. If you do require the provision for the next half term please complete a booking form as soon as possible.

**Harvest Auction** - Thank you to everyone who donated produce for our Harvest Festival. The Shoulder of Mutton kindly held an auction of the produce following the Festival and also held a raffle. As a result of the auction and the raffle a total amount of £358.00 has kindly been given to our School by the Shoulder of Mutton.

**Ongoing Parking Problems** - Parking continues to be an issue, particularly at the beginning and end of the day. We have no quick fix for this problem but by working together we can make sure it causes as few problems as possible. If you do need to come by car, could you please help us by trying to do the following,

- 1 - Please do not park in the car parking spaces on the school drive except in an emergency. This is particularly important in the morning as some parents who drop off at pre-school are causing significant problems for staff who need to park at this time.
- 2 - Park in the Shoulder of Mutton car park and walk up to the school to drop off, or to collect children.
- 3 - If you arrive early and are waiting in your car, please switch off your engine to prevent excessive pollution. As well as being very bad for the environment, it can make it very unpleasant and unhealthy for those people who are walking to school.

We appreciate these requests may not be the most convenient solutions for individual parents but by working together we can ensure that people can park safely and create a healthy environment for the children and community.

**School Field** – over the half term there will be some scaffolding on the school field for a neighbouring property. If your child is playing on the grounds please make sure they do not play on or go near this.

**Lost Property** – we have already accumulated a mountain of lost property this half term, none of which is labelled. If you have lost anything please come into the front office to have a rummage. Anything left unclaimed by the 28<sup>th</sup> November will be donated to Bags2School.

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**Bags 2 School** - we have arranged a collection on Wednesday 28th November, and bags will be sent home at the beginning of November. 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> .

**Packed Lunches – Nuts** - In the interests of our pupils health and safety, can we please ask parents to refrain from putting nut products in their children's packed lunches where possible as there are some children in our school with Nut allergies We thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



**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

**Christmas Dinner Day** – our wonderful kitchen staff will be serving up a bountiful Christmas feast on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. All children who normally have a school diner on a Thursday will automatically get this. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school Christmas dinner, please let the school office know by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and make a payment of £2.50 on parentpay.

**Pantomime Trip** – our wonderful team of Parents and Friends have arranged for all children in Reception and above to attend the Doncaster CAST Pantomime this year on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. A letter has been sent home with full details (and a copy can be found on our website). There is no cost to you for this trip, but we do require your consent and ask that you return the complete slip by Friday 14<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 has already been given – many thanks for this. Can we also remind parents that on the day of your child's class trip, 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 issues – thank you for your understanding.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Dolphins	Tag Rugby
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Lions	Tag Rugby
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Eagles	Tag Rugby

**Milk** - Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. All children under 5 are entitled to this free of charge, but if your child is 5 and above and would still like milk during the day, you will need to register at <https://www.coolmilk.com/register> .

**Bonfire Lunch** – The deadline has now closed for requests to have this meal. If your child does normally bring a packed lunch and you have not already requested this meal on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, you will need to send a packed lunch. Same day requests to have this will not be able to be met as food is ordered in advance as per numbers.

**Rugby Club** – on Tuesdays, Debbie Drake runs a rugby club just for our Reception and Year 1 children. It runs from 3:30 – 4:30 and she plays fun rugby games with simple techniques for the children. If you would like more information or would like to sign your child up please contact the school office. Can we also remind parents that with the colder weather setting in, children will need tracksuit bottoms and jumpers for rugby club going forward.

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**School Trip** – on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Lions and Eagles will be visiting Ferrybridge Power Station. A letter has been sent home with further details, and the trip is set up on parentpay where payment can be made and consent given. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Complete Sports Summer Club** - 3 Day Soccer Cube Camp Halloween themed - AGES 4+ At Kirk Smeaton School  
Mon 29 - Weds 31 October 10am-3pm. To BOOK - text 'Holiday camp Child's name(s) age(s)' to 07977253693  
£50 per child (for the 3 days) £90 2 children Or £20 per selected day(s)

#### Important Diary Dates

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School Closes
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	School Opens
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Bonfire School Dinner
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Lions and Eagles trip to Ferrybridge Power Station
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	School Photos
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Bags 2 School Collection
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	KS1 Nativity
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	KS2 Carols in the Hall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donations please
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	Christingle Service
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	School Closes
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	School Opens

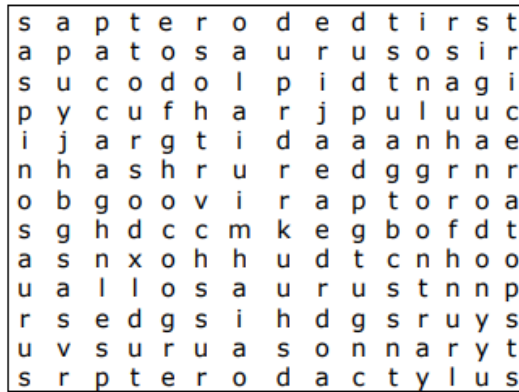
#### St Martins Church, Womersley Dates

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 @ 11:00-15:00	Early Early Christmas Market
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 14:00	Afternoon Bell Ringing and Carols (with refreshments)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018 @ 19:30	Carols by Candlelight
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 15:00	Crib Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 @ 23:00	Midnight Mass

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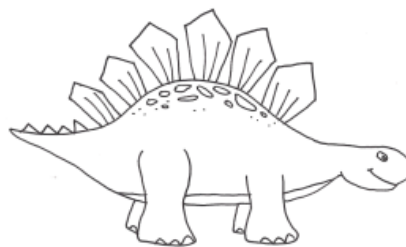
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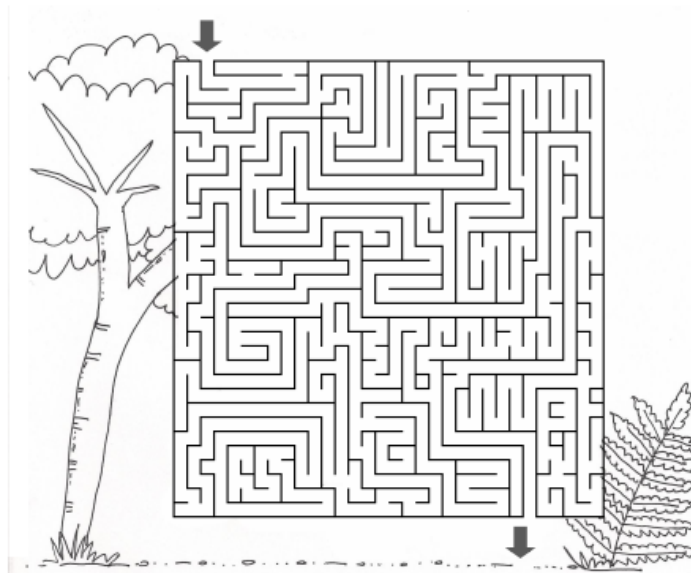
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Iguanodon	Tyrannosaurus
Velociraptor	Oviraptor



## Maze



The Stegosaurus likes to eat ferns, help the Stegosaurus to find some food for dinner



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