

Dear Families,

I know that the previous Newsletter was 'the last' but here is another. There was just more to be said!

I had to say how wonderful our Christmas Dinners were in both our schools. Mrs Naylor and I enjoyed both very much!!! Many, many thanks to Mrs Hall and Miss Smythe for their hard work! They were delicious! Wearing recycled party hats was definitely the way to go and I was thrilled to have one made especially for me! Thank you children!

I also had to mention Sand Hutton Nativity. It has been described as a 'belter'! I couldn't agree more. Being able to be together in church in the evening has a magical quality which cannot be replicated at any other time. Both performances, like those at Warthill were full of joy and the spirit of Christmas. Thank you to the families of both schools for letting us borrow your wonderful, talented children every day.

Just a heads up for January. Class 3 at Sand Hutton are handing over their swimming sessions to the Junior Class at Warthill. This means the Junior Class will need swimming kits on Fridays starting 6<sup>th</sup> January. For Class 3, PE will be on Thursdays and therefore they will need to be dressed accordingly and have suitable footwear. At Sand Hutton Miss Brown will be joining the Class 2 team for the term and we will temporarily say au revoir to Miss Templeman who will return in the summer. At Warthill Miss Brown (a different one) and Mrs Healy Bell will be returning to their respective classes.

Finally, I have been reviewing a number of safeguarding policies and was drawn to measures regarding technology with a focus on SMART watches. As I understand that these may be on Christmas lists, I am sharing the draft policy in advance so that you are aware and can make your children aware of the position that school has, in readiness for the January return. It is important to say that we have never had any safeguarding breaches with regards to technology of this sort, but as these items become more and more commonplace in younger members of society, I am sure you agree that it is important to have clear systems in place for the safety of everyone.

So, for the second time this week, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas,

With Christmas greetings from us all,

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