

Dear Parents

5 March 2014

It has been a lovely start back at school and a taste of spring has managed to banish the many coughs, colds and viruses that were around before the holiday. Six weeks until the Easter holidays and as ever we know the time will fly by with much to look forward to, including the residential trip to Robin Wood for Year 5.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

We intend to celebrate World Book Week by having a Book Swap on **Friday 7 March**. Children are invited to bring to school books they no longer need and exchange them for other books. This is all for free, no money involved, just an opportunity to share books of any kind to promote the love of reading.

Many parents ask what they can do to help their children. We cannot over emphasize the benefit of reading with and reading aloud to your child as often as possible. Not only does it develop a love of reading but assists with writing, spelling and vocabulary as well as being a special time to spend together. Recent research indicates that this is beneficial, even when the child becomes a competent reader.

EASTER SHARING SERVICE

This year we are meeting at Holtby Church on 3 April at 2:15 pm to have an Easter Sharing Assembly. **THERE WILL NOT BE A SHARING ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL.**

Parents who intend to join us are asked to pick up their children at 2:00 pm to transport them to church. Please return the slip at the end of this letter indicating if you are attending, we can then organise transport arrangements in good time.

GRANDPARENT'S ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 26 March at 9 00 am we would like to invite Grandparents to come to a special assembly when the generations can enjoy some time together. This will last for about an hour then Grandparents will have an opportunity to look round school and see their Grand children's books and work. Refreshments will be served.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can I remind parents that we would be grateful if all items of clothing can be clearly named. Also the uniform is as follows:

T-shirt/shirt, dress/ dark trousers/dark skirt, and a Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo.

Comfortable, sensible, low-heeled footwear is recommended, as children will be wearing this footwear for playtimes as well as in class.

Uniform can be ordered on line at www.school-shop.co.uk. We have found this to be an efficient service.

Uniform should be worn on all days except **MONDAY ONLY** when children are allowed to come in games clothes to save time in the fast change around of games sessions.

Children should wear:

A kit for P.E. comprising, shorts, a plain T-shirt, plimsolls and socks. A sweatshirt and jogging trousers will be necessary for outdoor P.E. activities in winter. Junior children may wear trainers for outdoor P.E. and will also need football boots and shin pads in the autumn and spring terms.

The kit should then come back into school for the rest of the week before being taken home for washing on Fridays.

INDEPENDENCE

Where ever possible we like to encourage children to look after their own belongings and sort out their coats, book bags, water bottles etc. This really does help promote independence and helps children to think and take responsibility for their actions and does reduce lost items. We would appreciate if you would encourage your child to think and organise what they need for school – we will prompt and encourage and of course be understanding, we all make mistakes and forget things!!

PARENTS EVENING

Tuesday 25 March 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. **Infants and Juniors**
Wednesday 26 March 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Juniors only**

OTHER DATES

Tuesday 6 May Visit to Sand Hutton School to see a performance by York Theatre Royal – 1.p.m. – 3 p.m. **see consent form below**

FRIENDS OF WARTHILL SCHOOL

As ever the Friends are planning many exciting events. These include:-

- 28 March Cinema Night
- 4 April Easter Egg Hunt/Parents Coffee and Cake 2:30 p.m.. All Welcome
- 7 May Bags 2 Schools
- 19 June Warthills Got Talent – Children’s concert, 6:30 p.m.

Further details to follow near the date.

We look forward to a happy spring term.

Best wishes

JMWardell

Janet Wardell

Easter Service- Holtby Parish Church, 3 April, 2 15 p.m.

I consent to my child/ren..... attending the end of term service at Holtby Church.

I am able to take my child/ren to church and will collect them from school at **2:p.m.** [] Please tick.

I am unable to take my child to Holtby Church so please provide transport, [] Please tick.

(Please ensure their booster seat is at school on the day).

My Child/ren will be returning to school for after school club. [] Please tick.

Signed..... (Parent or Guardian) Date

York Theatre Royal Performance – Tuesday 6 May.

I consent to my child/ren.....attending the production by York Theatre Royal at Sand Hutton school on Tuesday 6 May.

I understand that travel will be by coach.

I enclose a voluntary donation of £1 towards to cost of the coach

Signed Date