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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting new term and the start of 2017. I do hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable break with your children over the past 2 weeks. The staff are busily transforming our school environment in order to immerse the children into their new exciting topics and celebrate the beautiful work that they are producing. It should be quite a creative term for the children as their new topics are inspired from the painting that has been chosen for this years 'Picture This' project, which results in a wonderful exhibition of work at MAGNA and in school too. We also have a number of exciting singing and dancing performances coming up too. Please read the topic narrative attached to see what your child will be learning and what you can support them with at home.

Exciting events coming up . . .

Book week will take place on the fourth week of term following a visit to school from children's author Eamonn Reilly on 24th January. Please watch out for any parent activity morning invites. There will also be a chance for the pupils to come to school as a book character at the end of this week. The choir are busily practising songs for the Young Voices concert on the 11th January; they will also be performing at the Mayor's musical showcase for the first time on the 2nd February too. There are many other events coming up too- please check the website.

SATs preparations

Such an important milestone is approaching for our Year 6 and 2 pupils this May. The staff and pupils are working tremendously hard to ensure that all children of West Melton reach their potential and have the best start when they move to Secondary school.

SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils will take place between Monday 8th May and Thursday 12th May 2017.

We will be holding a Parent Information event about the Y6 SATs tests on Thursday 19th January 2017 3pm and a Y2 SATs information event on Tuesday 31st January in the hall.



Independence

As a school, striving for success, one of our aims is for the children to become more independent and think for themselves, be able to organise their coats and equipment, order their own dinner and be able to come into the class room by themselves. As we are now into the second term, unless there is a planned parent's event, there is no reason for parents to come into school in a morning. All their time in school is planned for with learning opportunities so if you do need to speak to the teacher about something, a note in learning logs to contact you at an appropriate time can be made and arranged. The older KS2 children should be walking round to class themselves too. Your support with this is would be appreciated.

Term date Reminders:

Spring Half term Holiday starts - Monday 20 February 2017

Back to school - Monday 27 February 2017

Easter Holiday starts - Monday 10 April 2017. Finish at 2pm on Friday 7th April

Back to school - Monday 24 April 2017

Inset Day Thursday 4th May 2017

Summer Half term Holiday starts - Monday 29 May 2017

Back to school - Monday 5 June 2017

Summer holidays Holiday starts - Monday 24th July 2017

Bank holidays 2017

- Good Friday: Friday 14 April 2017
- Easter Monday: Monday 17 April 2017
- May Day: Monday 1 May 2017
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 29 May 2017

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher