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'Striving for success with pride and happiness'

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

We have had a great start to the year and your children have worked so hard, there is lots to celebrate! We have also held many different events this term for parents - many thanks to those who attended - your views and support are important to us.

Educational visits

- The Year 6 pupils enjoyed learning about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of ways and about the laws linked to these important messages during a trip to crucial crew.
- Our Y2s enjoyed a day at CLC improving their computer skills and learning how to present in front of the Green Screen.
- More recently, year groups 1 to 6 enjoyed their trip to Perlethorpe, taking part in a range of outdoor activities such as den-building, storytelling and orienteering. The written work that the children have produced from their experiences is stunning.

Parent events

Great news! We raised £185 for Macmillan Cancer Support with our Coffee Morning and Non-uniform day. Many thanks for your support with this. Due to the disappointing turn out from parents at this event, I did send out questionnaires to see when are the best times for an Assembly or an event in school - the majority of questionnaires have requested early morning events, so we will be moving any parent events to start first thing, in the hope that more parents can attend them.

Many thanks to the parents who attended the Parent Vision Event and hope that you found the information shared about our recent Ofsted inspection, new vision, school plans, new partnership with schools in Wickersley Trust and Early help input very useful and reassuring that we are confident and have the capacity to improve the education provided for your children.

The Harvest Festival went very well and it was lovely to see so many parents there and a full church. Thank you kindly for all your donations of food, the Salvation army were delighted at the amount.



Eco-Schools
Bronze Award



It was lovely to see another great turn out of parents for Class 2's assembly this week. They presented some beautiful work and amazed the audience with their performance of the long Anansi story, remembering many words and actions.

We hope that the parents attending the Curriculum events for children in Y1 to 6, enjoy learning with their children and celebrating some of the beautiful work produced on their Geography topics, which is also proudly displayed around school too.

Sporting news

Football matches. Year 5 and 6 took part in the football festival at Wath Comp, the girls and boys worked really hard on the day. Mr Gunning and Mr Atherton were very proud of them

Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in a cross country sports event; with 5 pupils successfully getting through to the finals which were held this week at Herringthorpe Leisure Centre. Well done to Andrew Nyika, Casey Edwards, Phoebe Shimwell, Dawson Stone and Doriana Martins. We are very proud of you.

New reward system

I am certain that by now you are all aware of our new 'Dojo' reward system in place. We have had great feedback from both the parents and pupils about this. Many thanks to those parents who have sent replies back to school - we do share these with the children and it really does make their day! Please check that you have signed up to receive updates about your child's successes on your phone and are receiving them too.

Handwriting

Over the last couple of days the staff and pupils have received invaluable training on the teaching and learning of handwriting throughout school. The children are really trying their best to improve and raise the presentation of their work and are very proud of this too. Your support with this at home too would be greatly appreciated.

Staff news

Sadly we say goodbye today to Mrs Perry as she takes maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work and invaluable support this term.

Change of weather

The lovely weather we have enjoyed seems to have turned more autumnal - please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day!

Operation Encompass

I would like to inform you of a new project that is being run across Rotherham. It is called Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting on any domestic violence incidents that occur outside of school and might have an impact on a child in school. School will be informed of any domestic violence that has happened overnight. The designated member of the school staff will use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

We hope you have a wonderful half term with your children and look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Yours sincerely,


Headteacher