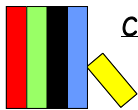
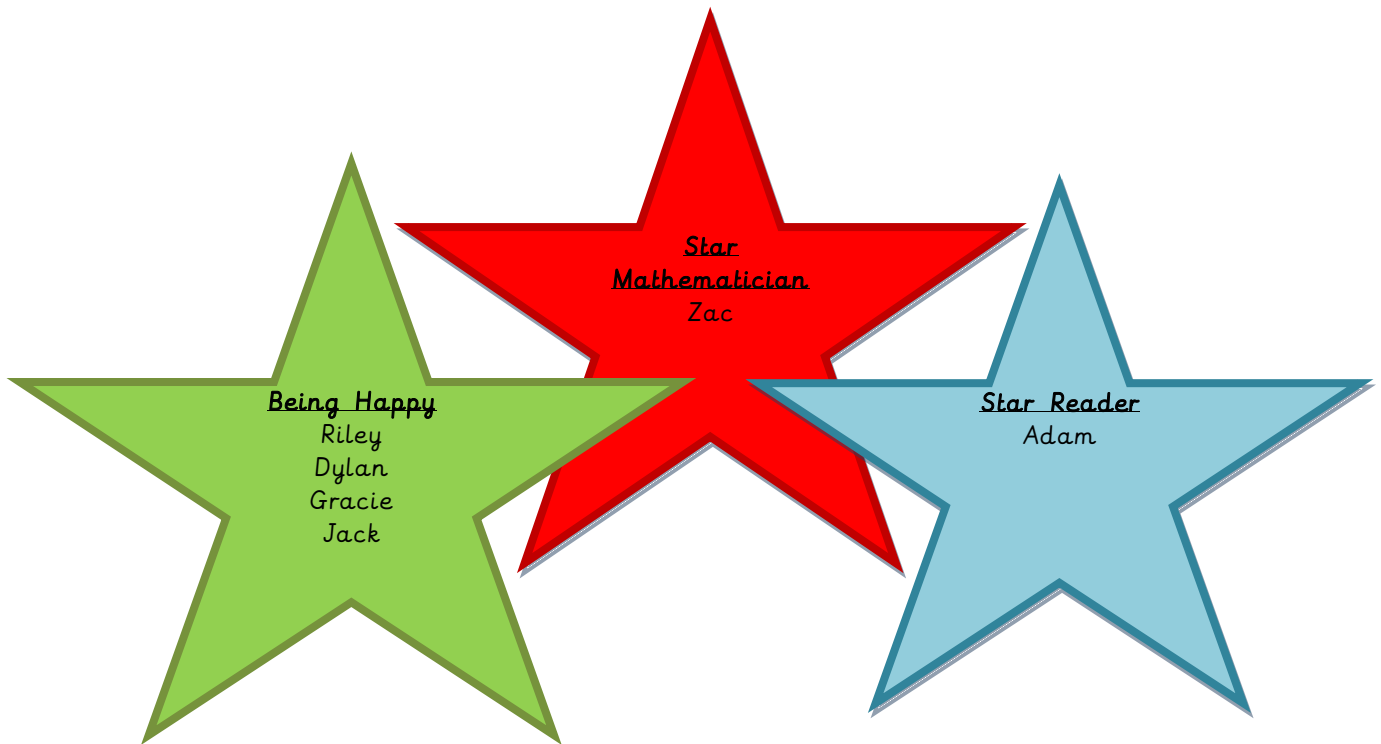




Headteacher: Mrs H Cuddy

Date: Friday, 27th January 2017



Charity Tuck Shop - our Eagles class will be having an afterschool tuck shop every Tuesday this half term. There'll be treats and a 'guess how many' game so please bring along your change as the money raised will be going towards Cancer Research.

Be Informed

Dolphins Meetings - Mrs Cuddy and Miss Pounder will be running the following for parents;

- A phonics session on the 15th February for all **Year 1** parents at 17:00.
- A SATS information session on the 1st March at 17:30 for all **Year 2** parents.

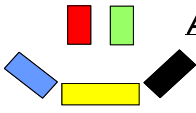
Year 6 SATS Meeting - Our year 6 teachers and Mrs Cuddy will be running a year 6 SATS information session for parents on the 8th February at 17:30 in Eagles classroom. This is a session to explain to parents the expectations for the Y6 SATS and provide them with the necessary information and paperwork. We urge all parents to attend to attend the session.



