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

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

Welcome back to the start of an action packed term. Please read the topic narratives attached to this letter to find out about what your children will be learning this term. Your support with this at home, is always much appreciated.

### Parent/Pupil meetings

A quick reminder that the meetings will take place in all classes on different days next week along with your children. Please check that you have been given an allocated time by child's class teacher and/or on the list up outside classes. Please enter school through the main entrance.

### Reading Rewards

Let me take this opportunity to remind parents that we are approaching Week 10 of this scheme. Many children have been successful in achieving their rewards but there are many pupils whose learning logs are not being signed by the parents. Pupils who read at least 3 times and have their learning logs signed by an adult each time, will receive the reward and acknowledgement on our school chart on Friday. It is a whole year reward system so it is not too late. Please keep reading at home - I cannot emphasise enough, how important your support is with this.

### School Closure

Thank you for your support with this unfortunate situation yesterday, and apologies for any inconvenience it may have caused you. School were originally informed that it would take 3-6 hours to fix our water supply, so we had no alternative but to close and cancel the Halloween disco initially. Can I remind parents that we have to register the children present or absent for fire safety purposes, so it was important that you collect your children at the specified collection time. On these exceptional occasions the usual procedures/places for children to leave school are still in place, unless a specific reason/request to leave earlier has been granted.

### Community Association Halloween disco

Many thanks to Mrs Griffin who organised this event, also to Mrs Rawson and Miss Frostick for their help. The children really enjoyed themselves once again and looked terrific in their



costumes. A fantastic £100 was raised on the night for school funds. Well done!

### Staff News

Many congratulations to Mrs Perry on the birth of her second son Jacob Jonathan Perry. Both mum and baby are doing well.

### Free School Meals

I would like to thank the parents that have applied for free school meals for their child. I am pleased to say that we now have the potential to gain an additional £22,000 in funding to support your children's learning as a result.

### Scooters/Bikes

Can I remind parents with children who come to school on a bike or scooter that once past the school gates, the children need to get off and push their bike to the shelter. We have had many near accidents from children whizzing around the corner on their scooters. Thanks for your support with this.

### Winter Time

As winter is well and truly here, please ensure your child has a warm coat every day and suitable outdoor footwear with a change for indoor use.

As it is much darker when the children finish school now, if they do stay for after school clubs, can we ensure that they are collected by an adult please.

### Christmas

Christmas is approaching fast and I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the exciting events that will be happening in school over the next few weeks.

- **Christmas Enterprise Fair - Friday 2nd December.** This will take place in the school hall and parents are welcome to attend from 2pm to 3pm and enjoy a wide selection of festive stalls and games run by children, in order to raise money for the school funds.
- **Foundation stage trip to Cannon Hall Farm -Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** with a special visit to see Father Christmas!
- **Choir perform at Rotherham Parish Church Christmas Service - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 1pm** Parents are very welcome to come and support.
- **Key Stage 1 Nativity - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Two magical performances for parents will take place at 9.15am and 1.45pm.
- **Christmas Dinner- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for all the children.
- **Christingle Service - Tuesday 13th December at 1.30pm Brampton Church.** Parents are welcome to attend this beautiful service with contributions from KS2 pupils and singing from all pupils.
- **Foundation Stage Nativity - Wednesday 14th December.** Two wonderful performances will take place at 9.45am and 1.45pm
- **Pantomime Trip - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12 - 3.45pm** Y1-6 will have the fantastic opportunity to go to Rotherham civic theatre to see Snow White.
- **Mince Pie Sing a-long event Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am** Parents are invited to come and be entertained by different classes of children over a mince pie and hot drink.
- **Children's Christmas Party - Thursday 15th December pm** - Following a whole school party lunch in the hall, which is served by all the staff, the children will have a Christmas party in the afternoon. They can bring some party clothes to change into.
- **Christmas Jumper day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** All children can come dressed in festive wear today for a £1 donation towards the cancer charity. Don't forget we **finish at 2pm** on this day too.

Hope this helps with organising diaries at this particularly busy time of year!

Yours Sincerely,

  
Headteacher