

9 October 2015

Dear Parents

Half term is nearly upon us, it seems no time at all since the summer holidays and yet so much has happened. The most important aspect of school life is that children have settled well and are working very hard; they are a pleasure to be with.

### **SHOE BOXES FOR ROMANIA**

Once again we are asking parents and children if they would like to support the 'Love in a Box' Christmas Shoe Box appeal. Shoe boxes are filled with practical and small Christmas treats, which are then sent to families, children and senior citizens in Eastern Europe, ready for Christmas. Leaflets are to be sent home with the children suggesting suitable items which can be placed in the boxes. If you would like to take part please send filled boxes to school by Wednesday 4 November with £2 to assist with delivery and transport costs. The money not be put in the box but be securely fastened to the outside or given in to school.

### **BAG PACKING TEAM**

Sunday 4 October saw children and parents bag packing in Sainsbury's on Monks Cross. This was a joint fund raising venture between The Friends of Warthill School and Sand Hutton PTA. It was a very successful morning raising £408.34 which was shared between the two schools. A big thank you to everyone who helped especially to the children who received many compliments, although one boy said that most people paid him NOT to pack their bags – however I am sure the many friendly smiles were much appreciated.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The Juniors had an opportunity to take part in a cross country organised by the Howardian Small Schools Alliance. A perfect day in beautiful surroundings allowed all children to race against other small schools over fields and fences in a spirit of friendly but determined competition. Warthill Year 3 and 4 girls team came first - congratulations girls, fantastic running. A very happy end to a lovely afternoon, well done everyone.

### **ROBINWOOD**

Year 5 and 6 returned safe and well after spending three days at the Robin Wood Activity Centre at Todmorden. The children and Mrs Liston were all tired but really pleased with themselves having achieved many 'firsts' including rock climbing, archery and trapeze challenge. The centre staff praised the children's behaviour and determination throughout their stay. I am so pleased that every child made the most of an exciting opportunity, not a minute was wasted.

### **NEW MEMBER OF STAFF**

Last week the governors and I appointed a replacement for Mr Kumar. Mr Andrew Mills will be joining the federation of Sand Hutton and Warthill after Christmas to teach 4 days at Warthill and one day at Sand Hutton. He has experience across all ages and has already had opportunity to meet children at both schools. We are very happy to welcome him to the team and hope he will be very happy with us.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the harvest festival next week.

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

- Children's safety online – see school website - [www.warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
NSPCC - [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)
- Parent View. Ofsted website for expressing parents' point of view about their child's school can be found via our school website [www.warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.warthill.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**DATES:****Sharing Assembly 9.05 a.m.**

21 October

11 November

25 November

9 December

13 January

27 January

10 February

2 March

16 March

20 April

4 May

18 May

8 June

22 June

6 July

15 October

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

2 November

KS2 Parents Evening

4 November

KS1 &amp; KS2 Parents Evening

20 October

School Photographer

23 October

Break Up

2 November

Return to School

14 December

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

15 December

Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 2.15 p.m.

16 December

Christmas Dinner

17 December

Christmas Party, 1 p.m.

18 December

Christmas Craft Morning &amp; Break up

5 January

Return to School

12 February

Break up

22 February

Return to School

21 March

KS2 Parents Evening

23 March

KS1 &amp; KS2 Parents Evening

24 March

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

12 April

Return to School

2 May

May Day Holiday

9 - 13 May

SAT week

27 May

Break up

6 June

Return to School

21 &amp; 22 June

Y6 Induction Days at Malton 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**