

9 September 2015

Dear Parents

After such a long summer break it will be good to see everyone and catch up on all your holiday news. Typically, we will probably now get lots of autumn sunshine but at least the children will be able to play out on the field and be with their friends. Welcome back!

### **NEW CHILDREN**

We welcome Grace and Constance as they start school at Warthill. As they have a brother and a sister at school we feel we know them very well already and I am sure they will settle in quickly. We also welcome Lily and Jessica and I hope they will all be very happy with us.

### **JUNIOR CLASS TEACHER**

Interviews to find a replacement for Mr Kumar will take place early in the term, parents will be told as soon as an appointment has taken place. The governors and I would like to reassure parents that we are looking for the very best person for the job of caring for children aged 7 to 11. In the meantime the children are in excellent hands with Mrs Liston and Mrs Hind.

We officially welcome Mrs Ellie Belfield a teacher in the Infants until Christmas. I hope she will be very happy at Warthill.

### **THE YEAR AHEAD**

The year ahead will have many of the usual events we always look forward to; harvest festival, parents evenings, Christmas plays and Fairs, visits, sporting events. Class teachers will be letting you know about the themes and topics your children will be learning about – any input from home is always welcome. What is important at this time of the year is that the children settle back happily into school life so they can thrive.

As education continues to be in the news through the various changes that seem to constantly take place, we plan to hold a number of short meetings for parents. Firstly, there will be the annual meeting for new parents to explain how reading is taught. Secondly, we will be meeting with parents to explain the changes that are taking place in the recording of the SATs results at Year 6 and how children's progress is tracked within school. Also, we aim to have a maths evening to show parents how maths is taught – it seems to be one of the areas we are asked about most. Dates and times later.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

During the holiday the school dinner kitchen at Sand Hutton has been completely refurbished which will make life much easier for the cooks, Ms Hall and Mrs Kerrison. Normal service will resume immediately so we can look forward to the usual high standard of school meals at both Sand Hutton and Warthill. A three weekly menu is available; meals cost £2.10 but are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under a government scheme. Please find attached a form to apply for Free School Meals for KS2 pupils.

### **THE FRIENDS**

The Friendsholds it's AGM on 12 October. All parents are very welcome to come along to share ideas for the coming year. Any help or support is gratefully received, the work of the Friends genuinely benefits every child in the school particularly through the funding of transport for the many visits and trips we are able to organise. A big thank you for all the work during 2014 – 2015, it was a bumper year!

## **UNIFORM**

Everyone has come back to school looking so smart. **Please make sure all clothing, including shoes and coats, are named** as it makes our lives so much easier and prevents so many mix ups and upsets.

## **PARENTS CONTACT DETAILS**

If anyone has changed their phone number or email address over the holiday please let us know as soon as possible. Also ensure we have the correct emergency numbers and medical information in case we need to get hold of you in a hurry. We are not expecting an emergency, just being prepared!!

## **SHARING ASSEMBLIES**

These take place fortnightly and we enjoy coming together with parents and grandparents and friends of the school to celebrate what the children have been doing. Please come along if you can.

## **ABSENCE IN TERM TIME**

Can I remind parents that family holidays should not be planned in school time under government legislation? Time off can only be permitted in exceptional circumstances (see attached letter) and permission must be applied for in writing.

## **MISSION STATEMENT AND VALUES**

As we begin the year it is always good to remind ourselves of the aims and values that are at the heart of what we do in school. We will be looking at them with the children and asking them to think what they mean in terms of their everyday actions – very much actions and not words.

The schools aim to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief. It seeks to develop the full potential of all children in a caring environment which values all its members.

A school family of children, staff, parents, governors and friends of the school who all share a commitment to putting universal Christian values at the centre of our daily lives, in all our actions, in all that we think, say or do.

Love and Respect	We care and share and treat others as we would like to be treated
Responsibility and courage	We are brave enough to admit when we make mistakes.
Self-control and Moderation	We know the effect our actions can have on others.
Honesty and Integrity	We are honest and trust each other.
Kindness and Compassion	We are polite and helpful.
Contentment and Thankfulness	We recognise how fortunate we are.
Patience and Perseverance	We try hard, have a go and don't give up.
Peace and Humility	We appreciate quiet and reflection.
Loyalty and Commitment	We are fair and know what makes a good friend.
Forgiveness and Justice	We understand and forgive each other.
Hope	We are positive, resilient and forward looking

To learn and to grow and **'to be the best we can be'**

## **CORINTHIANS**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Harvest Festival takes place at St Mary's Church, Warthill on Thursday 15 October at 9 00 a.m. All parents and friends of the school are very welcome to join us for the service. Children and parents should go straight to church where we will take the register before the service begins. As is the custom, we would like to invite children to bring gifts of harvest produce (e.g. small tins, fresh fruit or vegetables etc.) suitable for distributing to the elderly in the villages of Holtby and Warthill after the service. Any flowers from gardens would be most welcome to decorate the church. These too will be distributed in the villages.

Donations of breakfast items such as tinned spaghetti, baked beans, whole tinned tomatoes, tinned meat which can be served cold – ham spam, corned beef, tins of hot dog sausages, sugar, breakfast cereals, instant coffee, jam, marmite, peanut butter, tinned fruit are also welcome, as these will be sent to Carecent, who provide breakfasts for the homeless in York.

Best wishes

Janet Wardell

## **Dates For Your Diary 2015/16**

### **Sharing Assembly 9.05 a.m.**

23 September

7 October

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

14 September	Football Club Y3-Y6, Sand Hutton, 15:30-16:30
17 September	Hockey Club Y1 & Y2, Sand Hutton 15:30-16:30
5 - 7 October	Robinwood, Y5 & Y6 Residential Visit
15 October	Harvest Festival, 9.00 a.m., St Mary's Church, Warthill
2 November	KS2 Parents Evening
4 November	KS1 & 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, 2.15 p.m.
15 December	Nativity Play at St Mary's Church Warthill, 6 p.m.
17 December	Christmas Party 1 p.m.
18 December	Christmas Craft Morning & Break up
5 January	Return to School
12 February	Break up
22 February	Return to School
21 March	KS2 Parents Evening
23 March	KS1 & KS2 Parents Evening
24 March	Easter Service, Holtby Church, 2.15 p.m. & 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 & 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**