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2018 Residential – sign up for next years residential to Bewerley Park has now closed, and the full balance is available for payment on parentpay. This can be paid in installments but the balance must be paid in full by Friday 1st June. Transport has now also been arranged and is also available for payment on

Be Informed parentpay.

Please complete the consent and medical information and hand into the office as soon as possible.

Welcome from Mr Hiley- I am delighted to have taken up the post of Interim Headteacher here at Kirk Smeaton and would like to say a big thank to all the children, staff and parents who have welcomed me so warmly into school. I am really looking forward to working with everyone over the coming weeks to ensure that Kirk Smeaton continues to thrive and develop as the happy and successful school that it is. You will find me at the gate on most mornings so please don't hesitate to come and have a chat or feel free to make an appointment to see me in school if you have anything you wish to discuss. In the meantime, I am looking forward to a successful, hard-working and fun Summer term.

Congratulations – Huge congratulations to Mrs Cuddy on the birth of her baby boy Noah, we are all looking forward to meeting him and giving cuddles.

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Attendance – We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving after the gates have closed on a morning at 9.00am. This causes several issues in terms of potential problems with registers, dinners etc and more importantly means that these children miss important beginning of the day activities. We appreciate that mornings can be busy and potentially stressful times however, arriving at school on time and ready to learn is vitally important for all children if they are to make the best possible progress. If you have any specific issues around arriving on time, please talk to us to see if we can offer any support.

Year 6 - Brayton Academy Induction day- Thursday the 14th June, this will be a normal full day 8.30am-2.30pm. There will also be a parents evening 5pm-7pm. Letters will be sent to students direct from Brayton.

Eagles play- on the Thursday 19th July, Eagles class will perform 'Hoodwinked'. The play will take several weeks to practice, so it is key that children with main parts are in school with no planned days off.

Year 5 – Year 5 transition morning to Campsmount has been changed from the 12th June to Monday 2nd July

Year 6 - In order to ensure our year 6 children don't miss out we will have a leavers celebration at school on Monday 25th June at 2pm. This will be for all Y6 children to share their memories and hopefully have a few laughs and tears together. Fr Adrian will come along to give the children a blessing and we hope parents will attend.

Eagles Xscape - After SATs week, we are planning a school trip for all the Eagles children to go to Xscape and enjoy some time together, we hope this is an opportunity for all the children to bond before they split up and go to their chosen High School. More information will be sent out by letter but the date will be the 24th May

Outstanding School Dinner Payments

As a reminder, school dinners must be paid for in advance of each half term. Thank you to those who have already made payment, if you haven't, please ensure payment is made before Monday, 30th April to ensure your child continues receiving dinners.

The amount owing for this half term if your child has meals everyday is £60.20. Please also bring any outstanding debts up to date whether this be on your school meal service or any other outstanding items.

If your child is in Year 6 and therefore due to leave us this year, it is vital that any outstanding payments are cleared before they leave.

Campsmount Sports fixtures- Due to Health & safety & DBS checks, Campsmount have requested that parents do not attend sporting events within the school day.

After School Club – booking forms for after school club are available from the school office please return them as soon as possible to ensure a place.

Telephone Calls – please note that if you ring the school after 4.30pm, our after school club will answer. If your call is not urgent, please call after 6pm where a voicemail can be left, or from 8:30am to speak to a member of the team.

Starfish Explorer Nursery Transition Days – we have arranged some stay and play dates for those children who will be starting with us soon.

- 12th July 13:30 – 15:00 – transition for those starting in September 2018

Invitations will be sent out to those who have already registered their children, but if you would like to join us please contact the school office for more information. Please let the office know if your child will be attending the sessions.

Starfish Explorers 30 Hours Funding

If you are in receipt of 30 Hours Funding for your Nursery place (Starfish Explorers) it is essential that you reconfirm your eligibility. This is done by logging onto your personal childcare service account and just ticking a box to confirm your details remain the same, if of course they do.

We cannot claim funding for your child without reconfirmation of your eligibility and would therefore have to request payment.

Please ignore this message if you have already reconfirmed your eligibility.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marner.

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Year 3 - Swimming Lessons - Please remember Swimming Lessons for our Year 3 pupils commence on Friday, 20th April until the end of July. Lessons take place every Friday 2-3pm.

There are still a few payments outstanding for the transport, if you haven't already done so, please make payment onto parentpay. Boy must wear trunks and not baggy shorts and girls must wear a swimming costume not a bikini.

