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## *'Striving for success with pride and happiness'*

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

Welcome back to school for the start of a very exciting year. I hope you've all had a good holiday and your children are looking forward to starting their new school year in their new class. They all seem to have certainly settled into new routines very well and there has been a lovely buzz of learning around school.

I want to give a huge welcome to all of our new children and parents that have started in FS2 and also throughout the school. I do hope you settle very quickly into school and make the most of your time with us by getting involved in school events.

I also want to say a big welcome to our new staff team. We have six new teachers - Mr Atherton (Y1), Mrs Foster (Y2), Mrs Beaumont (Y3), Miss Goodyear (Y4), Miss Elliott (Y5) and Mr Gunning (Y6). We also have two new support assistants - Miss Senior who will be supporting learners in Foundation and Mrs Wattam who will be providing nurture support in our butterfly room and supporting KS1 pupils. If you didn't get the chance to attend the new class meetings in July, we have new parent information sessions next week 8.30-9 am, KS1 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, KS2 classes on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and FS1/2 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, when you will get a chance to meet your child's new teacher. The new teaching team has certainly made a positive impact already.

### A new Vision!

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, all staff and Governors worked hard to create a new school vision, taking into account the journey that the school has made since creating our original vision in 2007, what we value and are aiming to achieve for your children in terms of the culture of the school, providing lifelong learning opportunities, promoting their talents and interests and providing a better and brighter future. All who were involved in the day, really did a fantastic job and I really believe our new vision :

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encapsulates what we are aiming to achieve for your children and the community.

### Parent Vision event

We are looking forward to working in partnership with all members of our community during this exciting phase in the development of our school, and would therefore like to invite you



all to a vision event on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, where we can share our new vision and the actions we are making towards achieving this. Refreshments will be provided too. Watch out for the invite. So let the learning begin, and let's make 2016-2017 a brilliant year for our children at West Melton. Please read the Topic narrative in order to find out about the exciting topic that your child will be learning and as always, your support at home with homework, bringing books/ artifacts' in, would be greatly appreciated.

### Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Snow who gave birth to her second daughter this summer. Proud sister Lucy has a beautiful little sister now called Hannah. Both mum and baby are doing well.

### School Meals

Please can all dinner money (in sealed envelopes and clearly marked with your child's name and class) be given to the class teacher on Monday morning, and NOT taken directly to the school office. The price of school meals is £10.25 for the week (£2.05 per day).

### Security Gates

I am very pleased to say that we now have security fencing and electronic gates that separate the car park from the main path and access in and out of school is more much more secure. Your children's safety is paramount to us, so it is essential that these are in place.

### Independence

Your children have really settled in to the school routine well and we want to use the time that they are with us to give them as much opportunity to learn and be successful as possible. We also want them to develop more independence too. Therefore, parents do not need to bring children round to their classrooms once the gate is opened. The children know what is expected of them and as soon as they enter school they are busy learning.

### Reading Rewards

Your support at home with listening to your child read is a crucial part of their learning development. I am delighted to say that the number of children, who manage to achieve a reading trophy at the end of the year, has increased over the years. Let's see if we can double it this year with your help.

Each time you hear your child read their reading book, if you sign their learning log, they will receive a smilie. If their learning logs are signed at least 3 times a week, your child will receive a variety of prizes every five weeks. Not only will this encourage them to learn new reading skill, new vocabulary and become more confident, but it will also help them to develop a love for reading - something which they will enjoy for the rest of their lives.

### Smilie Reward System

We love to reward your children in many ways. Each child will have a new reward folder to collect smilie stamps and cards. They can receive up to 25 smilies per week - (5 a day) for 1) attending school on time, 2) Being organised - bringing P.E Kit, homework, letters etc, 3) Having a positive attitude/behaviour, 4) Completing their learning in the time given and 5) Completing homework when set and reading at home every day (which will be checked in their learning logs).

If 25 smilies are earned, they have the chance to swap them at the end of the week at our prize shop, or save them towards a bigger prize. Your support with ensuring your child arrives on time and completes home tasks will really help them to gain their points.

### Website

Please check out our school website for news and information about our new classes and any events for your diaries.

Yours Sincerely,

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Headteacher