

## **SAND HUTTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & WARTHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **CHURCH**

Each school is in a different parish.

**Sand Hutton** is in the Benefice of Harton. School is supported by Rev. Chris Wingfield (Governor), Sister Margaret Ann, and Curate Rev Hannah Suekarran. Sister Margaret Ann conducts Collective Worship fortnightly and attends Sharing Assembly on a very regular basis. Chris and Hannah also visit school regularly to take Collective Worship also to spend time with children and staff.

Children prepare for and then conduct Harvest, Christmas and Easter Services in St Mary's Church Sand Hutton. On occasion, these services are held in the churches of the other villages in our catchment – Flaxton, Bossall and Gate Helmsley.

The school contributes articles for the quarterly church magazines:

### **JANUARY 2017**

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT SAND HUTTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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The PTA makes a huge contribution both to the social lives of children and parents through the events they held but also by the funds they raised. Last term was very successful indeed. The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £1400. A big thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes helped out on the night and bought raffle tickets. This was on top of £300 raised during the term at a Bingo Night, Cinema Night and Bags 2 Schools. These funds make a difference to every child in the school.

It has also been important that we have been able to be involved in events that assist the wider community and look beyond the walls of our small school. Two singing opportunities came along that allowed us to do this. Firstly, along with Warthill CE School, we were invited to sing in the Minster as part of the service held to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the York MS Society. We were made to feel very welcome on this very special occasion and the children had an experience that they will remember for a long time. Secondly, we were invited to sing at the RABI Carol Concert held in the Livestock Centre in Murton. RABI is an organisation that assists people in need in farming, rural communities. A very different place to sing but it was a lovely way to start our Christmas Festivities.



Sand Hutton and Warthill CE Primary Schools singing in the Minster to help celebrate 60 Years of the York and District MS Society.

It has been a great start to the new academic year. At Sand Hutton CE Primary School we have welcomed new children and staff who have settled in very well into our small school family.

## **OCTOBER 2016**

### **WARTIME TOPIC**

Class 3 have been absorbed in their research about World War 2 and have quickly become experts. This has been assisted by their classroom almost becoming a museum as it is filled with original artefacts from the time. The children also had a wonderful day out in Pickering. Dressed as evacuees they travelled on the steam train from Grosmont to Pickering and engaged in a series of workshops bringing their learning alive.



The children were also thrilled to meet Sand Hutton's very own author, Jean Daish, whose recently published book 'Operation Dynamo' was about wartime evacuees. She came into school to meet us and read aloud her story that was absorbing, inspiring the children to write creative stories of their own.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

All of KS2 were invited to take part in The Howardian Small Schools Alliance cross country hosted by Leavening School. It was a beautiful afternoon for running over fields, even the very light rain shower created a fantastic rainbow. It certainly brought us luck as Jemma Field from Sand Hutton was the first girl to return in the Year 5/6 race. All children ran very well and encouraged each other to finish even when the going got tough.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Please accept this invitation to attend the Sand Hutton CE School PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 2 December at 6 00 pm. Everyone is very welcome.**

## **MAY 2016**

The summer term always holds promise of exciting times at a primary school, even though we cannot totally rely on the idea of long warm sunny days for sports days and trips out. Even so there is much to look forward. Class 3 are sharing a visit with the children at Warthill to the Buddhist World Peace Centre at Kilwick Percy near Pocklington. This allows the children to learn about Buddhism as a major world faith so very close to home, a fascinating experience for children and adults.

In sharp contrast, this is to be followed by an opportunity to go surfing under the safe and watchful eye of the RNLI at Scarborough. The RNLI team have already been into school to talk about keeping

safe near and around water so the children will be able to put what they have learned into action whilst having a day together at the seaside. Later in the term we are having a whole school visit to the Countryside day at the Ledston Estate near Garforth. This is a mini country show that demonstrates everything the countryside has to offer, with many opportunities for the children to see aspects of country life at close quarters e.g. sheep shearing, ferret racing, falconry, forestry. This is one occasion when we would appreciate fine weather.

As part of the Howardian Small Schools Alliance, Sand Hutton welcomed staff from Slingsby, Warthill, Terrington, Foston, Langton, Gillamoor and Leavening to a joint training day at the beginning of term. The day was led by a consultant teacher, Naomi Smales who engaged us all with the 'Talk for Writing' approach aimed to develop and inspire children as young writers and readers using high quality fiction and opportunities to retell stories and develop exciting, extensive vocabulary. As a teacher it is always a pleasure to 'be taught', also to spend time with a group of friendly colleagues openly sharing thoughts and ideas is a rare opportunity once a busy term gets underway.

The Year 6 children, like all other ten and eleven year olds across the country, will be taking their end of primary school tests at the beginning of May (SATS). Despite the many government changes that have taken place concerning the format of these tests this year, the children have continued to do their very best and have been a credit to school and their families. They will certainly deserve a summer in which to enjoy their last term at primary school, both in and out of school, once the tests are over.

## **JANUARY 2016**

As a Church of England Primary School Sand Hutton receives regular inspections under the framework of **Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)**. **The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school.** In November the school was inspected by Mrs Linda Dixon and I am pleased to say that the final judgement was 'Outstanding'.

*The report stated:*

'this school promotes a distinctive vision rooted in Christian values. Expectations for the best possible education and wellbeing for all within a Christian environment are passionately expressed. Through its nurturing ethos, leaders ensure that this is a highly effective school, which promotes children's spiritual development and high academic achievement. '

'all children feel loved, respected and valued in this safe, secure Christian school community. This creates an extremely positive climate for learning so that all children achieve at least their expected levels of attainment and many beyond.'

*The full report is available on the school's website ([www.sandhutton.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.sandhutton.n-yorks.sch.uk)).*

I would like to congratulate all children and staff – everyone was delighted with the result. Thank you to governors and parents who support us in what we do – very much a team effort. Also, we deeply appreciate the love, care and support given by Sister Margaret Ann, Revd. Chris Wingfield and the wider church family.

## **SAND HUTTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & WARTHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL**

### **Church**

**Warthill school** is supported by regular visits from Rev Nick Bird and Curate Rev Debbie Coyne. They both conduct collective worship either in school or at St Mary's Church Warthill, which is a short walk from the school.

Children prepare for and then conduct Harvest, Christmas in St Mary's Church Warthill and an Easter Service in Holtby. These are very well attended by parents, grandparents and friends of the school.

The school contributes articles for the monthly church magazines:

### **MARCH 2017**

As the new term got underway, the children and staff discussed ways we could put well-intentioned resolutions and our school values into action, actions that really make a difference to other people. This turned into quite a project as the children devised daily ideas and thoughts as to how we could help those around us under the title:

#### ***'Think for yourself but act for others'***

Actions included:

- ✓ Play with someone who looks sad or lonely
- ✓ Always say please and thank you
- ✓ Help whenever you see someone in need
- ✓ Have peaceful playtimes

Actions promised for weekends at home included:

- ✓ Tidy up your own mess especially in your bedroom
- ✓ Help make the dinner
- ✓ Not lying around on the sofa doing nothing
- ✓ Hug someone!

We have no way of knowing if all children's bedrooms turned into orderly havens of peace and tranquillity, however, in school it was noticeable which action was being focussed upon on any particular day, very worthwhile practising.

### **School Values**

Love and Respect

We care and share and treat others as we would like to be treated.

Responsibility and courage

We are brave enough to admit when we make mistakes.

Self-control and Moderation

We know the effect our actions can have on others.

Honesty and Integrity

We are honest and trust each other.

Kindness and Compassion

We are polite and helpful.

Contentment and Thankfulness

We recognise how fortunate we are.

Patience and Perseverance

We try hard, have a go and don't give up.

Peace and Humility

We appreciate quiet and reflection.

Loyalty and Commitment

We are fair and know what makes a good friend.

Forgiveness and Justice  
Hope

We understand and forgive each other.  
We are positive, resilient and forward looking

To learn and to grow and **'to be the best we can be'**

## **FEBRUARY 2017**

### **WARTHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Infant Class at Warthill has really been tempting fate as they have been learning about ice, snow and cold in places where this can be found across the world along with the types of wild life that survive in these conditions. The children's classroom now contains the warmest, cosiest igloo and ice palace ever to be seen but of course they long for the real thing – a wish not necessarily shared by the adults in school! The children are delighting in finding facts about polar bears in the North and penguins in the South and have become wild life experts.

The Juniors are showing equal enthusiasm as they discover how the Romans lived and influenced the development of our country. Once again, proximity to York encourages first hand discovery of life 2000 years ago.

### **PRE SCHOOL GROUP**

A reminder that parents are very welcome to bring babies and pre-school children along to our play sessions run by our Teaching assistant Mrs Kirstie Attwood every Monday afternoon at 2 00 pm. These are relaxed, informal sessions when parents can chat and the children have a gentle introduction to school whilst being kept busy and having the chance to make friends.

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The Friends of Warthill School make a huge contribution both to the social lives of children and parents through the events they held but also by the funds they raised. Last term was very successful indeed. The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £963.57. A big thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes, helped out on the night and bought raffle tickets. This was on top of £770.20 raised on the sponsored walk in the autumn. The funds make a difference to every child in the school.

It has also been important that we have been able to be involved in events which assist the wider community and look beyond the walls of our small school. Two singing opportunities came along that allowed us to do this. Firstly, along with Sand Hutton CE School, we were invited to sing in the Minster as part of the service held to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the York MS Society. We were made to feel very welcome on this very special occasion and the children had an experience that they will remember for a long time. Secondly, we were invited to sing at the RABI Carol Concert held in the Livestock Centre in Murton. RABI is an organisation

that assists people in need in farming, rural communities. A very different place to sing but a lovely way to start Christmas Festivities.