School Photo's- School class photographs will take place on Monday the 21st May

Mrs Marners Paris Challenge

I am pleased to say Team Paris Challenge was a success and I managed to cycle from Pontefract to Paris and back in four days with some of the team also running the Paris Marathon during.

It certainly was physically, mentally and emotionally tough but I can honestly say I loved the challenge and feel overwhelmed by the support and donations received from everyone.

We've managed to raise over £13,000 so far for Macmillan Cancer Care with donations still coming in!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-strutt3>

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and also gave me words of support and motivation to do it.

Cycle Helmets

We always want to encourage activities that enable the children to keep fit and cycling to school is one of those.

However, we want to ensure that the children are as safe as possible so would strongly recommend that all children wear an appropriate cycle helmet. Some children do not particularly like wearing helmets but encouraging them to do this from an early age is extremely important to establish safe cycling habits that could potentially be life saving at some point



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 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

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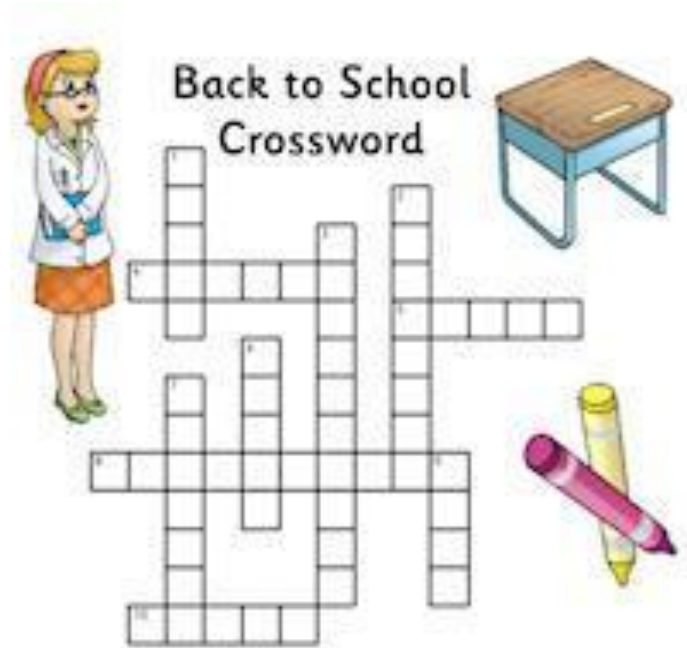
Important dates for your diary

W/c 14 th May 2018	KS2 SATS
Monday, 14 th May 2018 – Friday 25 th May 2018	KS1 SATS
Monday 21 st May 2018	Y3 & Y4 Rounder's
Monday 21 st May 2018	School Photo's
Thursday 24 th May	Eagles to Xscape Castleford
Friday 25 th May 2018	Rounder's day
Wednesday, 6 th June 2018	Information session for Reception and Nursery September intake
Monday, 11 th June 2018	Phonics screening for Y1 and some Y2's
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Y6 Brayton Academy Induction day 8.30am-2.30pm
Monday 25 th June 2019 @2pm	Leavers celebration for Y6
Tuesday, 26 th June 2018	Sports Day and Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday, 27 th June 2018 – Friday 29 th June 2018	Bewerley Park Residential
Thursday 28 th June 2018	Starfish & Dolphins visit to the National Railway Museum
Friday, 29 th June 2018	St Peters Day
Monday 2 nd July 2018	Y5 Campsmount transition Morning
Tuesday, 3 rd July 2018	Reserve sports day
Wednesday, 11 th July 2018	Y6 Campsmount transition day
Thursday, 12 th July 2018	Y6 Campsmount transition day
Thursday, 12 th July 2018 @ 13:30-15:00	Transition afternoon for nursery children starting in September
Monday, 16 th July 2018 @ 14:30	End of year Service in church
Thursday, 19 th July 2018 @ 2pm	Eagles performance

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Crossword



- | <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u> |
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| 4. Do you need to sharpen yours? | 1. Draw straight lines with this. |
| 5. Write or draw on this. | 2. It has a keyboard and a screen. |
| 8. You write on this with chalk. | 3. Where you go to play at break (recess). |
| 10. Please _____ your name on your work. | 6. Read these at home or school. |
| | 7. They help you learn new things. |
| | 9. The teacher sits here. |

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