School Targets

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

World Book Day - on Thursday 2nd March we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite character in honour of World Book Day. Donations of £1 will be accepted towards some fab new resources for the school.



Absences - please remember to contact the school office in person or by telephone before 9:30 if your child is absent. This needs to be done each day they are off. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded.

Be Happy

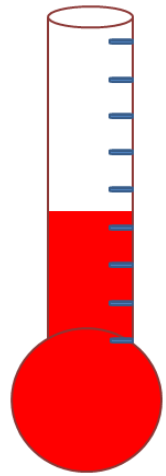
Starfish Recycling - thank you to everyone who has donated their recyclables to Starfish for their junk models. Please be reminded however that we only need clean yoghurt pots, any milk or drink screw lids, and cardboard boxes. Donations can be taken to the trolley in Starfish or handed into the school office.

Dolphins Request - next week Dolphins will be making clay dinosaurs as part of this terms topic. Could parents please send in a shoebox with their child/ren by Wednesday so we can also make them a habitat to live in.

Donations - if anyone has any unwanted, complete packs of playing cards or dominoes please consider donating them to us. We have found they are great for intervention work with the children and make a great resource

Lunch Invitation - On Tuesday 14th February, we will be inviting parents/grandparents of our Reception children to join us for lunch in the school hall. We are able to offer 2 places per child, and ask that you confirm attendance by Friday 3rd February. Any requests received after this date will unfortunately not be able to be met as kitchen orders will have been submitted. The meal on the day is Cottage Pie with vegetables, and a heart shaped cookie for pudding. The cost of this will be £2.76 per adult, payable by cash or cheque to the school office in advance.

School Uniform Swap - we will be hosting another school uniform swap on Thursday 30th March. Please come down and have a rummage, whilst hopefully bringing in some 'no longer needed good quality uniforms' to swap.



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>. The more people that sign up for it, the more funding our school receives. Just 50 people will give us £1000 towards resources such as playground lines, new laptops, watercoolers, a new canopy stand for Dolphins, and new reading books to engage the girls and the boys further. Each person that signs up is automatically entered into a £25000 draw each week, along with a smaller prize guaranteed to someone at our school. This term, all ticket holders will also be entered into a nationwide draw to win one of two Fitbit Alta's. As you can see we are quite a way from our goal number of people signing up so please sign up as soon as you can.

Mozambique - thanks to everyone's generous donations, we have managed to put together 3 large boxes of books, clothing, toiletries, pens, pencils and many other wonderful items to send to Mozambique. Ms Wolff has had the pleasure of meeting the children out there and working them, and knows how much of a difference these items will make for them, so thank you so much.



Children In Need - thank you to all those that donated towards this years Children In Need Appeal. Not only did all the children have a great time dressing spotty, but together we raised £77.95!

Kidzone - this newsletter we've introduced a page at the end with some fun activities for children to keep them entertained whilst your reading all our exciting news. Don't forget to check it out!

Swimming Lessons - The government is committed to ensuring swimming takes place in schools. Swimming is a compulsory part of the current national curriculum for PE. By the end of key stage 2 (age 11), pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a distance of at least 25 meters, using recognised strokes, on their front and back, and demonstrate an understanding of water safety. It is up to primary schools to decide when, and at what point they wish to teach this.

All children in year 3 will have fifteen 1 hour swimming lessons commencing on Friday, 24th March 2017 (2- 3pm). This change will ensure that when each child leaves our school they will be able to swim 25metres unaided. The pool hire and swimming instructor costs are covered by the school but unfortunately we do need to ask for transport payments. A minibus is being arranged to transport children to and from the event, and will update you with the total cost shortly. If you have any queries in the meantime please get in touch.

Book Club - Book club leaflets have now been sent home. They are a slightly different format, and include only a small selection of books. You can find more to choose from online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/catalogues> . Any orders should be handed in to the school office by Friday 3rd February with cheques made payable to 'Kirk Smeaton School'.



Dental Survey - our school has been randomly selected by North Yorkshire Dental Care Services as part of a national programme, to take part in a dental survey. A sample of our Reception and Year 1 children will be asked to have a brief examination by a dentist in school. The children have not been selected as yet, but when we are given names, consent forms will be sent home with those chosen containing further details. If you have any queries please get in touch.

