

2 September 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all our families, I hope you all have enjoyed a lovely summer and feel ready to start the new term.

New Children at Warthill

We also welcome four reception children at Warthill all of whom have brothers or sisters at the school so we feel they know us well already! Holly, Finlay, Ellie and Thomas join the infants where I am sure they will thrive. We also welcome Abraham & Austen who will be joining the Juniors where we hope they make friends and quickly feel part of our small school family.

New Staff

We also welcome two new Teaching Assistants at Warthill who will each work mornings as well as being Mid-day Supervisors. Mrs Kirstie Atwood will be working in the Infant class and Mr Will Abbiss will be working in the Juniors. We hope they enjoy working at Warthill and look forward to getting to know them and be part of the Warthill team.

After School Club

Unfortunately we did not receive any applications for the post of After School Club Manager and will therefore re-advertise. See attached Advert. Any parent who is interested in this post should contact Mrs Wardell as arrangements can be made for applicants to receive subsidised child care. We will be able to staff the club on a temporary basis until 18 September, but it will be held at Sand Hutton, clearly this is not a long term solution. The governors and I fully appreciate how important the club is for child care arrangements for many working families and will endeavour to maintain this service at Warthill. If you are needing the club during this time you must complete the booking form and return it to school immediately.

Warthill Sharing Assembly Wednesday Morning 9 05 am

I would like to remind parents, grandparents, governors and friends of the school that Sharing Assembly takes place every fortnight. Everyone is very welcome to join us as we celebrate and share the life of the school and spend time together. Confirmation of dates can be found on the separate Dates for Your Diary Letter.

Dinners

From the beginning of this term all children who are aged 7 and under will be entitled to a free hot school meal. However parents can choose to send children with a packed lunch if they prefer. Packed lunches should follow health eating guidelines and if possible include

fruit or vegetables (e.g. celery, cucumber, carrot sticks) and water to drink. Children who are aged over 7 years who would like a hot school meal will be charged £ 2 .10 per day.

New National Curriculum

The government have introduced new national curriculum guidelines from this September for Years Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. Years 2 and Year 6 will continue with the old curriculum until they are assessed at the end of this academic year in 2015. This inevitably means a time of transition and adjustment. The staff have been preparing for these changes during the past year and have used the opportunity to ensure the curriculum is engaging and exciting whilst ensuring statutory elements are met. Eager, happy children in a secure environment make the best learners. As always individual children's development will be carefully tracked to ensure they are making the best possible progress and this will be shared with parents at parents evening later in the term (see dates).

School Values

At the beginning of a new academic year we remind children about the way we live and work together to make certain everyone can be safe and happy at school. Central to both our church schools is 'treat other people as you would wish to be treated'. Earlier in the year the governors agreed upon the following values statement for everyone involved in our schools including staff, governors, parents and children so that everyone has each other's interest at heart.

The schools of Sand Hutton CE Primary School and Warthill CE Primary School aim to serve their communities by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief. We seeks to develop the full potential of all children in a caring environment which values all its members.

A school family of children, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school who all share a commitment to putting universal Christian values at the centre of our daily lives, in all our actions, in all that we think, say or do.

Love and Respect

We care and share and treat others as we would like To be treated.

Responsibility and courage

We are brave enough to admit when we make mistakes.

Self-control and Moderation

We know the effect actions can have on others.

Honesty and Integrity

We are honest and trust each other.

Kindness and Compassion

We are polite and helpful.

Contentment and Thankfulness

We recognize how fortunate we are.

Patience and Perseverance

We try hard, have a go and don't give up.

Peace and Humility

We appreciate quiet and reflection.

Loyalty and Commitment

We are fair and know what makes a good friend.

Forgiveness and Justice

We understand and forgive each other.

Hope

We are positive, resilient and forward looking.

To learn and to grow and 'to be the best we can be'

We continue to be committed to working together principally for the good of each child with mutual respect and support between parents, governors and staff.

I look forward to meeting all parents during the term but for now look forward to hearing about the children's holiday adventures as they settle back down into school routine.

Very best wishes

Janet Wardell