

6 September 2016

Dear Parents

We are looking forward to a busy, happy autumn term. The children have come back looking well and rested and I am resisting the temptation to say how much they have all grown, which they have! We welcome Arthur, Harry, Hugo, Lucy, Oscar, Purdie and Sebastian in reception. I am sure they will settle in quickly I hope they will be very happy with us.

STAFF

We welcome Mrs Sue Scott who is to teach the Infant class on Monday and Tuesdays and Mrs Clare Schofield who will be teaching alongside Mr Mills in the Junior class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays – I am sure they will quickly get to know everyone, they are looking forward to meeting children and parents.

MRS LISTON

I am delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Liston are now the proud parents of twin boys, Oliver and Aidan. We send them our love and congratulations.

SCHOOL DAY

Just a reminder that children should be at school from **8 45 a.m, not before**. The bell goes at 8 55 a.m. followed by the register. Assembly then begins upstairs at 9 00 a.m. We like children to have time to hang their coats up, go to the toilet and have a drink without being rushed - it makes the start of the day much more pleasant and the children are truly ready to learn.

CHURCH SERVICE AT WARTHILL

There is to be a family service to be held at St Mary's Warthill on Sunday 11 September at 10 30 am to which we have been invited. The service will celebrate 'Education and Learning'. It would be really useful if you could let me know as soon as possible if any children from school will be able to attend so we can share songs and readings at the service. If your children are able to come along please fill in the slip at the end of this letter. I will meet the children at church at 10 20 am, parents and families are of course very welcome.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

We understand the importance of keeping in close contact with all our parents to inform them about the school's events but more importantly about the progress and well-being of the children. Please ensure you keep us up to date with contact details and any change of routine especially for home times. Messages can be sent by e mail, phone or letter, also staff are more than happy to meet with parents to discuss any important issues. It is best to make an appointment for after school as the start of the school day is very busy as staff welcome children into school.

I am also happy to meet with parents and can be contacted by phone at either school. This term I will usually be at Sand Hutton on Tuesdays and Thursdays then at Warthill Monday and Wednesdays. On Fridays I will be at either school alternative weeks.

Telephone 01904 489296 Email admin@warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk

ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

Can I remind parents that family holidays should not be planned in school time under government legislation? Time off can only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and permission must be applied for in writing.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival takes place at St Mary's Church, Warthill on **Thursday 29 September** at 9 00 a.m. All parents and friends of the school are very welcome to join us for the service. Children and parents should go straight to church where we will take the register before the service begins. As is the custom, we would like to invite children to bring gifts of harvest produce (e.g. small tins, fresh fruit or vegetables etc.) suitable for distributing to the elderly in the villages of Holtby and Warthill after the service. Any flowers from gardens would be most welcome to decorate the church. These too will be distributed in the villages.

Donations of breakfast items such as tinned spaghetti, baked beans, whole tinned tomatoes, tinned meat which can be served cold – ham spam, corned beef, tins of hot dog sausages, sugar, breakfast cereals, porridge oats, instant coffee, tea, jam, marmite, peanut butter, brown sauce, tinned fruit, fruit juice are also welcome, as these will be sent to Carecent, who provide breakfasts for the homeless in York.

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sharing Assemblies Friday 2.30 p.m.

23 September

7 October

21 October

4 November

18 November

2 December

13 January

27 January

10 February

10 March

24 March

5 May

19 May

16 June

30 June

14 July

26 September

School Photographer

29 September

Harvest Festival, 9.00 a.m., St Mary's Church, Warthill

14 October

Junior Trip - Pickering WWII Day

21 October

Break Up

31 October

Return to School

12 December

Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 6.30 p.m.

13 December

Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 2.00 p.m.

14 December

Christmas Dinner

15 December

Christmas Party, 1 p.m.

16 December

Break up

4 January

Return to School

17 February

Break up

27 February

Return to School

6 April

Easter Service, Holtby Church, 2.15 p.m. & Break up

25 April

Return to School

1 May	May Day Holiday
8 - 12 May	SAT week
27 May	Break up
6 June	Return to School
5 July	Y6 Induction Day at Huntington School
5 July	Sports Day 1 p.m.
14 July	Reports Out
20 July	Leavers Assembly - 9.00 a.m., St Mary's Church, Warthill
21 July	Break Up

Further details will be sent nearer the date