

**Sand Hutton and Warthill C of E Federated Primary Schools**  
**Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**



**SAND HUTTON**  
Dates for your diary

Sharing Assembly - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb  
@2.30pm

PTA Valentine Disco – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm-  
7pm

**WARTHILL EVENTS**  
Dates for your diary



Sharing Assembly - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb  
@2.30pm

**Federation**

Sand Hutton is very proud to announce that we received a letter, from the House of Commons, no less. It congratulated the school for a significant rise in the percentage of pupils reaching National Standard at the end of KS2 last in all areas, taking the school over the Nationally applied floor Standards. This is the culmination of hard work from staff throughout the school. While test data is far from the be all and end all when we consider the achievement and progress of our pupils, it is pleasing to have positive academic outcomes acknowledged.

At the same time, we continue to provide pupils, at both schools, with a broad and balanced curriculum and a range of exciting experiences which we hope they will carry with them, whatever they choose to do in the future.

**Sand Hutton**

Sand Hutton have had great fun safely exploring the snow today.



Class One have been using it to support their science lessons, looking at ice as it changes from solid to a liquid.

**Class 1**

In Class 1 we have been showing our artistic side by creating our own penguins using watercolours.

We have also been acting and writing stories based around 'Be Brave Little Penguin' - A wonderful story looking at the importance of facing your fears and being supportive and respectful of others worries.

### **Class 3**



Class 3 visited the Royal Armouries in Leeds, where they had the opportunity to look at Saxon artefacts, become archaeologists and act out the story of Beowulf. Much fun was had and lots was learned. Thank you to those staff who gave up their own time to help out and the PTA who helped part fund the trip too.

### **Polar Explorers**

On Thursday (the perfect day with temperatures of minus seven) we had a Polar Explorer Day at Sand Hutton. Terry Kirk, a STEM Ambassador, came and delivered an assembly to the school about the British Antarctic Survey. We saw pictures of the Antarctic and learnt about what the researchers and scientists do there. Terry then led workshops in each class across the day. Class 1 were learning about insulation and making 'blubber gloves'! Class 2 had lots of fun (and challenges) making 'grabbers' with lever systems. Class 3 were investigating floating and sinking using salt water. A day of using our science, maths, literacy, problem solving, team work, investigative skills...and having lots of fun doing it!



Don't forget every Tuesday is a Talking Tuesday. Come and join us, the children would be thrilled to see you. Lunch is £3.20, please just let the office know in advance if you will be attending.

### **Warthill**

Cinema Night took place at Warthill this week. Many thanks to Friends of Warthill for organising such a successful event. Many smiling faces emerged from the Junior classroom at the end of the film, some clutching bean bags brought from home to add to the home comforts of the experience. Looking forward to the next one!

## Infant Class

Inspired by the habitats they created with our visitors from Outdoor Ted, some of the children have made fairy and elf habitats as homework. I'm sure you will agree that they would make fantastic homes for any miniature garden visitors!



We also had a visit from Marion of YoYo Trust, who shared the story of Noah with us. The children went on to produce some beautiful art work inspired by the message.



## Junior Class

Junior class continue to enjoy their class book - *The Creakers*, by Tom Fletcher. This week in English they have been writing to Lucy, giving her advice as to what she should do next. Juniors have been challenged to use a range of conjunctions in their writing and have come up with some impressive plans for our main character.

In maths we have been problem solving with calculations. The children have used their knowledge of multiplication, division, subtraction and addition to reason and create their own problems for their friends.

We have started our science topic this week, looking at states of matter. The children are busy planning their own investigations which will explore how a substance can change from one state of matter to another.

