

Dear Parents

13 February 2017

Before half term arrives, there are a number of important dates for your diaries concerning the weeks up to Easter. It looks as if we are going to be busier than ever!

### **INTERVIEWS FOR A NEW HEADTEACHER**

The governors have now advertised nationally for a new Headteacher to take up their position in September. Interviews will take place on Monday 20 March and Tuesday 21 March.

### **READING MEETING**

One of the most beneficial things parents can do to help their children is to read with and too them as much as possible. It is the one thing that makes a significant difference to a child's progress and to their love of learning.

Of course it is easier said than done at the end of a busy day when children and parents are tired and it can quickly become yet another item on the 'to do' list or another stressful area to have to tackle. Parents frequently ask what can they do to help therefore we are inviting parents of children of all ages to come along to a reading meeting with a difference!

Following a speed-dating model (!) we will aim to address:

- What to do when you as a parent have had the worst day at work!
- When your child is tired and reluctant to read.
- Help with the mechanics of reading – when your child struggles.
- How to enjoy reading.
- The world of print
- Types of reading material.
- Age appropriate stories for children with different interests.
- Reading aloud.
- Involving the whole family.
- Tricks and quick fixes to lift stress and take the pressure off everyone.
- Non fiction

In case anyone is worried by the speed dating analogy, we intend to have a number of 'posts' each manned by a different member of staff who will address one of the issues described above. Parents will spend a short amount of time at each post before being encouraged to move to the next post. A glass of wine will be available to help the process along in what we hope will be an informative but fun session.

This will be on **Tuesday 28 March at 7 00 pm in the hall at Sand Hutton**. Everyone is welcome to come along; there will be wine and whatever wise words we have!

We will also provide information for parents who are unable to make the meeting. Please fill in the slip at the end of this letter indicating if you are able to come along – it would be great to see a good crowd.

### **WORLD BOOK DAY IS ON 2 MARCH 2017.**

As an alternative to dressing up, we are holding a 'book month' which includes an afternoon on 15 March when we are inviting grandparents into school to read with their grandchildren – there will also be an opportunity for the children to show their grandparents round school and to show the work they have been doing. Children are able to go home with grandparents during the afternoon if this is arranged within the family.

We thoroughly enjoy welcoming grandparents into school, they are such an important part of the children's lives and the children are always very proud to show them round.

## **WARTHILL'S PLACE IN THE WORLD**

We are so lucky to live in a very beautiful place yet it is so easy to take this for granted. Over half term, I would like to ask children to notice their surroundings and to take photographs of beautiful or interesting things they see. Please bring these photographs into school after the holiday or e-mail them for us to print off so we can display them in school.

## **EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

This year we are holding a painted egg competition for children of all ages. There will be two categories:

- Children are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg in any way they choose.
- Children are invited to paint a 'blown egg' that can then be hung on our Easter tree.

Children can enter in one category or both and all entries will be displayed in school.

Finished eggs should be brought carefully to school during the week 27<sup>th</sup> March ready for judging on Thursday 30 March. Prizes will be awarded for different age groups.

### **Other dates are:**

Sharing Assemblies Friday 2.30 p.m.

10 March

24 March

5 May

19 May

16 June

30 June

14 July

17 February

Break up

27 February

Return to School

15 March

Grandparent's Afternoon, 1.15 p.m.

28 March

Reading Meeting, 7 00 pm in the hall at Sand Hutton

31 March

Last Junior Swimming

6 April

Easter Service, Holtby Church, 2.15 p.m.

7 April

Break up

25 April

Return to School

1 May

May Day Holiday

8 - 12 May

SAT week

17 May

Junior Visit to The Viking Centre and The Dig

27 May

Break up

6 June

Return to School

5 July

Y6 Induction Day at Huntington School

**12 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**