



WRENS RECEPTION CLASS

1st November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to our second term together in Wrens. We are looking forward to a busy and happy seven (and a bit!) weeks, as we settle more fully into the routines of the school and prepare to celebrate Christmas!!

- **Our Class** – we now have **22 children in Wrens** as we sadly said goodbye to George L and his family at the end of term 1. We wish them well with their house move and as a class we have been thinking about George and hope that he settles quickly into his new school.
- **Projects and Plans** – This term has begun with a **'Pumpkins and Potions'** project that has seen the children using real tools this week; as they hammer nails into unsuspecting pumpkins and drill as many holes as they can into them using hand drills! It's been great fun to do and while we are engaged in this type of activity we are improving our fine motor skills and muscle strength...essential for developing good handwriting. We will also be exploring themes of **'Light and Dark, Fireworks and Bonfires and Celebrating Christmas'** this term. We will work hard to produce a **Christmas Nativity Play** at the end of the term that we hope you will all enjoy. More details to follow. *Please note that we have moved our 'Planets and Space' project to Term 3, so that we can make the most of this fascinating project. We plan to invite a mobile planetarium into school to give the children an 'out of this world' experience and we will be holding a 'Space Day' with lots of exciting and challenging activities planned. Something to look forward to after Christmas!*
- **Spare Clothes and Welly Boots** – Thank you so much for sending spare clothes and welly boots into school, it is so helpful for our visits to the Nature Garden and as the weather turns colder and wetter they will be invaluable when the children are playing outside. Please also remember to **NAME EVERYTHING** (even shoes and coats) to help your child to locate and look after their belongings.
- **P.E. Days** – Please note that our P.E. days have changed and will now be **Wednesday** mornings and **Friday** afternoons. Please remember it is helpful to keep the kits in school all week in case we have to change our sessions about. Thank you.
- **Bike Groups** – Our bike group sessions will continue to be held on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** and children are very welcome to bring in their **own bikes and scooters** on these days that they can leave in the bike park outside school. It is also helpful to send in helmets if they have them (named) which they can hang on their pegs.

- **Biscuits and Family Photos**
 - Thank you so much for the biscuit donations last term, please remember to send in **£1 per child, each term** so that we can buy some biscuits and additional fruit to supplement our snack time.
 - If you haven't already, please can you send in a **family photo** as soon as possible that we can display in our 'Home Corner'. It doesn't matter how many people there are in the picture or who they are...anyone who is special to your child that they would like to have a photo up of in the Class!
- **Sponsor Money** – Many, many thanks for sending your child's Autumn Walk sponsor money into school. So far we have raised nearly **£300** that we will be able to spend on ride-on-vehicles for the children in Early Years to use. I think a tractor will be at the top of the wish list as the children all loved the tractor we borrowed for our Autumn Festival. If you still have sponsor money to send in please do ASAP as we will be spending soon! Thank you.
- **Stay and Play Sessions** – Please sign the list on the classroom door if you would like to join us for a '**stay and play**' session one afternoon next week; **Mon-Thurs, 2.15-3pm**. This is a really good opportunity for you to see what we do in Wrens and how we do it. It is also a wonderful chance for your child to share their Learning Journey with you and to show you around their classroom. Mrs Newing and I will also be available to answer questions and have a chat with you about how your child is getting on.

Many thanks for your continued support, please do come and see us if you have any worries or concerns at all.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Ervine and Mrs Newing

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday 6th – Thursday 9th November – '**Stay and Play Week**' – please arrive at the main office at 2.15pm to be signed in and met by staff. You are welcome to stay until 3pm. Thank you.
- Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th November – **Parents' Evenings**.
- Tuesday 12th December – **School Christmas Dinner**
- Wednesday 13th December – **EYFS Nativity Play** to parents and carers at **10am** in the main hall
- Monday 18th December – **Wrens Christmas Party**
- Wednesday 20th December – **Carol Service and Last Day of Term 2**.
- Friday 5th January – **First day of Term 3**.