Year 6 Questionnaire - this week we sent home a questionnaire with our Year 6 children from the Healthy Child Team. Please can you complete and hand back to the school office by Friday 3rd February, or let us know if you have any problems.



School Drive - please only use the school drive if needed, we ask instead that you park on the road or in the pub car park. Please also be mindful not to block access to residents homes, or the school drive. Remember to keep our children and village safe.

Attendance - Whole School Attendance for the year to date - 96.40%

w/c 16/01/2017	Attendance			Punctuality	
	Attendance	Pupils Absent	Sessions Absent (AM and PM)	Pupils Late	Minutes Late
Whole school	97.26%	5	21	4	62
Starfish	100.00%	0	0	0	0
Dolphins	99.60%	1	1	1	15

Lions	98.79%	2	4	2	35
Eagles	90.87%	2	16	1	12

Please be aware late marks reduce your child's attendance. It is extremely important for all children to be in school on time, every day; they will miss out on valuable learning time. We have 23 children who are currently below 95% attendance. If attendance is lower than 95% it is classed as a persistent absence. Let's try and reduce this number down by Easter, all you have to do is come to school every day.

On a positive note we have 22 children who have 100% attendance at present, let's hope they keep it up all year, if you get 100% for the year your child will receive a certificate and put into a draw to win a £20 Argos voucher! All children who get 100% attendance for the half term are mentioned in assembly and are given a prize.

If you arrive at school after 9am, please ensure you drop your children off in the front office, and sign them in, rather than going straight round to the classrooms.

Kind Regards,
Mrs J Maltby

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday, 8 th February 2017 @ 17:30	Year 6 SATS Information Session for Parents
Tuesday, 14 th February 2017	Reception Parents/Grandparents Lunch
Wednesday, 15 th February 2017 @ 17:00	Year 1 Parents Phonics Session
Friday, 17 th February 2017	School Closes
Monday 27 th February 2017	School Opens
Wednesday, 1 st March 2017 @ 9:10	Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, 1 st March 2017 @ 17:30	Year 2 SATS Information Session
Thursday, 2 nd March 2017	World Book Day (Dress as a Character)
Tuesday, 7 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday, 8 th March 2017	Parents Evening
Friday, 24 th March 2017	Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start
Thursday, 30 th March 2017	School Uniform Swap
Wednesday, 5 th April 2017 @ 9:30	Easter Service
Thursday, 6 th April 2017 @ 14:00-15:00	Starfish Explorers Stay and Play Session
Friday, 7 th April 2017	School Closes
Tuesday, 25 th April 2017	School Opens
Monday, 1 st May 2017	May Day Bank Holiday
Week Beginning 8 th May 2017	Year 6 SATS
May 2017	Year 2 SATS
Friday, 26 th May 2017	School Closes
Monday, 5 th June 2017	School Opens
Friday, 9 th June 2017 @ 14:30	KS1 SATS Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Week Beginning 12 th June 2017	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening Tests
Tuesday, 20 th June 2017	Sports Day
Tuesday, 27 th June 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Saturday, 8 th July 2017	Summer Fair
Monday, 17 th July 2017	Year 6 Blessing Service for Children and Parents
Friday, 21 st July 2017	School Closes

