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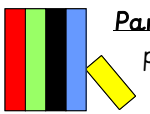
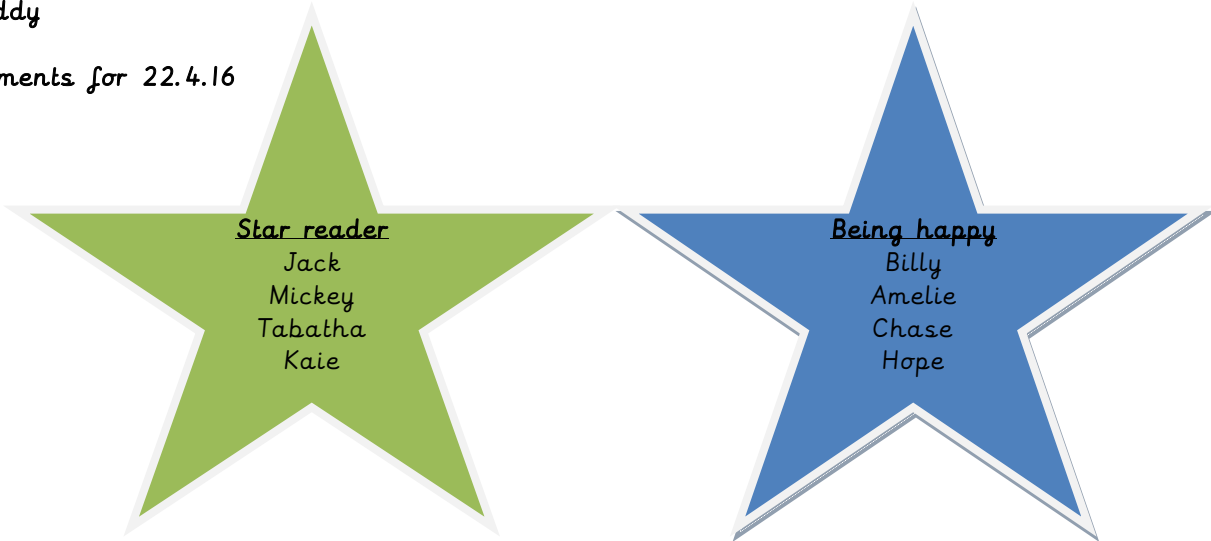
Date: Friday, 29th April 2016

Dear parents/carers

Our target last week was to help others using kind words. This has been particularly evident when our children have been peer assessing others work. They have made lovely comments and also comments to further develop work. Well done children! Next week we will be focusing on speaking to others using their name and remembering manners.

Mrs Cuddy

Achievements for 22.4.16



**Parent Questionnaire** - Could we ask all parents to complete the questionnaire by 6th May please. We have already seen that homework is an area where we could develop. All your responses will be analysed and where possible we will propose new changes. A massive thank you to all those that have completed already!

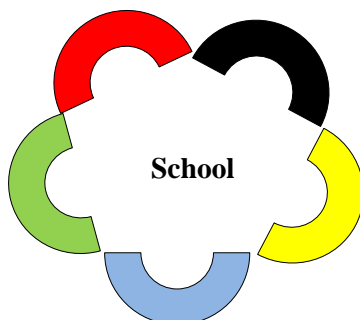
**Be Informed**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GJQ56XK>

**May Day** - Please remember that it is May Day bank holiday on Monday, and school will be closed.

**Went Valley Message** - There will be no breakfast club or pre-school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May as their room is being used as the local polling station.

**Cursive writing**- you may have noticed the change of font. The font is in the cursive handwriting that is so important for our young children to achieve to be at the expected level at Year 2 and 6 National Tests. We ask all parents to support us in encouraging children to use cursive joined handwriting at Reception age, so that all children are able to use the script well in Years 1-6. Thank you for your support.

The quick brown fox  
jumps over the lazy dog.



1. Leadership: Further develop middle leader's impact by sharing outstanding practice.

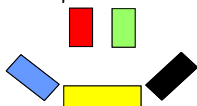
2. Challenge: Encourage challenge and mastery in Maths, Reading, Writing and SPAG for more able learners.

3. Curriculum: Raise children's attainment in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Ensure that all children are working within age-related achievements.

**High School Transition** - You will now have been informed which High School your child will be attending in September 2016. If you haven't yet been informed of transition dates being held by your allocated school yet, please contact the school direct to request this information. We will authorise absence for your child to attend these days.

**Development Group Survey** - The development group have sent out a questionnaire to get some ideas to develop the community room. We would be very grateful if you could please fill the attached questionnaire or email us your comments and we will pass them on.

**Music Lessons** - There will be no music lessons during the year 6 SATS week (9<sup>th</sup> May - 13<sup>th</sup> May) so please remember not to send your children in with any instruments.



**Dress Code** - please can we remind all parents and carers that children should not wear makeup to school, nor bring any makeup or jewellery with them.

**Be Happy**

**Homes Wanted For Baby Guinea Pig** - Hello my name is Charlotte Clark and I am in Dolphins Class. I would like to ask all the Mums, Dads & Carers if they would consider letting their child adopt one of my lovely baby guinea pigs as we have 11 at the moment!! They are brilliant first pets easy to keep - they don't bite, are great lawnmowers and they even whistle!!! Please see my mum or me if you are interested. They are free to good homes and come with a bag of food and an adoption certificate. Thankyou, Charlotte x

**Smeatons Lucky Lotto** - Congratulations to Aprils winners;

- 1st prize: Ticket no. 161 - Judith Askew £20
- 2nd Prize: Ticket no. 154 - Barbara Sharpe £10
- 3rd Prize: Ticket no. 6 - Alex and Millie Thornley £5

Cash prizes are awaiting collection from the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



**The School Drive** - Can we please ask that children do not run, cycle or scooter up and down the school drive. Please encourage your child/children to walk sensibly and therefore **Be Safe** creating a safer environment for everyone



**Summer Safety** - with the lovely warmer days we are getting, please can we ask that all parents and carers remember to apply sun lotion to your children before coming to school.

**Attendance** - Whole School Attendance to date - 96.38%  
(Attendance is calculated up to and including the previous Friday)

w/c 18/04/2016	
Whole school	96.60%
Starfish	99.26%
Dolphins	90.71%
Lions	98.79%
Eagles	94.48%

Kind Regards,  
Mrs J Maltby

**Important dates for your diary**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Collective Worship with Fr Adrian | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1pm                                      |
| Year 3 swimming lessons           | Fridays 2-3pm   |
| May Day Bank Holiday              | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016   |
| Year 6 SATS Week                  | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2016                     |
| Year 2 SATS Week                  | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016                    |
| Class photographs                 | Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2016  |
| Race for Life Event               | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016  |
| School Closes                     | Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016   |
| School opens                      | Monday, 6 <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 @ 2:30                                       |
| Academic Year 15/16 Reports       | Friday, 8 <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  |