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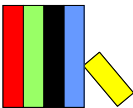
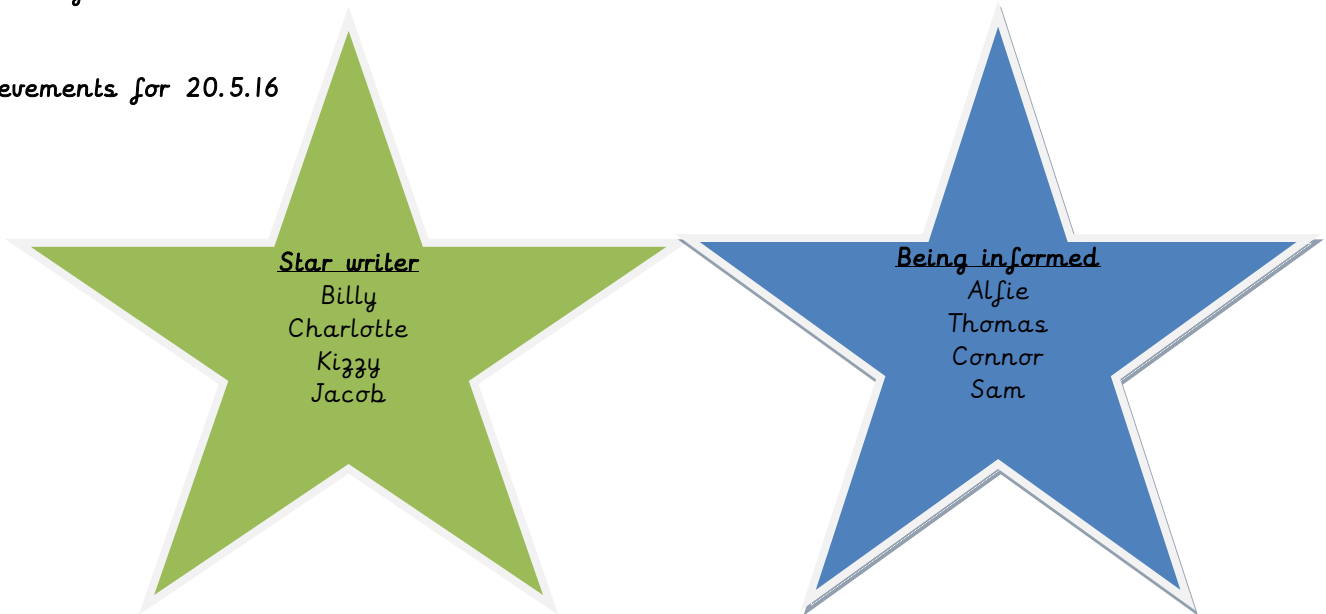
Date: Friday, 27th May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Our target last week was to learn from all our mistakes, as with every target some children really excel and some children need to focus a little more, so well done to those who have worked hard with this target and remember to persevere to achieve it. Next week will be the half term, we hope that the weather picks up and all our families and friends have a super sunny family week.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 20.5.16



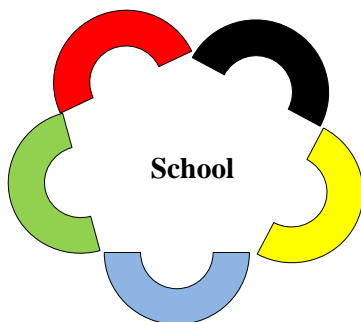
**School Dinner for next term** - The amount owing for school dinners next half term is £75.25 (35 meals @ £2.15 each). If your child only has dinners on certain days the

**Be Informed** amounts 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

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

**Dyslexia Support** - if your child has dyslexia or literacy difficulties, we have attached a flyer giving information of free dyslexia awareness sessions being held by Dyslexia Network Plus in May and June.



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.

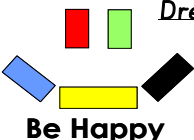
**Parent Questionnaire** - thank you to everyone who provided feedback for this. We are taking all comments on board and will be making changes, particularly in the homework area. Please see attached a summary of the results.

