



Winter Term 2017

Term 3

Dear Parents

This being my first letter both of 2017 and as the new Interim Executive Headteacher, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am very much looking forward to working with you over the coming terms and to getting to know you and the school. I will, of course, be offering opportunities for you to come into school to meet with me and see us at work but will also be around at the start and end of the school day so please come and have a chat! I am genuinely privileged to be working in such a lovely school and with such great staff and am keen to hear from you as well. I look forward to speaking with you and working with you to ensure that your child's time with us at Warmington is a happy and successful one. Thank you for your continuing support.

Diary Dates for Term 3 and beyond

<i>KS2 Indoor athletics Tournament PWS</i>	<i>Wednesday 11th January</i>	<i>4.00 - 5.30 pm</i>
<i>Sex Ed information with School Nurse Y5/6 parents</i>	<i>Wednesday 18th January</i>	<i>3.15 pm</i>
<i>KS1 SATS presentation to parents</i>	<i>Tuesday 24th January</i>	<i>3.15 pm</i>
<i>KS2 SATS presentation to parents</i>	<i>Wednesday 25th January</i>	<i>3.15 pm</i>
<i>Year 4 Candlemas</i>	<i>Wednesday 1st February</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>
<i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 3</i>	<i>Friday 10th February</i>	<i>3.15 p.m.</i>
<i>School re-open to pupils for Term 4</i>	<i>Monday 20th February</i>	<i>8.50 am.</i>
<i>Y5 Bikeability</i>	<i>Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th February</i>	<i>In school</i>
<i>Parents Consultation Evenings</i>	<i>Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March</i>	<i>3.30 pm onwards</i>
➤ <i>World Book Day</i>	<i>Thursday 2nd March</i>	<i>In School</i>
<i>Red Kites Class Assembly</i>	<i>Friday 3rd March</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
➤ <i>Kid Lit Oundle Festival of Literature</i>	<i>Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March</i>	<i>10.30 am and 1.30 pm</i>
<i>Hedgehogs Class Assembly</i>	<i>Friday 10th March</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
➤ <i>Comic Relief</i>	<i>Friday 24th March</i>	
➤ <i>Oundle Festival of Music - Year 4's</i>	<i>Wednesday 29th March</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>
➤ <i>Frontier Centre Residential for Year 3's</i>	<i>Wednesday 29th March - Friday 31st March</i>	
<i>Foxes Class Assembly</i>	<i>Friday 31st March</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 4</i>	<i>Friday 31st March</i>	<i>3.15 p.m.</i>
<i>School re-open to pupils for Term 5</i>	<i>Wednesday 19th April</i>	<i>8.50 am.</i>
➤ <i>Further details to follow</i>		

Robin's Nest



I would like to extend a big welcome to Millie, Florence and Amelia, the 3 new "**Robins**" who have joined us this term. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to pick up their child promptly at the end of a session please. If your child does not stay for lunch then the pick-up time is **12.00 noon** and if they do stay for lunch then the pick-up time is **12.30 pm**. The afternoon sessions for Robins' finish at **3.00 pm**.



New School Children

This term we would like to welcome back Lilia who rejoins us in Foxes Class.



Candlemas.

For the sixth year running Year 4 children in the Oundle and Thrapston area will join in the celebrations for Candlemas at St Peter's Church, Oundle on **Wednesday 1st February**. More details will be provided to parents of children in Year 4 in due course.



New Intake September Admissions

The closing date for all primary applications for September 2017 is **Sunday 15th January 2017** at 5pm. Any applications received after this date will not be processed until the first reconsideration round beginning mid May 2017.



Rotary Shoe box Appeal

If you had one of the Rotary Shoe boxes before Christmas and have not returned it yet please could you return it **by Tuesday 10th January 2017**. Many thanks.



KS1 and KS2 SATS Presentations

To help prepare your Y2 and Y6 children for the end of Key stage tests we would like to invite parents to an information evening on **Tuesday 24th January for Y2's** and **Wednesday 25th January for Y6's**. Both presentations will start at 3.15 pm straight after school. Y1 or Y5 parents are also welcome to join us.



