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Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

As the half term break has come upon us again, I thought it would be nice to share with you some of the wonderful learning opportunities that your children have had. They all certainly deserve a good rest after all the hard work this term!

### **Friendship Week**

Year 1-6 pupils enjoyed taking part in the anti-bullying workshops delivered by Mrs Foxley-Johnson. They produced some wonderful and thoughtful work which was celebrated in an assembly at the end of the week. Information from this week can be found on the website.

### **SATs**

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic attitude and hard work shown by our Y2 and Y6 pupils during their recent assessments. We have been so proud of the maturity and resilience that our pupils have shown over these last few weeks. Also, a huge thank you to the Y2 and 6 staff who have gone above and beyond with preparing and supporting the pupils during lessons and additional booster classes. Well done everybody!

### **Sporting Events**

Well done to our pupils who took part in all the sports festivals this half term- these have included tennis, cricket and high five netball. In our aim to encourage the children to have a healthy lifestyle and have daily exercise, we have also introduced the 'daily mile' this week. This has been enthusiastically led by our sports leader Miss Key and our PE specialist Mrs Houghton, and has involved the children running or walking the perimeter of the field for 15minutes with the aim to try and do 11 laps or more within this time, which is the equivalent to a mile. We aim to continue with this venture after half term. As we move into the summer term, there will be many more sporting events, please check the website for more details.

### **Race for Life**

We are excited to announce that for the second time, West Melton Primary School is adding Cancer Research UK's Race for Life to the timetable for the summer term.



We will be hosting the special event on the school's yard and playing field on Tuesday 13th June. Parents and carers are invited to join forces with children, teachers and governors, to take on cancer and walk, jog or run in aid of Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. The whole school is supporting the event so it will be a real team effort and a great day out for parents, pupils and staff, all whilst raising money for an important cause. A sponsor form is attached for your kind support.

### **Parent Support**

It was lovely to see the great turnout of parents for both the Y6 Parent meeting and the Y3 class assembly. Many thanks to the Y6 parents for their offer of support with final preparations. We will certainly make the children's last days at West Melton Primary as special as possible. The Y3 class assembly was a great success, as was the Viking pancake making that followed- thanks to those that could attend.

### **Rotherham Children's festival**

The Rotherham Children's Festival is one of the largest activities for educational establishments of its kind. Reaching out to children and young people across the Borough, the Festival has touched the lives of over 70,000 visitors since its conception in 2009. Each year the number of people taking part has increased and more children and young people participate in memorable events which enrich their lives. The children at West Melton are once again, participating in many events- Picture This exhibition, Shakespeare festival, finishing with the One Voice concert. Check out the dates on the website for further details.

### **Staff News**

Many Congratulations to Mr Atherton on his successful appointment as a FS teacher in September. We would like to thank you for all your hard work and commitment this year and wish you all the best with your future Career. We will be sorry to see you go!

We are delighted to welcome come back Mrs Snow from her maternity leave. She will be delivering additional booster lessons for a range of different year groups, providing additional and identified interventions to enable identified pupils to make better progress in core subject areas.

Decisions for teachers in September and transition plans will be sent soon.

### **Family Fun Day**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at Wath locality Centre, Wath Comprehensive School there will be a family fun day held for children, young people and families from 0-19 years from the local community.

Please check the website for more details of events coming up. Have a great half term with your children. See you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for a final fun half term!

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Z Norris  
Headteacher