



Winter Term 2018

Term 3

Dear Parents,

This being my first letter of 2018, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas Break! I look forward to working with you in 2018 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

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| <i>Clubs Start</i> | <i>Monday 15th January</i> | <i>3.15 pm</i> |
| <i>Robins' Nest "Stay and Play" sessions re-start</i> | <i>Monday 15th January</i> | <i>2.00 pm</i> |
| <i>Closing Date for Primary School Applications</i> | <i>Monday 15th January</i> | <i>5.00 pm</i> |
| <i>KS2 Indoor athletics Tournament PWS</i> | <i>Wednesday 17th January</i> | <i>4.00 - 5.30 pm</i> |
| <i>Heads Coffee & Red Kites Friends and Family Assembly</i> | <i>Friday 26th January</i> | <i>2.45 pm</i> <i>(coffee from 2.15pm)</i> |
| ▶ <i>KS1 SATS presentation to parents</i> | <i>Tuesday 30th January</i> | <i>3.30pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>KS2 SATS presentation to parents</i> | <i>Tuesday 30th January</i> | <i>3.30pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>Year 4/5 Basketball Tournament PWS</i> | <i>Thursday 1st February</i> | <i>4.00 - 6.00 pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>Year 4 Candlemas</i> | <i>Wednesday 7th February</i> | <i>10.00 am</i> |
| <i>Heads Coffee & Badgers Friends and Family Assembly</i> | <i>Friday 9th February</i> | <i>2.45 pm</i> <i>(coffee from 2.15pm)</i> |
| <i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 3</i> | <i>Friday 9th February</i> | <i>3.15 pm</i> |
| <i>School re-open to pupils for Term 4</i> | <i>Monday 19th February</i> | <i>8.50 am.</i> |
| ▶ <i>Parents Consultation Evenings</i> | <i>Monday 26th & Wednesday 28th February</i> | <i>3.30 pm onwards</i> |
| ▶ <i>World Book Day</i> | <i>Thursday 1st March</i> | <i>In School</i> |
| <i>Heads Coffee & Foxes Friends and Family Assembly</i> | <i>Friday 2nd March</i> | <i>2.45 pm</i> <i>(coffee from 2.15pm)</i> |
| ▶ <i>Kid Lit Oundle Festival of Literature</i> | <i>Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th March</i> | <i>10.00 am, 1.30pm and 1.30 pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>Years 5/6 Netball Tournament at PWS</i> | <i>Wednesday 14th March</i> | <i>4.00 -6.00 pm</i> |
| <i>Hedgehogs Friends and Family Assembly</i> | <i>Friday 16th March</i> | <i>2.45 pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>Years 3-6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Oundle Rugby Club</i> | <i>Wednesday 21st March</i> | <i>4.00 - 6.00 pm</i> |
| ▶ <i>Frontier Centre Residential for Year 3's</i> | <i>Monday 26th March - Wednesday 28th March</i> | |
| <i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 4</i> | <i>Thursday 29th March</i> | <i>3.15 p.m.</i> |
| <i>Inset Day</i> | <i>Monday 16th April</i> | <i>All Day</i> |
| <i>School re-open to pupils for Term 5</i> | <i>Tuesday 17th 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 Alice and Brooke, the 2 new "Robins" who will be joining us this term. I would also like to thank parents for their patience while the work has been completed in Robins' Nest.

Candlemas.



For the seventh 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 7th 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 2018 is **Monday 15th January 2018** at 5pm. Any applications received after this date will not be processed until the first reconsideration round beginning mid May 2018.



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 our SATS presentations. Both presentations will be on **Tuesday 30th January** and will start at 3.30 pm straight after school in Miss Kemp's and Miss Aldous's classrooms. Y1 or Y5 parents are also welcome to join us. A letter will be sent out to parents with a reply slip that should be returned to the school office.

Adverse weather and emergency closure



Although we have had some periods of adverse weather, winter is not over yet! We do try to keep open in bad weather, but if we are unable to open, we will let you know as soon as possible through Parentmail and Facebook 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 endeavour 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 **Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th February**. 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 the time.

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

Contact Details



Please could you ensure that should you or a named contact on your list **change address, telephone or email** that you provide your up to date details to the school office. These can then be updated on our systems, especially Parentmail, where we may need to send out emergency notices. Thank you.

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. 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.

Head Lice



Head lice are a recurring problem in all schools and we ask you to be vigilant! The problem is so widespread that we no longer issue warnings when head lice are found. Instead parents should check their child's head every week and take appropriate action. If you are not sure what to look for then please ask at school for advice.

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** Executive Headteacher