

Dear Parents

20 October 2014

We seemed to have survived this half term despite all the tummy bugs which have made life difficult for a significant number of children. Hopefully we will be able to come back in November with new energy to see us through until Christmas. It has been great to see children enjoying such a range of sporting activities this term as well as being able to go out of school on visits or welcome special visitors into school. Visits from Florence Nightingale and a Viking warrior made such an impact, thank you to parents for supporting these extra but memorable aspects of school life.

### **SPORT**

There have been tag rugby events, cross country and KS1 volleyball tournaments involving a large number of children from Sand Hutton and Warthill. Within the range of results it has meant maximum participation, opportunity to take part and high levels of fitness – we have felt very proud of all the children who have represented their school with so much cheerfulness and determination. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for organising the events and to parents for transport and encouragement.

### **HOWARDIAN SMALL SCHOOL ALLIANCE**

This term both Warthill CE Primary School and our federated partner, Sand Hutton CE Primary School have benefitted from working closely together with other small rural schools in the area. This newly formed cluster of schools has the very grand title of the Howardian Small Schools Alliance. It allows schools to work together as we face yet another time of change with the national curriculum but it has allowed the children to enjoy joint sports events described above.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework varies between age classes but will usually take the form of a research task, learning spellings, learning multiplication or other number facts and of course reading. I cannot over emphasise the importance for **all ages** of reading with or to your children. This can be their school book, a book the child has chosen from the school library or one of the many books, comics or magazines you may have at home. Reading aloud to children whilst enjoying a story together can be a special time and makes such a difference.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Apparently there have been some difficulties with some families receiving e mails from school. We do all we can to keep all parents informed so please let us know if you have had any problems, we can always arrange for a hard copy to be sent home with the children in their book bags. The email system is meant to avoid letters being lost on the way home!

Also please keep us up to date with any changes in mobile numbers and other emergency contact numbers.

### **DATES**

5 November Love in a Box, Boxes to be returned to school

21 November Warthill Non uniform day. £1 towards the Christmas Fair Hamper

16 December	Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 6.30 p.m.
17 December	Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 2.15 p.m.
18 December	Christmas Party 1 p.m.
19 December	Break up

Best wishes

Janet Wardell