

Typically the lovely weather has begun as we return to school for the last half term of the year. I hope all our families managed a good break, we can now look forward to a busy time of sports days, visits, picnics and hopefully summer games on the school field.

### **SHARING ASSEMBLY AT WARTHILL**

Sharing Assembly at Warthill is a time when we can look forward to children, staff and parents (and Grandparents) spending time together to celebrate the work of the children. I am aware that Wednesday morning may not be a good time for many parents so am carrying out a simple (democratic!) vote to offer an alternative day and time. The choice is:

To keep Sharing Assembly to alternate Wednesdays at 9 00 am

OR

To change to alternate Friday afternoons at 2 30 pm – children will then go home with parents afterwards.

Please fill in the slip at the end of this letter indicating your choice and we will act upon the choice in September.

### **REPORTS**

As usual every parent will receive a detailed report of their child's progress over the last academic year. Children will bring home their reports on **Friday 15 July**. This year the reports will be in a slightly different format, however, they will continue to give accurate information about your child's progress as well as acknowledging the hard work and effort that has taken place throughout the year. As always, if parents would like to discuss the report they are very welcome to get in touch with their child's class teacher.

### **SATS 2016**

This year the SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 assessed the national curriculum introduced in 2014. There was much discussion in the media concerning the content of these tests especially concerning the grammar content of the tests. This year's tests papers can now be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications> so parents can see for themselves the range of questions the children were presented with.

### **GOVERNOR VACANCY**

We are very fortunate to have an excellent governing body who, as volunteers, work hard across the federation to ensure both schools are working effectively for the benefit of every child. We currently have two vacancies. One is for a parent governor, also we are able to co-opt another governor to ensure there are enough people with the right skills to ensure the governing body works well.

A co-opted governor can be anyone with an interest in assisting the school e.g. a grandparent. At the moment one of the vacancies would be asked to serve on the Resources Committee which looks at the budget of the two schools and how best resources are deployed. This role also ensures

premises are safe and fit for purpose. Whilst an interest in finances or premises would be useful a person with enthusiasm and a genuine interest in being part of the team is more important – someone who asks questions and who is keen to support the schools within their communities.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role please get in touch with me to discuss what it involves, also visit [cyps.northyorks.gov.uk](https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk) and click on 'Governance'.

## **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

The school likes to regularly consult with parents to find out what they consider the strengths of the school to be, but also to find out areas upon which we can improve to ensure we are 'the best we can be'. Talking and listening to parents is invaluable, we really appreciate sharing ideas and expertise. Please give sometime to completing a brief consultation under the simple headings:

- 1. WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL?**
- 2. WHAT ARE THE WEAKNESSES OF THE SCHOOL?**
- 3. ANY CREATIVE/IMAGINATIVE IDEAS WHICH WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL?**

Please return your comments (see end of this letter) to school before 1<sup>st</sup> July. You are not required to put your name on the form and as always if you would like to discuss any matters in depth please do not hesitate to get in touch. Also please be aware that you can also answer the parents view questionnaire prepared by Ofsted at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

## **UNIFORM/PE KIT**

In readiness for the new academic year may I remind parents that uniform can be ordered at the following web address [www.school-shop.co.uk](http://www.school-shop.co.uk)

## **TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

The school day is: 08:55 – 15:15

## **LETTERS TO PARENTS**

We try very hard to ensure all parents receive communications from school either by e mail or hard copy. If you think there may be a problem or if your contact details change (especially mobile phone numbers) please let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure we keep in regular touch.

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

**SHARING ASSEMBLY VOTE**

**PLEASE TICK CHOICE**

**I WOULD LIKE SHARING TO REMAIN ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 9 00 AM**

**I WOULD LIKE SHARING ASSEMBLY TO CHANGE TO ALTERNATIVE FRIDAYS AT 2 30 PM**

**I REALLY DON'T MIND!**

**Please return slip to school by 1 July 2016**

---

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

**1. WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL?**

**2. WHAT ARE THE WEAKNESSES OF THE SCHOOL?**

**3. ANY CREATIVE/IMAGINATIVE IDEAS WHICH WOULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL?**