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Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

I hope you've all had a lovely Easter holiday. Welcome back to the start of an exciting and challenging new term for your children.

New Topics

This term each class has a 'history' focussed topic with a specific focus on learning about a significant historical person. We also have a 'friendship' themed week planned for the whole school this term and have invited Mrs Foxley-Johnson in to do some ant-bullying workshops with the children. She comes highly recommended from many Rotherham schools she has worked with. Please see the attached narrative for a detailed overview about the exciting new learning that your children will be having and don't forget to check out the website for any dates of events.

Wath May Day Festival

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to take part in the Wath Festival this year, however, I do have plans to work with the choir and dance clubs on other projects so there will be a performance for parents at a later date.

Diary dates

May Bank Holiday will be celebrated on **Monday 1st May**. The school will be closed.

Half term dates: **Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June** (inclusive).

INSET DAYS: **23rd June** has now replaced the 4th may Inset day, **also** due to the additional election put in place ,the school will now be closed to be used as a polling station on Thursday **8th June**

Pupil Attendance and Punctuality

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and effort to ensure that your children attend school regularly and arrive on time - this is improving- keep up the good work. Just a reminder to all parents that our policy for holidays in term time is that except for severe emergencies, holidays will not be authorised.



New uniform

The children look so smart in their new uniform. It was pleasing to see how many have started wearing the new purple jumpers on Monday. However, there has been some confusion about what the colour of the top should be. Can I clarify that the school uniform should be:

Purple jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt

White shirt/polo shirt

Black trousers/skirt/pinafore/purple checked summer dress

Black shoes (not trainers)

However I know that uniform can be expensive, so if you have already purchased a purple polo shirt, it will be okay for them to continue wearing this until they are ready for a new one.

Thank you for your support in making sure our children look smart and presentable.

KS1/2 SATS

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our year 2 and 6 pupils good luck in their SATS tests coming up in a few weeks. They have worked so hard during this year and have had fantastic attitudes, showing much resilience and effort towards their learning. We are very proud of them already. Attendance for the Y6 additional booster classes has been good and the children who have given up their time to do these are looking forward to choosing their treat for next term. Booster classes will continue up to and including the week of the SATs. All I ask is that the children get plenty of sleep and exercise so that they can reach their full potential. Thanks for your much valued support.

Improving Parental Engagement

Thank you to those parents who came to the coffee morning to discuss the new parent code of conduct policy. Disappointingly, there were only five parents that attended this, so I have put the presentation that I shared on the school website for those of you who were unable to make it. It may help to clarify the reasons for the policy and emphasize how important a positive, open and honest parent/school partnership is. There were some great ideas for fund raising from the parents who attended too. I have been informed that there have been some parents who felt upset and slightly judged as the parent workshop letters only went out to a few to start with. This was never my intention. A few were sent due to the limitation of places available, however I will try to ensure that all parents are invited to events in future and places will be given on a first come first served basis.

Can I reiterate that the SLT and I are working hard to move the school forward and involve parents more. We are happy to discuss/clarify any queries or concerns parents may have, but can only do this if they are told to us; otherwise it becomes hearsay and gossip and can give false impressions and create negative feelings.

Improving children's independence

Just a reminder: if your children are in Y2 and above they should be entering the classroom by themselves in the morning. This will help them to develop more independence, self-confidence and organization skills. It will also ensure that all the time in a morning is focused on learning and help them prepare for their next school year as they enter the final term of school. Thanks for your support with this.

Kind regards,



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