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Merry Christmas!



Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

The Christmas holidays are finally here and what a busy term we have had!

Christmas Celebrations

The Foundation Stage and KS1 pupils showed much courage and creativity during their nativity performances – they were both simply magical to watch. 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, teaching song words, coordinating everyone, sorting costumes and staging out. They have only just stopped singing the songs!

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 some of the traditional carols with our music teacher from Rawmarsh Comprehensive School.

The Choir have excelled themselves this year - performing beautifully at the Christmas concert at Rotherham Minister, the tree festival at Brampton Church, the parish hall in Brampton and more recently at a Christmas concert at Rawmarsh Comprehensive School. They are looking forwards to singing at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena after Christmas.

Well done to Year 2 pupils who decorated our tree with their beautiful peace and friendship themed decorations – I am proud to say that we came first place! Thanks to all who voted.

The Christmas lunches, parties, trip to the pantomime on Wednesday and Foundation Stage Christmas fun day have been enjoyed by all.

Our second Mince Sing-a-Long was a great success with a fantastic turn out from parents. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Griffin and the Parent Community Association for providing the refreshments and drinks for the children's pantomime trip. Many thanks to all parents who have attended our Christmas events, (especially for your enthusiastic singing!).



Christmas Enterprise Fair

Well done to all classes for their fantastic effort and contribution towards our Christmas Enterprise Fair. Our pupils are certainly creative and lots of lovely Christmas items were sold from beautiful tree decorations to tasty treats. In total, a profit of £350.21 was raised towards school funds. A shout out goes to Foundation Stage who raised a fantastic £136.72. Well done!

Staffing News

In Miss Scrivens' maternity leave absence, we are pleased to have appointed Miss O'Brien a new Teaching Assistant, who is currently supporting year 6 and has made a fantastic start too.

Educational visits/ experiences.

The Foundation Stage class had a fantastic trip to The Deep in Hull and were voted 'School of the week' receiving a special certificate for their impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm.

A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils for their fantastic performance of their musical compositions based on 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The class performed at Magna this term as one of the 18 schools in Rotherham that took part in the Roald Dahl music festival.

Afterschool Clubs

This term we have been pleased to offer Boxercise and Circus Skills clubs which are delivered by external providers at a very reasonable price. They have been very well attended and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. During School time we have also been delighted to offer ICT lessons on robotics for years 4,5 and 6, provided by Junior Jam- again very much enjoyed and the children have learned many new skills.

Road safety

Traffic on Stokewell Road continues to be a huge safety issue for many of our children who attempt to cross the road safely and have to do so between cars parked up at the top, cars parked illegally on zig-zag lines, in front of the school gates. Despite constant requests to park on the main road at the bottom and walk up if you have to drive, this situation does not change, After meeting with the council to raise our concerns, they have agreed to look into putting further zig-zag lines opposite school so that this area will be a no parking or stopping zone in the new year. This will include the space between the lines at the top of the road too. Fines have already been issued by the police for cars that have parked on the zig-zag lines in front of school and they will continue to do this. We are hoping that these additional zig-zag lines will prevent any further parking issues and provide a safe crossing place for the children.

Website

Please check out our school website for photos of some of the wonderful things your children have been up to. There has also an updated link for parents that includes lots of essential and useful e-safety advice and tips too.

INSET Day Alterations

Please make a note of the additional INSET day on 29th January 2018. This has been changed to meet the current needs of our pupils and will be instead of June 22nd 2018.

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. School will reopen on Monday 8th January to start another exciting new year of learning.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Z Norris
Headteacher