

Sand Hutton and Warthill C of E Federated Primary Schools
Newsletter 7th February 2020



SAND HUTTON
Dates for your diary

Sharing Assembly – 14th February
@2.30pm

PTA Valentine Disco– Friday 7th February
6pm – 7.15pm

School Closes for Half term – Friday 14th
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WARTHILL EVENTS
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Federation

British Judo

Both Schools had a visit from British Judo this week. All the children got to have a taster session which looked like great fun.



Staff Absence.

Unfortunately Mrs Naylor remains unwell although she is slowly on the road to recovery. While we are not expecting her return to work to be until after the Easter break, she is beginning to spend some time on school based work from home. On occasions this may require her to be on site. We look forward to having her back as one of the team.

Talking Tuesday

Just a reminder that both schools still operates a Talking Tuesday lunch option. You are welcome to book to eat with the children on any Tuesday in either school. As there is a focus at the moment on Maths in games, we would encourage adults to stay and play games of this sort with pupils afterwards. We also hope to launch an additional lending option in the not too distant future. Children will be able to borrow games that they have played in school to play at home, in the same way as they currently borrow library books.

Science Awards

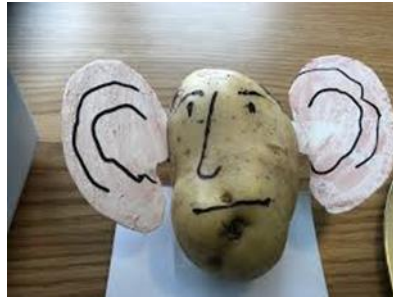
This week we received our PSQM (Primary Science Quality Mark) certificate at a ceremony at the National STEM centre in York. This award presented to our Federation follows a year long CPD programme, supported by the University of Hertfordshire and the Association for Science Education. On achieving PSQM we have shown both schools have effectively implemented a rich curriculum for Science which has ensured a strong and positive impact on our children.



English News

On World Book Day this year we will be holding a new event at both schools. Instead of dressing ourselves as book characters, we invite pupils to dress a potato as a book character. We do ask that recognisable book characters are chosen where possible so that pupils can take part in activities using their identities. Parents you are able to help them too - we know how much some of you enjoy taking part! Every pupil who brings an entry to school on the morning of Thursday 5th March will be given a small gift in recognition of their effort. Pupils will be given the opportunity to have a look at the potatoes on their site that day.

We are giving you plenty of notice so that you have lots of time to get your creative minds flowing! I have included some book character ideas below to hopefully inspire. We look forward to see the wonderful creations!



This week, to celebrate National Storytelling Week, we have shared stories with one another, YOYO have shared stories with us and some classes have written their own stories. Class 3 even spent a whole day story writing-at the request of the pupils.

We also welcomed a host of mums, dads, grandparents and a published author in to our classes to share stories with us. Infant class were lucky enough to play some instruments too. This was part of our new Secret Reader initiative. The children enjoyed being surprised by the readers and enjoyed listening to them share their chosen stories with us, as did the adults in school too. Thank you to those of you who supported this. We are continuing this in schools each half term. Please see Sand Hutton school reception or Warthill staff if you wish to take part in the future.

Thanks to those who bought books from the book sale, each class at Sand Hutton have been able to buy a new book, including a copy of Julia Donaldson's Smeds and the Smoos for Class 1, which was read to them by one of the Secret Readers and a book for Class 3 linked to their next topic- currently being kept a close guarded secret.

Upcoming Events

Just some dates, looking ahead. We have some theme weeks in our diaries for after half term.

The week beginning Monday 2nd March is a Faith Week. Although the plans are not fully developed yet, we have a Monday afternoon arranged where we are welcoming faith leaders to talk about their beliefs or festivals. This is to be followed by a Science Week on the theme of Our Diverse Earth, which follows quite smoothly from the diversity of faiths the week before. More detail about these two weeks will follow nearer the time. We will also be having another Science Fair in the Summer term.

Mothering Sunday is not too far away and we would like to invite Mothers and Grandmothers to join us for lunch on Monday 23rd March. Again more details will follow with regards to timings and menu, but call this something of a Save the Date. Children might want to think very carefully about starting to design a Mothers' Day card as there will be a competition on the day

Corona Virus

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Harton Benefice Facebook Page

For families with children at schools within the Benefice/Federated schools, and families who attend Play & Pray & Messy church.

The link is www.facebook.com/groups/HartonBenefice/

Sand Hutton

Congratulations to our Class 3 children who are trialling some games on the playground sessions ahead of our Playground Leader official launch after the half term break. It is good to see them noticing those pupils at a loose end on the yard and encouraging them to be part of planned games. It also means that everyone is active during this cold spell!

Warthill

Just a polite reminder to all parents to please wait for their children inside the school gate at the end of the school day. We had an incident last week whereby a younger child wanted to exit the playground before a parent had crossed the road. In the interest of road safety please can all parents come into the playground to wait for their child at home time.



Sand Hutton PTA

Car boot/Table top sale - Sunday 8th March 2-4pm (setup from 1pm)

Pitches are £10, contact Becky on 07725 192403 to reserve a pitch. All proceeds are your own! Drinks/cakes for sale on the day.

Warm Clothes Needed

The PTA are collecting warm clothes (coats, hats/gloves) which people no longer require and will distribute them to those in need. Any donations can be left at the school office.

PTA e-mail:- pta@sandhutton.nyorks.sch.uk

Link to easyfundraising:- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sandhuttonpta/>

Friends of Warthill School PTA (FOWS)

Is anyone keen to join the committee? The more people who do, the smaller the time commitment.... If you'd like to know more do speak to any of us on the gate.

Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support.

FOWS email - friendsofwarthillschool@hotmail.co.uk