**Askern Cricket** - unfortunately this event was cancelled at the last minute as the pitch was flooded. The trip has been rescheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, and new letters have been sent home today for those children involved.

**Race for Life** - as you are aware due to the wonderful British weather we had to postpone our Race for Life event yesterday. It has been rescheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will hold on to any forms / money already handed to us, but for those who haven't yet passed back keep on getting those sponsors in!

**Year 5 Visit to Campsmount** - our Year 5 children have all been invited to visit Campsmount on 14<sup>th</sup> June for a morning taster session. A letter has been sent home this week with further details and timings. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office.

**Dress Code** - please can we remind all parents and carers that children are not permitted to have sunglasses, makeup or jewellery in school. This is due to health and safety. All children also need to wear plain black shoes and sensible rain coat with a hood just in case of rainy days.




**Be Happy**

**Summer Fair** - we still desperately need donations of tombola prizes, bottles, sweets / chocolates, bottles of spirits and ingredients for the cocktail stall at this years summer fair. We are also looking for help with setting up the event and manning the stalls. If you can be of any assistance please let us know.

**Football Festival** - we will be taking teams from Years 2, 3 and 4 to Campsmount on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June to compete in a football festival. The children involved have been sent home with a letter today with further details, and the trip is now set up on parentpay where consent and payment can be given. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

**First Aid** - we will be raising money during this years Sports Day to help fund a community defibrillator that will be held at school / in the community rooms. Parents and Friends will be selling teas and coffees to help with this, and a collection plate will be sent round. This is a great opportunity to help not just the school, but the whole community and we would encourage everyone to donate.

**Healthy Eating** - in line with our healthy eating policy, please can we remind all parents, carers and pupils not to bring in chocolate, crisps, sweets, fizzy drinks etc.



**Be Healthy**

**Rio Update** - all the children have made excellent progress for our 'Walk to Rio' challenge. So far they have accumulated 2276 miles - we are now off the coast of Western Sahara in Africa!



**Dinner Census** - thank you to everyone who responded to our email requesting suggestions for how our school dinners can be improved. We found that those already on school dinners were very happy, but those who brought a packed lunch would welcome alternatives. From this we have decided to trial a jacket potato option for 1 week from 13<sup>th</sup> June. Each day will be a different filling and salad / vegetables of the day. Further details can be found on the letter emailed to parents.

**Active Fusion** - The children enjoyed a fantastic Multi-skills sports day on Friday 13 May. Active Fusion (our school competition provider) led a super day of running, jumping, throwing and agility skills for all year groups in school. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm for sport and all children seemed to have fun judging by the smiles across their faces as they embraced the challenge of trying new sports and competing against their own personal best times and distances.

We continued our 'Fit for life' ethos with a traditional Indian and Bollywood dancing workshop on Wednesday 25th May. It seems that this was a great success too and the children enjoyed expressing the artistic side of dance and sport.

**Attendance** – Whole School Attendance **to date** – 96.5%  
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

<i>w/c 16/05/2016</i>	
<i>Whole school</i>	<i>97.67%</i>
<i>Starfish</i>	<i>98.89%</i>
<i>Dolphins</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>Lions</i>	<i>96.67%</i>
<i>Eagles</i>	<i>96.55%</i>

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

#### **Important dates for your diary**

Collective Worship with Fr Adrian	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1pm
Year 3 swimming lessons	Fridays 2-3pm
School opens	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Football Festival at Campsmount	Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Year 5 Transition Morning at Campsmount	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Sports Day	Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 (Reserve Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2016)
New Reception Parents Meeting	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ 1:30
Rescheduled cricket day for Y2 and Y5/6	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Eagles Trip to Headingley Cricket Ground	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016
Y6 Campsmount Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Y6 Brayton Transition Day (Full Day)	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Race for life	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Academic Year 15/16 Reports	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Summer Fair and Smeatons Got Talent	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Lions Trip to Headingley	Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Reception Graduation	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016