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Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

What a productive and wonderful term we have all had!!

### Science Week

All pupils enjoyed a practical and investigative science themed week. Their focus for the investigations was based around space. Children have enjoyed the planetarium experience and have produced some beautiful work. Thanks to those parents who attended the coffee morning work sharing event today to celebrate this work.

### Red Nose Day

The children all looked great dressed in red. A fantastic £115 was raised for Red nose day. Many thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for their donations. Well done everyone!

### Parents/pupil meetings

Many thanks for attending the parents meetings this term. In order for your child to be effectively supported at both home and school, it is vital that you continue to support your child and the school in their education. 80% of parents attended meetings this term.

### Class 1 assembly

Well done to Y1 for their hard work towards an enjoyable and entertaining class assembly this term.

### Trips to the English Institute of Sport

Both KS1 and KS2 pupils have had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting activities at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. All children enjoyed the day and maybe there is a future Olympic champion amongst them!

### Easter Festival

A really good turn out from parents last week at Brampton Church for the school Easter Celebration. Well done to all years for their contributions. Many thanks to all of the parents who have supported with the Easter bonnet and Easter egg competition. The quality of the entries were egg-celent. How difficult it will be to judge!



### Safety awareness: Social media/Blue whale game

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and spreading across Eastern Europe. The game is played online and spreads through social media. Players are appointed a "master/teacher" and these "masters/teachers" challenge the players in stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body, usually the arm or the leg. As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self-harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide. All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called "master/teacher". The game is being played by children of all ages, some as young as primary age, but predominantly by teenagers. Apparently this game has been mentioned on the Romanian News due to the seriousness of the consequences. This obviously sets a worrying trend and the game has already been mentioned at a school in Leeds.

### Improving Parental engagement

Firstly I am really pleased with the increased attendance of many of our parents and carers at our recent pupil/parent meetings. I am glad you appreciate how vital these are. Thank you to those parents who also attended the recent workshop for parents too.

Unfortunately over recent months there has been an increase in the number of issues relating to inappropriate channels of communication. Our class dojo system has been a great success however on occasions it has been used to raise concerns and we must stress that this is not its purpose. There are appropriate methods of raising concerns which are identified in our new Parent Code of Conduct Policy, a copy of which is attached for your information. I will be happy to discuss any aspects of this new policy at our Coffee Morning for parents/carers on Tuesday 25th April at 9.00am.

### Improving children's independence

As we are entering our final term and are not far away from transition to the next year group, we would like the children to be able to enter the school grounds and classrooms more independently. At this stage of the year the KS2 children in particular and Y2 should be able to enter the classroom by themselves in the morning, hang their coats up and sort out the equipment they need. This will help them to develop more independence, self-confidence and organisation skills. It will also ensure that all the time in a morning is focused on learning. Your support with this will be much appreciated.

### REMINDERS

The original INSET day booked for the 6<sup>th</sup> May has now been moved to **23<sup>rd</sup> June** instead. The children will be able to start wearing our new smart purple school uniform from next term onwards.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable spring break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** in readiness for the summer term, an important time of learning and hard work especially for our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who will be taking their SATs. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



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Headteacher