



Head Teacher's News Letter

 19 December 2017

We are quickly approaching the end of a busy Autumn term at Wrenbury and looking forward to the pleasures of joining family and friends for the Christmas break and a well-earned rest!

Christmas Festivities

It was lovely to see so many of our families and members of the community at the **Christmas Fair**. A very big thank you to: FOWS, parent helpers, staff from both school and pre-school, the pre-school committee and children for all the work behind the scenes and on the night to make our Christmas Fair a huge success. Thank you to Santa for joining us in the St Luke's Double Decker bus.

Thank you to everyone who has or will be joining us for our traditional Christmas celebrations; whether it was at the Base 1 and 2 wonderful Nativity, 'Tea-towels and Tinsel', or at our Carol Service at St Margaret's Church, this evening. The spirit of Christmas is well and truly in the air... a long with a few coughs and colds! We look forward to our Christmas lunch and parties tomorrow.

Sharon and Liz, in the kitchen, are busily preparing to put on a wonderful Christmas lunch for everyone and we look forward to being joined by the pre-school children and staff.

Teaching and Learning

This term we have followed a whole school theme: 'Time Travellers'. We look forward to you being able to come and **share your child's learning in school** on **WEDNESDAY 10th January**.

We continue to drive improvement in teaching and learning to ensure better outcomes for all our pupils with the support of our governors and we are seeing the positive impact of this across school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to all the children who have managed the fantastic achievement of 100% attendance this term, despite the few weeks that school was hit with viruses.

Base	B1	B2	B3	B4	Overall
% attendance this term to end of 19.12.17	96.4%	97.2%	95.5%	96.2%	96.3%
100% attendance	Ethan Bracegirdle Eva Cooke Joseph Fenby Joshua Garbe Maisie Goodwin Laura Parry Nathan Parry Emily Robinson Olivia Taylor Joe Woodward	Sophie Agnew Eleanor Bracegirdle Jessica Bretherton Freddie Carter-Hayes Iona Clarke Isaac Garbe Isabella Rouke Poppy Woodward	Lauren Agnew Ellie Broster William Hewitt Sophie Skeldon	Jonty Evans Matthew Fulford Max Heaton Harley Jones Max O'Connor Max Taylor Harry Thompson	

Thank you to all the parents who have made a commitment to getting their child into school as much as possible. Every lesson does count

Unauthorised absence for all absence except illness has caused some children's attendance to fall **below 90%**. This is deemed as '**Persistent absence**' by the government. Poor attendance is linked to a lack of progress and achievement. In the best interest of your child's education, we ask that ALL holidays are taken in school holidays.

Safeguarding

We work continuously to safeguard your child.

We continue to be part of **Operation Encompass**. Any domestic abuse reported to the police, having taken place in the family home of any of our pupils overnight, is reported to school so that staff can be vigilant and support the children in question, where necessary.

E-safety continues to be taught across school. The Nantwich Education Partnership of schools are hosting an after **school event for parents to be led by PC Amy Fletcher** on how to keep your child safe online. These events are very well worth attending. This will be at **Willaston Academy** this year. I will let you know the date, time and venue once confirmed.

Do keep us up to date with changes to **home-time arrangements** and contact detail changes.

Well-being

Our Well-being Lunch Clubs for all our children in Y1-6 have proved to be a popular part of our school week. We have focussed this half term on 'Understanding our feelings and emotions'. Next term's focus is **'There are no outsiders in our school'**.

We know that to learn well a child has to have a sense of well-being - a happy mind learns best. If your child is experiencing any difficulties that could be affecting their emotional well-being please can you share them with school (in confidence) so that staff can put the necessary support in place during periods of difficulty: marriage break up / separations / bereavement / long term illness of a family member etc. If you have concerns regarding their time in school it is important that these are shared too with your child's class teacher: friendships, work etc

Community

We were delighted to host our parents for lunch this term and received many compliments about school. We look forward to hosting grandparents next term.

We took a group of our singers to sing at Wrenbury Nursing Home last Wednesday afternoon, which was very much appreciated by both the residents and staff.

Charity

At Wrenbury we like to think of others as 'we all matter!' So far this year

- Nantwich Foodbank have received our Harvest donation
- We supported the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal for the British Legion
- Children in Need have received £132.02

We were also in receipt of: a very generous £500 donation from the Wrenbury Consolidated Charities; £59.10 commission from the Book Fair hosted earlier in the term; £195.84 commission from Tempest Photography; PE kits from Mr Whalley's fundraising; monies from the sale of the Nativity photograph

Parent helpers / volunteers

We are very grateful for the support we have from our parents and grandparents. If anyone feels they can offer the school and our children a skill or expertise, some time to listen to readers or help out in class or at events, please do let your child's class teacher know. Thank you.

Immediate post-Christmas dates to be aware of:

- **Tempest Class photos MONDAY 8th January 2018**
- **KS2 New Vic Theatre visit and KS1 Cinema visits on TUESDAY 9th January 2018**
- **Sharing afternoon on WEDNESDAY 10th January 2018 from 3.30-5pm**
- **Base 3 start swimming on FRIDAY 12th January 2018**

Information (calendar or letter) about all these events has been sent out.

All the staff want to join me in wishing you all our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and we look forward to seeing you all when the new term begins on MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018, ready for a busy Spring Term.

Merry Christmas,
Mrs Cador