



# WRENS RECEPTION CLASS

12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Newsletter Autumn Term 1

We would like to welcome all of our children and their families to Wrens Reception Class; we are really looking forward to working with you all this year. Thank you so much to everyone who invited us to make a home visit last week; we so enjoyed seeing the children in their own environment and you all made us feel very welcome. Thank you.

The children are already beginning to settle confidently into the class and we will be slowly introducing lots of new activities and routines to them over the coming weeks; such as phonics sessions, lunchtimes, whole school assembly, P.E. and lots more. Please do ask if you have any questions or concerns about any of these new routines. We are always available to speak to before or after school or we can phone you and chat then. Thank you.

- **Our Class** – this year we have **23 Wrens** and here are all of their names – **Abigail, Aliona, Connor, Daisy, Edgar, George L, George P, George R, Harry, James, Leo, Lina, Logan, Lottie, Maddie, Max, Noah, Rebecca, Ruby, Taya, Thomas, Trinity, William.** They all look so smart and grown up in their uniforms and it has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiley faces as they have come into class in the mornings. Long may it continue!
- **Projects and Plans** – This term begins with a '**Pirate Project**' that picks up where our Pirate Fun Day ended...we will share lots of stories, songs and rhymes together; we will go hunting for treasure, count out pirate doubloons and paint pirate portraits for a display. We will also be thinking about the wonderful season of '**Autumn**' and will share an Autumn Festival with parents at the end of the term. More details to follow. Next term we will find out about '**Planets and the Moon**' so watch this space!
- **Spare Clothes and Welly Boots** – as we have a water tray, paints, a digging area and weekly visits to the nature garden all on the plan it would be very helpful if you could please provide a **spare set of clothes** for children to change into if they get wet or dirty. We would also suggest sending some *old clothes* that children could change into/cover up uniform with, such as a pair of *old jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers and an old jumper/fleece*. That way their uniform will hopefully stay nice and clean...the yellow jumpers are a total nightmare for us in Wrens! Please also send in a pair of **NAMED welly boots** that can live in a bag on your child's peg.
- **P.E. Days** – Our P.E. days will be **Monday** afternoon and **Wednesday** mornings until Christmas, although it is helpful if we have kits in school all week. Please ensure your child doesn't come to school wearing earrings on these days. Thank you.

- **Bike Groups** – These were always a very popular activity in Fledglings and last year’s Wrens loved them too. Our *bike group days will be 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** – Finally we have a couple of requests please!!
  - We would like to ask for a donation of **£1 per child, each term** so that we can buy some biscuits and additional fruit to supplement our snack time. As you know we are already provided with free milk and fruit, but the choice can be limited some days.
  - 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!

Many thanks for all your 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 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Wrens staying for lunch session until 1.30pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Kent Messenger to photograph new Wrens @ 9.15am
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – All Wrens will be fulltime from this date
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Wrens and Fledglings Autumn Festival
- HALF TERM – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Stay and Play Week – more details to follow
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents Evenings