St Peter's Church Dates

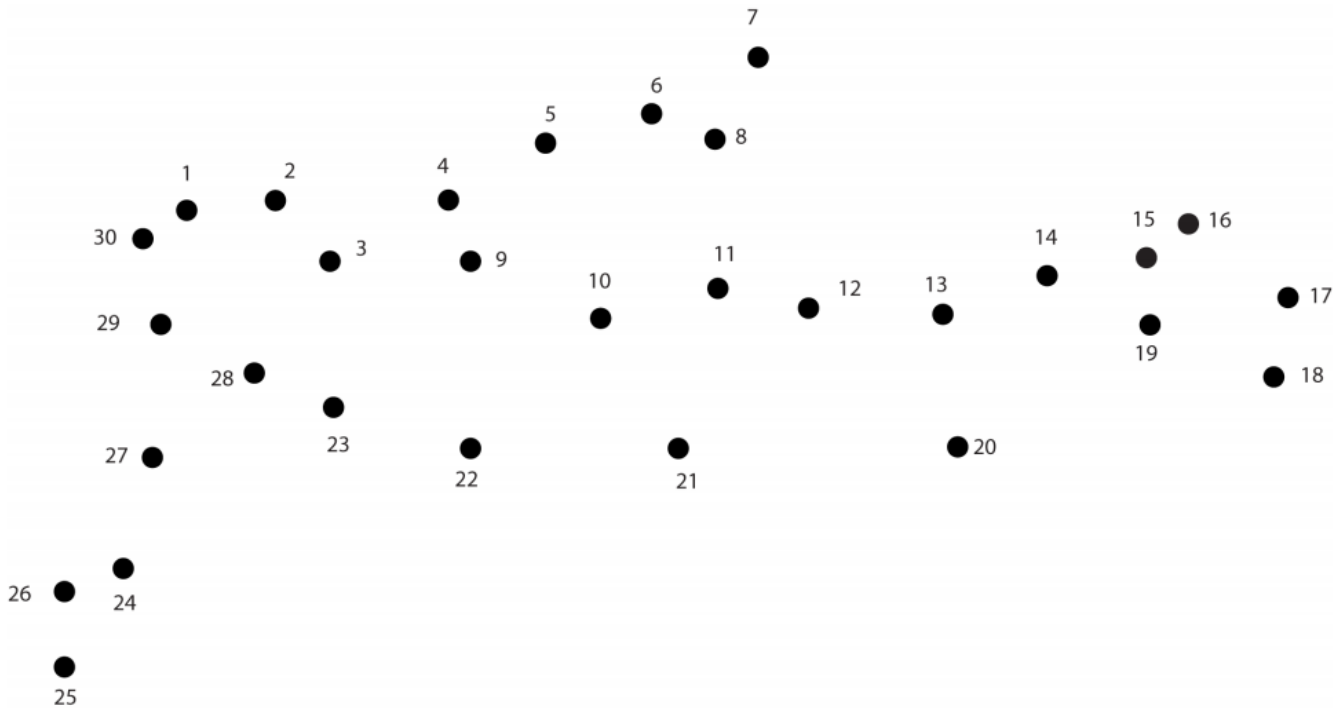
Sunday, 29th January 2017 @ 16:00

Plough Sunday

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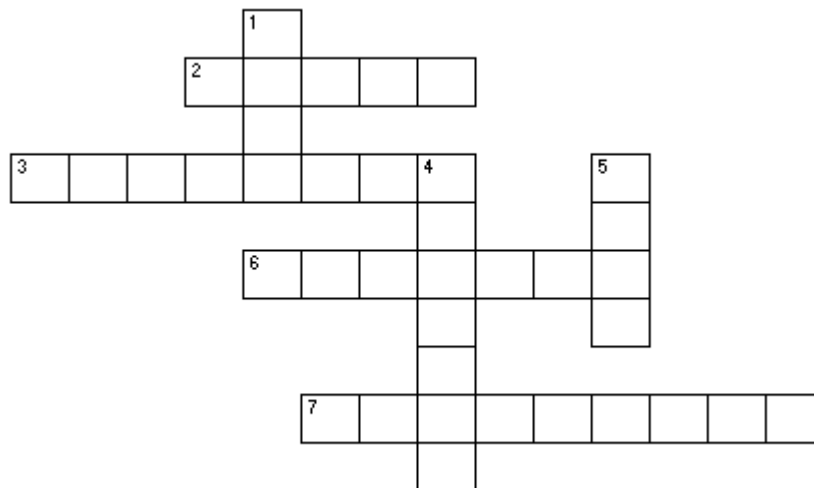
Dot-To-Dot

Clue: Lions class will be taking lessons in this from March.



Crossword

All the answers can be found in our newsletter items or dates section



Clues

1. Exams taken by Year 6 and Year 2. (4)
2. Which month is World Book Day in? (5)
3. Eagles are running this every Tuesday this half term. (4, 4)
4. Year 1 parents are invited to a session on this on 15th February. (7)
5. When parking and driving, we want to keep our children and village _ _ _ . (4)
6. Which teacher visited Mozambique to work with the children there? (2, 5)
7. Whose parents and grandparents are we inviting in for lunch on 14th February? (9)