

# HEADTEACHERS' FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

## Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Over the next few weeks, we should begin to see the evenings start to stay lighter for longer, which should please us all! Additional dates have been added since the last newsletter so please take a careful look through the Spring Term dates in the right hand column.

## School Communication

If you wish to communicate with members of school staff by email please direct all emails through the school office, using the [secretary@warfieldprimary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@warfieldprimary.co.uk). A member of the office staff will then forward the email to the appropriate member of staff and respond to you so that you know your email has been received and whom it has been forwarded to.

## Woodhurst Site

Woodhurst Parents' Forum will not be taking place as previously advertised for Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb due to a lack of response. We realise that we probably need to wait until the next academic year to begin a Parent Forum when we have more classes on site. Instead, we will be holding a coffee morning at 9am, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Kennedy (Co-Headteacher) invites any Woodhurst parents to drop in to meet up with other parents, herself and Mrs Johnson (Family Support Advisor).

## Take One Picture Exhibition

Congratulations to the children and staff for the enjoyable 'Take One Picture' exhibitions held at the All Saints and Woodhurst sites, in January. The piece of art 'A Set of Tiles From Syria', used for this year's project inspired the children's creativity in producing both art and literacy pieces. Both exhibitions displayed the children's artistic skills through media such as printing and mosaic designs, but they also included high quality pieces of writing linked to the topic.

## Sporting Achievements

We attend many of the Bracknell Forest sporting events for schools and are continuing to achieve well in these competitions and festivals. Since January, we have attended the Kick Start Festival; Year 5 / 6 athletics and a gymnastics competition.



## SPRING TERM DATES

### February

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Y6 mock SATs

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>:** PTA sponsored pancake toss

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>:** Parents' evening: 5pm to 8pm

### March

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup>:** Cross country at Lily Hill Wood

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Parents' evening: 3.30pm to 6pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Otters' class assembly: 9am

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>:** Seahorses' class assembly: 9am

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>:** Phonic Screening information for all Year 1 Warfield parents held at All Saints: 6pm

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 SATs information for all Year 2 Warfield parents held at All Saints: 6.30pm

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>:** KS2 Girls' Football Festival

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>:** Woodhurst parents coffee morning: 9am

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup>:** Warfield World Book Day celebrations

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints Parents Forum: 9am

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>:** Football match at Jennetts Park: 3.30pm

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>:** Y1 Multi-Skills Festival

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>:** Book Fair at All Saints site

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Y3/Y4 Berkshire schools' football competition at Bisham Abbey

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>:** PTA KS1 Disco at Woodhurst: 5.30 pm to 6.45pm

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Football & netball matches at Sandy Lane: 3.30pm

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:** Red Nose Day

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:** PTA second-hand uniform sale at All Saints site: 3.15pm

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup>:** PTA KS2 Disco at Woodhurst: 5.30pm to 6.45pm

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>:** All Saints' Rocksteady concert: 9am

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup>:** Class sharing exhibitions in all classrooms: 3.15pm

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup>:** Break-up for Easter holiday

### April

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup>:** INSET Day - staff only

Congratulations to the athletics team for making the finals and to all three teams that attended the gymnastics as we won bronze, silver and gold awards.

### School Uniform

The children look very smart in their school uniform and we are proud of their appearance. We are however seeing more girls coming to school with brightly coloured hair accessories. Hair bands or headbands need to be in school colours and not too elaborate (definitely no Jo-Jo bows)!

### Attendance Matters

The Educational Welfare Service continues to work closely with all Bracknell schools regarding the statutory regulations of attendance. The Governing Body's Attendance Policy, also reflects the current statutory regulations and is available on the school website. Requests for term time leave need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance, however unless there is an exceptional circumstance we are not able to authorise term time leave and sustained periods of leave will incur a fine. If your child is required to attend a medical appointment during the school day we must see proof of appointment i.e. hospital letter or appointment text / card. If your child has a local appointment please ensure they attend school before and/or after - it is not acceptable to take the whole day off school!

### 'Thank You' from Bethany Orphanage

We at Bethany orphanage are so thankful and grateful for the relationship you have always had with us here at Bethany orphanage. We want to thank you for the clothing you collected for us in October. We also are so grateful for allowing Penny, Alan and Mel to have a stall in aid of Bethany at the Christmas Fair. The money from that event will go towards school fees which is so vital for the children in secondary school, every term we raise a total of about £750 depending on the exchange rate to go towards schooling 34 boarding school secondary school children. We are so grateful.

Visit us on <http://www.bethanyorphanage.org>

Or Facebook page Bethany Orphanage - Uganda

We love you, Eddie Mugwanya on behalf of the children.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Mr Currie says please keep sending in your Sainsbury's vouchers, they are gratefully received!

**Best wishes to our families,  
Paula Jenkins and Anna Kennedy**

## Weds 19<sup>th</sup>: PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

### Morning Punctuality

The gates are open between 8.35am and 8.45am for children to filter into school. If you do not get your child to school in time to filter in during these ten minutes, please take them to the office to sign in. At All Saints, it has become noticeable that quite a number of children are arriving late!



### Gardening Club

Congratulations to our Gardening Club who were recently awarded School and Use Gardens' Silver Gilt Award from Bracknell in Bloom. A photograph of our special presentation assembly was included in the Bracknell News on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.



### Help Needed

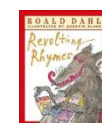
Mrs Burgisser is holding two Saturday morning gardening sessions on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 9am to 12 noon. We need to clear the wooded copse on the All Saints site of brambles and weeds. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated and nobody needs to be a great green-fingered gardener to help!

### Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to all the children and parents who donated to the Shoe Box Appeal. 7611 shoeboxes from the Maidenhead Processing centre were delivered, of which Warfield CE Primary School and Warfield Churches donated 135 boxes. These boxes went to needy children in Albania, Estonia, Romania and Ukraine.



### World Book Day Reminder



This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The theme is poetry and rhyme and the children can wear a costume of their choice linked to a poem or rhyme they enjoy.

