



# Winter Term 2020

# Term 3

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It doesn't seem possible that we are already in Term 3!

I am looking forward to working with you in 2020 to ensure that your child's time with us at Warmington School is a happy and successful one. Thank you for your continuing support.

### *Diary Dates for Term 3 and beyond*

<i>NSPCC Sponsored PE Circuit</i>	<i>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</i>	<i>In school</i>
<i>Parent Governor nominations to be returned to school</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>By 9.00 am</i>
<i>NSPCC Sponsorship forms to be returned</i>	<i>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<b><i>Foxes Friends and Family Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</i></b>	<b><i>2.45 pm</i></b>
<i>KS1 SATS presentation to parents</i>	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>3.30 pm</i>
▶ <i>Year 4/5 Basketball Tournament PWS</i>	<i>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>4.00 - 6.00 pm</i>
▶ <i>Year 4 Candlemas Service at Oundle Church</i>	<i>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>
<i>Mental Health Awareness Day</i>	<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>In school</i>
▶ <i>Christingle Service at Warmington Church</i>	<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>2.30 pm</i>
▶ <i>PFA Movie Afternoon</i>	<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>3.15 pm to 5.00 pm</i>
<b><i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 3</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>3.15 pm</i></b>
<b><i>School re-opens to pupils for Term 4</i></b>	<b><i>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	<b><i>8.50 am.</i></b>
▶ <i>Parents Consultation Evenings</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>3.30 to 6.00 pm</i>
▶ <i>Ellie Sandall, author visit - Whole School</i>	<i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</i>	<i>All day</i>
▶ <i>World Book Day</i>	<i>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>In School</i>
<b><i>Red Kites Friends and Family Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>2.45 pm</i></b>
<b><i>Badgers Friends and Family Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</i></b>	<b><i>2.45 pm</i></b>
▶ <i>Great Fire of London Day for Foxes Class</i>	<i>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>All day</i>
<i>PFA meeting at Warmington School</i>	<i>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>
<i>PFA Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Name the Bunny</i>	<i>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</i>	<i>In school</i>
<i>Frontier Centre Residential for Year 3's</i>	<i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>From 1.00 pm</i>
<b><i>Hedgehogs Friends and Family Assembly</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i></b>	<b><i>2.45 pm</i></b>
<b><i>School Closed to pupils end of Term 4</i></b>	<b><i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i></b>	<b><i>3.15 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>Inset Day</i></b>	<b><i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</i></b>	<b><i>All Day</i></b>
<b><i>School re-open to pupils for Term 5</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</i></b>	<b><i>8.50 am.</i></b>
<i>Swimming starts</i>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>9.00 am</i>
<i>York Residential for Year 4's</i>	<i>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</i>	
▶ <i>PFA Bags 2 School Collection</i>	<i>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>9.00 am.</i>
▶ <i>Further details to follow</i>		



### **New Children**

This term we would like to welcome James who joins us in Red Kites, Joshua who joins us in Badgers and Ellis, Alice I, Remy, George and Etta who join us in Robins. We are also saying a sad farewell to Johana and Jakob, but wish them both good luck in Australia.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS...



The School Council has been meeting regularly at lunchtimes and their latest initiative is outlined below.

### Empty Crisp Packets Please!

Each year countless pieces of crisp packet end up in landfill sites across the UK. The School Council has therefore decided to join **The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme** – which recycles packets and prevents them ending up in landfill. If you would like to take part, please bring your used crisp packets in to school (as clean as possible!), flattened but not folded, and place them in the collection bins which are located at the School entrance and in the School Hall. For your information, the collection is for **CRISP** packets only. Please do not bring in popcorn bags, crisp tubes, pretzel bags or meat snack bags. Thank you for your support.



## SCHOOL NEWS...



### NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe programme

The NSPCC visited children in Year 1 -6 last week, to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. They presented their, *Speak out. Stay safe* programme which is a nationwide program for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC this term by taking part in a fundraising event. Children will be doing their **Big Buddy's workout the w/c 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - which will not only be exciting for our pupils, but will also mean they are raising money for the NSPCC's vital work *and* helping keep even more children safe.

**Participation is purely voluntary** and if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could sign the sponsor form, (which went home with your child last week), to give your child permission to take part and to confirm you are happy to have overall responsibility for counting and handling the money raised. Please return the signed sponsor form and money raised to school by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Although, the children in Reception did not take part in the presentation, they will also be included in the *Big Buddy's workout* and Mrs Mackenzie will be sending home a sponsorship form too.



### Family and Friends Assemblies

Our friends and family assemblies continue this year to be on Fridays, at **2.45 pm**. The dates for the next class assemblies are:

#### Foxes' Friends and Family Assembly

Red Kites' Friends and Family Assembly

#### Badgers' Friends and Family Assembly

Hedgehogs' Friends and Family Assembly

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

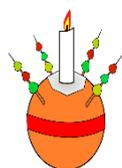
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April



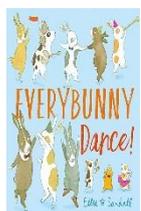
### KS1 SATS Presentations- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 pm

We would like to invite parents/carers of children in Year 1 and 2 to a meeting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm**, where they will find out about the KS1 SATS. These are the assessments that the Year 2's will complete in May.



