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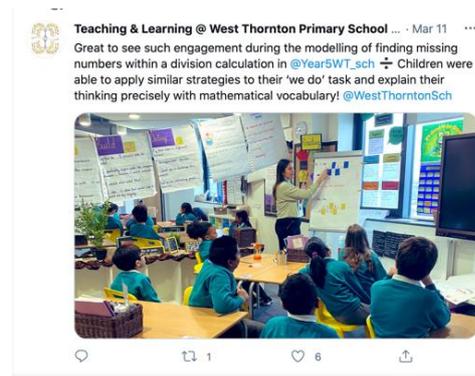
Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break. It certainly has been a challenging term for us all. We are extremely proud of our school community as you have all modelled resilience and flexibility in this ever changing world. At West Thornton we were so pleased to welcome all the children back on the 8th of March.

Highlights of the Spring Term

We have mastered remote learning and now google classroom is part of everyday vocabulary.

- Our attendance has been above national which is a real success for us. Something we will continue to work on in the Summer Term.
- We launched our new school priorities to ensure that we are focusing on all our key issues. We had a very successful parents meeting where we were able to share progress with parents.
- The children started new English and Maths books so that they can model our high expectations. We have started our new handwriting scheme to support presentation across our school.
- Our presentation panel has been looking at pupil books. Next term we will start issuing pupils with a pen licence.



Our teachers have been working extremely hard with modelling the new learning on flip charts. The children have found this very useful as they can refer back to the learning at any time.

We are looking forward to the start of the Summer Term where the children will have a new core text they will be focusing on. We will start to think about transition for pupils.

We launched our new value of the month system across the school



Month	Value
September	Kindness
October	Tolerance
November	Respect
December	Appreciation
January	Empathy
February	Love
March	Resilience
April	Responsibility
May	Integrity
June	Collaboration
July	Excellence

**Our value for April
will be
'Responsibility'**

We will also be having a big push on outdoor learning when we come back to school.

Sadly at this time of year we do have to say goodbye to staff that are moving on. We are saying goodbye to Miss Campbell, she will be sharing her skills in a new school. We are saying goodbye to Ms Aslanturk, Ms Boeteng and Hanan. We have also said goodbye to Pepi who has served the school for many years. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff that are leaving and wish them best for their next chapter.

Finally we would like to wish you all a lovely spring break and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term. Families will be celebrating Easter on the 4th of April and Ramadan on the 12th/13th of April. The children will return to school on Monday 19th April.

Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Yours sincerely

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