



Head Teacher's News Letter
January 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! From the 'catch-up chats' I've had with staff, parents and children, it seems everyone has had a lovely Christmas break. Many thanks from the staff (and me personally) for the lovely gifts and thoughtful, kind messages received as we broke up. I am always very touched by your generosity of gift and words.

Welcome

- **Children and families**

Starting the Spring term, we welcome two new families and their children into the main school: Jenson, Madison, Isabel, Noah, Isaac and Freddie. We also have Scarlet, Lucas and Skyler joining for sessions in Little Wrens alongside Jessie, Claudia and Libby who joined before Christmas. The children are settling in really well, which is lovely to see and hear! As always, do make our new families feel welcome and say 'hello' if you see them on the playground or at school events so that they quickly feel part of the Wrenbury family.

- **Volunteers**

We also welcome George Hodgkinson and Rachel Weston as volunteers to the school this term. They are both post graduate students who are applying for teacher training positions in the future. A sincere apology to Caroline Hughes, who volunteers her time every Friday afternoon in Base 1/ Little Wrens, for not being included in my volunteer thank-yous at the end of last term. It was a genuine oversight Caroline – sorry!

Teaching and Learning The start of the term has been a purposeful and exciting one in all of the Bases and there is a happy, energised buzz within the building. We're all looking forward to exploring our whole school theme 'Water' through a wide range of stories, learning activities, visits and visitors this term. If you have any 'Water' links through your job/ hobby to rivers, canals, seas, oceans or have a skillset you think the children could benefit from, do please let me know.

- **Mystery Readers** We are also looking for '**mystery readers**'. If you would like to be a mystery reader to share a story at the end of the school day and surprise your child's class, please do let your child's class teacher know. When this has been done in the past, the children (and teachers) have absolutely loved it!
- **Reading Week** Do note that we are having a **READING WEEK** focus in school starting Monday 4th March. World Book Day coincides with this and we will all be dressing up as story characters for the day... It would be great if as many children as possible could take part and dress up too.
- **Reading at home** Please do support your child with reading at home as much as possible. Reading should not be perceived as 'homework' but something we do for pleasure. We list it under our homework as a reminder that it is important to do daily. Confidence in reading and reading for pleasure will come with a good reading habit and when parents also show their child an interest in their reading too. Mrs Charlesworth has started a book club with her class and is reading her own book alongside the children reading theirs. It has made a big impact on them wanting to read and be part of the lunchtime club.

Smart appearance: We continue to emphasise the importance of looking smart by wearing our full school uniform including correct PE Kit. Please support your child in ensuring they are dressed appropriately (including footwear) in our school uniform and have a full and correct PE kit for each week (no football / branded red tops).

Attendance: What a difference your support of good attendance has made this last term. We hit **97.5%** as a whole school which is outstanding! Please do continue to have your child(ren) in school as much as possible, even with the sniffles.

We believe our participation in the **NHS Self Care Awards** and gaining of the **Bronze Award** for the sharing of how to self-care and the 'home medicine cupboard' information has supported our attendance achievement. Your children have benefitted greatly from better attendance! Mrs Rowlands and I are now looking at

opportunities for achieving the next NHS Self Care Award – Silver – this year. Look out for news from Debbie, our Self Care Champion, in the near future.

Health and Safety

- **Playtime**

The children need to be **appropriately dressed for the Spring term's colder weather**. Hats and gloves are highly recommended along with a warm coat.

- **Parking**

Our children (and parents) are potentially at **risk of being hit / knocked over** when parents do not heed our request to **keep the bus bay and the junction in front of school house clear** at the start and end of the school day. Please respect our Wrenbury families and their safety by parking in safer, less congested places in the village and around school that enable better visibility for pedestrians and other drivers alike. Thank you.

Community

- **Wrenbury Toddler Group (WTG)** held their first session of the term yesterday. It's a friendly group of parents and carers that meet at School House from **9-11am EVERY Wednesday in term time**; offering play and activities linked to Little Wrens and Base 1 learning in the Early Years. WTG is open to anyone with a child from 0- preschool, so do pop along if you can or tell others who may be interested and not linked to school – all will be warmly welcomed. Thank you to Becky Pass and Lauren Ridgeway for 'hosting' the WTG.
- **Community Police: PC Sharon Jones** is running a **lunch time drop in for children** on **Tuesday 22 January** and will be available for a **parent's surgery from 3pm**. She will be able to meet privately or have a quick catch up (as last time) on the playground at the end of the school day.
- **Church / Chapel links: Rev Alison** will be **leading an assembly on Monday 4th February at 1.05pm**. You are welcome to join us. Thank you to Kathryn Davies, Rhys' mum, for enabling links with the Methodist Chapel at Broomhall and offering both a Remembrance morning for Y6 (Audlem) and a Hope Journey for Y2 (Broomhall) as well as coming into school to share the Nativity story with Base 1 and bringing us cakes!
Our **Easter Service** will take place at **St Margaret's on Thursday 18th April at 9.15am**. Parents/carers/grandparents are all welcome.
- **Marbury Merry Days:** The school will be participating at Marbury Merry Days with the traditional **Maypole Dancing** (and a singing group to be confirmed). It's a while since we've been involved so it will be great to part of a local village tradition again. A Maypole Dancing Club is being organised.

Parent Partnership

- **Little Wrens:** Miss Pitchford is organising **parent appointments** for parents on **Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th February**. An appointment letter will be sent out to parents via Parentmail / papercopy.
- **Sharing Afternoon:** Parents and carers are invited into school on **Tuesday 29th January between 2.30 and 5pm** to look at and share with child(ren) their learning in the Autumn term. Staff will be available to chat through any concerns and obviously celebrate with you your child's achievements. Refreshments will be available.
- **Special Lunches [£2.30]**
Tuesday 5th February - Chinese New Year – *for all children*
Tuesday 5th March – Shrove Tuesday 'Pancake Day' – for all children AND **Base 3 Parent Lunch**
Wednesday 20th March – **Base 2 Parent Lunch**
Wednesday 17th April – Easter Lunch – for all children
- **Y6 SATS support:** Mrs Charlesworth is hosting two information sessions for Y6 parents in preparation for the SATS in May.
Thursday 24th January – 3.30pm – Maths
Thursday 31st January – 3.30pm – Reading

Many thanks for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.
Kind regards,
Mrs Cador