The Junior children also were privileged to have a very special visitor. Ken Smith a Normandy veteran and his wife Gloria, came to speak to the children as part of their work on WW2. It was a very special morning as they asked questions and enjoyed being in his company. The school felt that we had made a new friend.



### **DECEMBER 2016**

The children of both Sand Hutton and Warthill Juniors received invitations to sing at two special events which promised to be a fantastic experience of performing to a wider audience also it is very flattering to be asked! Both events support local charities and allow us to be involved in celebrations within the wider community.

### **SINGING IN THE MINSTER**

The first event was on the afternoon of Thursday 24 November. The children were asked to sing a song in the Minster as part of a service being held to celebrate volunteering in the community held by the York MS Society. This was a special opportunity to be part of a wider celebration as well as to be able to sing in amazing and special surroundings. The children gave a rousing performance of The Community Song – one of their favourites.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT MURTON LIVESTOCK CENTRE**

**Thursday 8 December 2016 7:00 pm**

This promises to be a different but special event when the children will sing a number of carols as part of a Christmas service held by the local RABI (The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) who helps families in the rural and farming community. It is in the very appropriate venue of The York Livestock Centre and once again it will give opportunity to perform to an audience but also to enjoy a Christmas service in very different surroundings.

**Very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year from everyone at Warthill CE Primary School**

### **NOVEMBER 2016**

The Junior Class at Warthill CE Primary School have been finding out about life in the Second World War. Whilst being fascinated with stories from within their own families the children have been very active in their own research and have completed numerous homework tasks resulting in some amazing models of ships and planes being brought into school. A special

day was when they joined the other 'evacuees' on the steam train from Grosmont to Pickering – all in WW2 dress. An experience never to be forgotten.

The children also have been writing poems imagining other aspects of living during war time; sadly still a reality for children and families elsewhere in the world today.

### **BLITZ POEM**

Suffocating bombs quickly drifting through the air  
Like a buzzard stalking its prey.  
Deathly!

Howling fire  
Slowly circling the towering buildings like a dragon  
Horrendous!

Poor families  
worrying about their relatives  
Searching through rubble like an archaeologist looking for bones  
Help!

Army planes  
Rushing about in the dark night sky  
Startled pilots spiralling out of control  
Disaster!

By Kitty Webber

### **Blitz Poem**

*Disastrous bombs,  
falling dreadfully from the sky like a diver going out of control.*

*Horror!*

*Brave soldiers,*

*Shouting to communicate,*

*Like the loudest army,*

*unbeatable!*

*Terrifying planes,*

*Circling the night sky,*

*Like a fearless bomb causing destruction.*

*Worrying!*

*Horrifying buildings,  
Tumbling to the earth surface,  
Like a falling pack of cards.  
Heart— breaking!*

By Polly England

### **SEPTEMBER 2016**

At Warthill we look forward to welcoming a number of new children to our school. We have seven reception children starting school for the very first time. We hope that Arthur, Harry, Hugo, Oscar, Lucy, Purdy and Seb will be very happy with us. We also welcome Thomas into Year 1 where he will receive a very warm welcome.

We also say hello to two new part time members of staff, Mrs Sue Scott is to join KS1 and Mrs Claire Schofield is to work alongside Mr Mills in KS2. We are looking forward to them being part of our small but happy team.

The end of the summer term saw the junior children being involved in an exciting art project 'JUNIOR ART CHALLENGE'. Organised by local artist Bob Crow, the Year 5 and 6 children were each given a small section of a mystery painting. Each child then painted the image in acrylic paint before returning all the separate sections to Mr Crow. He then had the task of putting together the pieces, not only from our school but from a number of other primary schools in the area. The completed mystery picture was then revealed at the Bishop Wilton Show showing the skill and talent of all the children in the most spectacular way.



The summer fair organised by The Friends of Warthill School raised the magnificent total of £ 972.

A huge thank you to everyone who supports our school.

### **August 2016**

The summer term ended in the traditional manner with a Leavers' service at St Mary's Warthill to say farewell to the Year 6 children, Leavers' disc celebrations, a fun filled sports day and of course the Summer Fair. This year The Friends of Warthill School held the fair on a Friday evening that provided a BBQ party like atmosphere in which to enjoy the usual games, cakes and attractions. It was very well attended by parents and children along with grandparents and children who are to start school in September. It raised the amazing sum of £ 972.28 which is incredible for such a small school. We benefit from the kindness and generosity of our families and the wider village community – thank you to everyone who supported us. Also, thank you to The Friends' Committee for all their hard work planning and organising this very successful event.

The Juniors also benefited from the kindness and generosity of the Cub and Scout Leaders at Snowball Plantation where they spent an exciting 'Survival Day'. The children received a very warm welcome and expert tuition on shelter building and cooking over fires. They came back to school grubby, tired and thrilled with the day they had together. Thank you to everyone at Snowball for giving generously of their time and patience, it really was appreciated.

Everyone is off enjoying their summer break hopefully having a well-earned rest before the new academic year gets underway.