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'Striving for success with pride and happiness'

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

What a term we have had! It has certainly been a busy and productive one, and with all the recent Christmas Celebrations over the last couple of weeks too, the children and staff are certainly in need of a well- earned rest.

Christmas Celebrations

The KS1 pupils entertained their parents with a wonderful performance of "Christmas around the world" and the Foundation Stage children performed 'Come to the manger' beautifully too-even including soloists in one of the songs. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for their continued hard work in preparing the children for these productions. It takes up a huge amount of their time in planning the events, costumes and preparing the children.

Well done to the KS2 pupils for their contributions towards the Christingle/Carol service. It was great to have performances from the children who have been learning to play the ukelele too.

The Choir performed beautifully at the Christmas concert at Rotherham Minister too.

The pupils have all enjoyed their Christmas lunches and parties and thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the pantomime on Wednesday.

Our first Mince Sing-a-Long was a great success with a fantastic turn out from parents. We managed to raise £102.50 from ticket sales which will be put to use next term on school visitors and resources. Many thanks to all parents who have attended our Christmas events, (especially for joining in with the singing!)

Christmas Enterprise Fair

Well done to all classes for their fantastic effort and contribution towards our Christmas Enterprise Fair. The pupils once again excelled themselves with their creations, from tasty edible Christmas treats and beautiful decorations. In total, a profit of £411.63 was raised towards school funds. Well done!



Educational visits

The Y5's had the fantastic opportunity of visiting the CLC at Winterhill where they used specialist equipment to produce a short film based on their Greek topic. Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 had a visit based around a history Day with artefacts being brought in and various activities taking place linked to the periods they were covering. The Foundation Stage enjoyed a Christmas Activity day that the children designed themselves too.

Quality Mark

I am delighted to announce that West Melton have successfully retained our Quality Mark status once again. A visiting head teacher who carried out the assessment was very impressed and will be taking some of our best practises away for use in his own school. More information of this and his letter to the school can be found on the school website.

Parents/Pupils Meetings

At the beginning of the half term our new system of meetings with your child and their teacher during the school day was introduced. This went very well and we received positive feedback from the parents and higher attendance than the previous way of carrying out these meetings.

Attendance/Punctuality

I am very proud to inform you that the school received an Attendance Award for 2015/16 due to the rate of improvement in attendance and in doing so exceeding the target set by the local authority. Unfortunately the start of this year is not as positive due to a number of reasons such as sickness. May I take this opportunity to stress the importance of school attendance and request that medical appointments are made out of school time where possible.

Staffing News

Sadly Miss Duffield will be leaving us today. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication during her time at West Melton and wish her all the best in her move towards a nursing career.

New School Logo

You may have noticed a change of logo on our recent correspondence. Congratulations to Karyss Nowell in Y5 for her winning design. It was chosen from many entries and I am sure you will agree that it represents our new vision in an effective way.

Special thanks to Mrs. Griffin and the Community Association for their help with funding for the new carpet in the Nurture Room and refreshments at the sing-a long.

Finally, on behalf of the all the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very merry Christmas. We look forward to the next exciting learning opportunities in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Z Norris
Headteacher