

6 January 2016

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to all our families! A warm welcome Ruby, Millie and Bertie and I hope they will all be very happy with us.

We are looking forward to a happy term of fun and hard work when everyone can try to be 'the best they can be', the children and staff have certainly made a good start to 2016.

WINTER WEATHER

So many people have been affected by the floods over the Christmas period resulting in dreadful scenes of damaged homes and dangerously high levels of water; of course there is the possibility of winter weather to come. In the event of snow and freezing weather conditions we endeavour to keep school open as long as children and staff can get to and from school safely. In the event of heavy snow fall resulting in difficult road conditions a decision to close school will take place early in the morning. Radio York, both on air and on their website www.bbc.co.uk/york will have details of school closures. The NYCC website will also have lists of schools that are closed. www.northyorks.gov.uk

We will try to keep parents fully informed and take account of all available information before any decision is made – always a challenging task! We are very aware of the difficulties that may occur but will always err on the side of safety.

BEING READY TO LEARN

The New Year is always a good time to get back into the school routine to ensure that children are ready to learn when they arrive at school. I would be grateful if parents could help to make sure:

- ❖ Children are at school before 8 55 am when the bell goes.
- ❖ Children have a warm coat for playtimes, also suitable footwear. If the children need to wear wellies please make sure they have shoes/trainers to change into.
- ❖ Children have a breakfast before they start school – it is a long time until playtime! Free fruit is available at playtime. If children bring their own snack this should only be a healthy snack - not chocolate or sweets.
- ❖ We encourage that water (not juice) is drunk throughout the day. Most children have their own water bottle but we do also provide cups to make sure a drink is always available.

HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME

I am sure many families are thinking ahead to booking holidays. May I remind parents that the government has passed legislation that does not allow holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances (see attached letter). A list of term dates is listed below.

MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

We now have a vacancy for a Mid-day Supervisory Assistant, 1 – 3 hours per week. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact Janet Wardell, Headteacher at Warthill School, 01904 489296 or email admin@warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it to the fortnightly Sharing Assemblies when the whole school family can be together.

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

Dates For Your Diary 2016

Sharing Assembly 9.05 a.m.

13 January
27 January
10 February
2 March
16 March
20 April
4 May
18 May
8 June
22 June
6 July

5 January	Return to School
15 January	Junior Swimming Starts (9 Weeks)
12 February	Break up
22 February	Return to School
21 March	KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening
22 March	KS2 Parents Evening
24 March	Easter Service, Holtby Church, 2.15 p.m. & Break up
12 April	Return to School
19 April	Junior Trip to World Peace Centre
2 May	May Day Holiday
9 - 13 May	SAT week
27 May	Break up
6 June	Return to School
6 July	Y6 Induction Day at Huntington School
7 July	Sports Day 1 p.m.
15 July	Reports Out
21 July	Leavers Assembly - 9.00 a.m., St Mary's Church, Warthill
22 July	Break Up

Further details will be sent nearer the date