Year 5 and 6 – Sex Education Guidance

As part of our PHSE and science curriculum at Warmington School, children in Y5/Y6 learn about sex education and in the spring term Year 5 and 6's will be visited by the school nurse. On **Wednesday 18th January at 3.15 pm** we would like to invite parents of children in Year 5/6 to a short presentation which will outline what the children will be learning about.



Adverse weather and emergency closure

Although it has been unusually warm over Christmas, winter is not over yet! We do try to keep open in bad weather, but if we are unable to open, details will be published on our school website www.warmingtonschool.net and the other organisations that were mentioned in the letter that went out before Christmas. Similarly if we find the weather deteriorating during a School day and we feel it necessary to close early; we will endeavor to contact you, however please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure.



Parents Consultation Evening

We will hold our mid-year Parent Consultation Evenings on **Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March**. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss your child's progress mid-way through the year. Children's work will also be available in the classrooms. Further information will follow nearer to the date.



Pupil Premium Application Reminder

We would like to remind parents of the Pupil Premium Grant – this is money funded from the government for families who are or have been in receipt of free school meals (not the universal free school meals Reception to Year 2). The money comes into school and can be used to help pupils with additional support in accessing the curriculum and with the various costs that can arise during the school year. You can check your eligibility and apply for the grant online at:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>.

There is also additional grant money available for children from Forces Families or children who have been adopted or have left care. Please let Miss Guy in the School Office know if your child is eligible.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office.



House Keeping



We have been asked by some parents recently to clarify our school rules on hair and jewellery so please see below.

Jewellery/watches

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery or watches to school without permission from the Executive Headteacher, as such items are easily lost or broken. Children with pierced ears may wear small **studs or sleepers**, but they must be able to remove them, **unaided**, for PE. Please provide your child with a small container to keep them safe. The school cannot accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage caused by wearing them.



Hair

Hair should be kept clean and tidy and should not be brightly coloured, worn in any extreme style or have an appearance inconsistent, in the Executive Headteacher's opinion, with traditional good standards of uniform. Hair extensions are not permitted and colouring is only allowed if it appears natural. No patterns or tramlines should be shaved into the hair or eyebrows.

Long hair should be fastened back clear of the face at all times and must be in a plait or ponytail during PE, for reasons of safety. It is helpful if your child keeps a spare hair 'bobble' in their PE bag.



Indoor Shoes Please!

We have had several incidents of mud being brought into school with the recent bad weather and we would like to remind parents that **all** children require a pair of indoor shoes in school. These should be easy for the children to change into e.g. crocs, plimsolls slippers etc. Could you also ensure during the winter months that your child has a waterproof coat in school at all times. Thank you.



Packed Lunches

Just a reminder from our lunchtime staff that packed lunches should contain a healthy balanced meal and be of a reasonable size. We discourage large bags of crisps, sweets (even those that say they are healthy), large packets of biscuits and chocolate bars. Fizzy drinks and cans are also not permitted. We do not mind a small cake or chocolate biscuit as a treat! All our decisions are based on encouraging a healthy lifestyle and the health concerns of pupils. We thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



Nut Allergies

Can we please remind parents that Warmington School is a '**nut-free**' zone, as we have children in school with severe peanut allergies. Please bear this in mind when making your child's lunch and avoid any foods containing nuts such as peanut butter sandwiches or nut biscuits.



Car Parking

Parking outside schools is always an issue and Warmington School is no exception.

I would like to remind you about parking outside of the school at the beginning and the end of the school day. Please be mindful of not parking too close to the junctions of Church Street and School Lane and please do not park in front of people's driveways even if it is just for a minute!

Parking is available at the Village Hall car park when necessary. As a close and caring school, we all have the well-being and safety of our children and community at heart. Therefore, I thank you for your help, understanding and patience in this matter. Could you please share this information with any family members or friends who collect your children at the end of the day.

If you would like any further information about any of the items in the newsletter or anything that is happening in school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Carlyle

Interim Executive Headteacher