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## Spring Term Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Children of West Melton,

Just a few updates ...

### Meeting the Mayor

Our Choir had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Mayor of Rotherham at the town hall this week. She kindly invited them following their performance at the Christmas Tree Festival at Brampton Church. The children were fascinated with the story about her chain and enjoyed asking her questions, using the microphones like all the counsellors do. They learned all about what happens in the town hall, the current Mayor, her interests, hobbies and charities and enjoyed a tour around the Town Hall, learning about the previous mayors. Some of our Y6 Student council members were very interested in how to become a mayor too! They finished the visit with a brief performance to the Mayor and colleagues too and were very grateful to receive a keepsake gift from the Mayor too. We were very proud of the children.

### Y6 Boosters

A huge thankyou goes out to all the parents who are supporting their children in Y6, encouraging their attendance at early morning and after school booster sessions so far. The impact and progress made by the children who are attending these is noticeably improving, as is their confidence, skills, knowledge and independence- essential life skills that will help them in their preparation for secondary school.



### Snow Safety

Many thanks for your support and patience with the two-day school closures. The safety of our children and families is extremely important and unfortunately, like many other schools in Rotherham, the weather conditions and state of the site and Stokewell Road was too dangerous to drive and walk on.

### Punctuality Issues

Unfortunately, this term the number of children arriving late for school has significantly increased with **92 pupils** having lateness recorded on a total of **599 occasions** since September! Poor punctuality causes children to miss essential teaching inputs and is an unacceptable disturbance to lessons. Punctuality is tracked and is a reflection of good learning behaviours. All external doors are locked by 8.45am for security reasons and children arriving after this time must report to the main office in order to ensure they can order any lunches and be marked as present. In order to ensure that your children have the best start at school and don't miss out on essential learning time, your support with this is crucial and will benefit your children.

### Staff News

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Perry at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment over the years and wish her all the best with any future decisions. Interviews for a new teacher are taking place next week and parents will be informed who is teaching year 3 before the term end, with a date/time for parents to meet and greet them.

### Easter celebration details

REMINDER-

We will be running our usual Easter bonnet and Easter decorated boiled egg competitions. It's 50p to enter each competition with the money going towards school funds. All entries will need to be in school from 8.30am on Wednesday 21st March, giving pupils the chance to vote for their favourite. Winners will be announced on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March..

On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am, the children will be taking part in an Easter service at Brampton church. Parents are very welcome to attend this service.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our traditional egg rolling competition. To enter, the children need to bring a named hardboiled egg into school on the day and 50p.

Please note that we will be finishing at 2pm on that day.

Additional INSET day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. School will be closed.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Z Norris  
Headteacher