

Dear Families,

I hope that you have had as enjoyable a week as we have in both our schools this week. Reading has been a focus in both our schools, not just because of World Book Day but just because we LOVE it!

We were all so impressed at the homework which was completed and brought to school yesterday to celebrate our love of reading on World Book Day. As always when creative tasks are set, we are blown away by the ideas and care put into projects. Well done everyone! This isn't the only READING celebration I wanted to share with you today. We have a visitor from the Local Authority yesterday who was excited as we are about the number of children in school who have earned their Blue Peter Badge for reading! Across both schools we must have broken some sort of record for percentage of pupils with this particular Blue Peter Badge. If there are any children who missed the application date, remember that you can still apply yourself and join the reading gang!

I should share with you ahead of the Big Help out day that we are being supported by Bio Diversity UK in developing outdoor areas. This is something that will benefit both sites and is also supporting our Forest Schools offer. In the initial roll out, we are looking forward to receiving bird and bat boxes as well as Violets to be planted as these are important contributors towards the habitat of a particular moth. There are more exciting ideas in the pipeline and I will share these with you as they arise.

I would like to confirm some dates with you for the last couple of weeks of the Spring terms.

Parents' Evenings: Sand Hutton, Thursday 14th March, Warthill, Tuesday 19th March.

Easter Services: Both will take place on Thursday 21st March in respective churches: Warthill 9am, Sand Hutton 2pm

Tracking back a little to last Friday when many of our children visited a stadium for the first time and went to watch the Men's International Rugby Team train....we made the papers! We have tweeted it, but you can also find a photo on the York Press page and although it doesn't say who we are, you might recognize some faces in the crowd! There are some other tweets you may have missed! If you don't follow us already @sand_warthill.

I have a collection of pictures of all kinds to share with you. I will gather these into a picture fest next week and send them all out together!

Have a lovely weekend,

With every best wish,

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