### Christingle Service at St Mary's Church Warrington- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 pm

We will be holding a Christingle Service at the Church on the last day of Term 3, **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm**, which all parents are warmly invited to attend. Children in Robins' Nest are welcome to attend with their parents. After the service, the children will return to school with their teacher where they can be picked up from school as usual.



### Ellie Sandall – Illustrator & author visit– Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

This year we will not be attending the Oundle Literacy Festival in Oundle, but we are pleased to let you know that we have arranged for illustrator and author, **Ellie Sandall** to visit Warrington School for a talk and workshops based on her books. **Ellie Sandall**, loved drawing from an early age and has a passion for picture books. After completing a degree in Graphic Design at Bath Spa University, she became interested in drawing and writing specifically for children, and went on to achieve a Master's degree in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Ellie visited the school a number of years ago after publishing her first book *Birdsong* and we are very pleased to be able to welcome her back. Nearer the time, we will provide more information about World Book Day and our literacy events.

## Warmington School's Garden at the Allotments



We are currently planning our second year, of the school garden. Together, with the help of Warmington Parish Council, we saw the creation of our plot which provided many hours of enjoyment for our children, with school classes attending sessions regularly, right up to the end of the Summer Term. The programme consisted of planting vegetable seeds, which we were able to harvest before the end of the Summer Term, like new potatoes, peas, broad beans, carrots, lettuce, spring onions, radishes, beetroot and strawberries. The sessions were led by Mike Palmer and Roger Litawski, who both have allotments on the site.



We are planning to start the new programme on the **week beginning March 23rd**. Moving forward from last year, we have decided to try to add to the "team" and invite volunteers to help with the regular maintenance of the School Garden. Currently, we have 3 raised beds sized 6ft x 4ft and 2 smaller ones at 2ft square. We also have a raspberry strip. What we really are looking for, is for a few volunteers to work with Mike and Roger to ensure that the raised beds remain nice and tidy in between classes, with a weekly or fortnightly visit to the School Garden, depending on the time of year. Also, it would be great if some of the volunteers would join in on the actual classes, to work alongside Mike and Roger as well as the school staff who will always be in attendance.

If there are any, parents, friends and grandparents who might be interested, please email or contact the school office to find out more email: [bursar@warmington.northants.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@warmington.northants.sch.uk) or tel: 01832 280420.



## Parents Consultation Evenings

We will hold our mid-year Parent Consultation Evenings on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Further information will follow nearer the time

## PFA NEWS...



### PFA

Our hardworking parents and friends make a massive difference to our children's experiences in school through their fundraising efforts. The PFA have already held their first meeting of the New Year and the next meeting will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. New members are always welcome. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to ask.

### Christmas Disco fundraiser

A big thank you to all the children and parents who attended the Christmas Disco. There was some fantastic dancing! The event raised £488.19 towards school funds.

Up and coming events to look forward to include, **Movie Afternoon on 14<sup>th</sup> February**. A sign-up sheet will be in the central area from 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The event will run from 3.15 to 5.00 pm and the entrance fee will be £3. This will be followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Name the Bunny on 31<sup>st</sup> March. The PFA Newsletter has further details about both of these events.

### Helping out the PFA!



The PFA are always in need of raffle prizes and help at various events. If you would like to get involved with the PFA or help at the events but don't want to attend meetings, then please email either, [amyindley13@gmail.com](mailto:amyindley13@gmail.com) or [nikabi@hotmail.com](mailto:nikabi@hotmail.com) and they will include you in future emails/planning etc., which will allow you to choose those events that suit you. Any help no matter how small is always appreciated.

## GOVERNOR NEWS....

### Parent Governor vacancy

A letter has gone out to parents, as we are seeking to elect a new Parent Governor. If you would like to be considered for the position, please fill in the nomination form and return to the school office **before 9.00 am. on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.

## 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.



### 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 endeavor to contact you, however please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure.



### School Attendance and Registration

Schools have attendance targets to reach and in the past we have had a very good record. However, towards the end of last term the school saw an increase in children arriving after the register has been called. We appreciate at times that this is due to unforeseen circumstances, but it often means that your child will miss the first part of their lesson or create a disturbance to the other children once they arrive. I thought it timely to remind you of our policy on registration.

We are required by law to open our registers before morning and afternoon sessions. For morning sessions the register opens at 9am and for afternoon sessions the register opens at 1pm. Registers close 10 minutes after opening. A child will be recorded as **Late** if they are not present for their name being called. If they are later than the close of the register then an **unauthorised absence** will be recorded unless the lateness is due to medical appointment or other unforeseen circumstances.

If your child will be absent from school due to a holiday, medical appointment or other reason then please fill in a **request for term time absence form** which is available from the school office. Thank you.



### 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.



### Healthy Eating

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.

Please also ensure that your child's teacher is aware if you are giving your child treats to give to other children after school, when it is their birthday etc. **These should be given to the child's teacher who will distribute them at the end of the school day.** We would also like to politely request, that as we are trying to encourage a healthy lifestyle, these are only the fun size bags, or a healthy alternative (e.g. small boxes of raisins etc.)



### 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.

### School Uniform



Please can you ensure that your child has their Warmington school jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt in school each day and during the winter months that your child has a waterproof coat in school at all times. Jumpers are often misplaced so please ensure they are named and can easily be returned to their owner!

If you are unsure of any of our uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to ask! Thank you.

*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**