



Dear parents and carers,

The year is flying by and we now start our last half term of this academic year. I hope that everyone is refreshed and ready to enjoy what will hopefully be a great end to the school year.

Welcome

- **Children and families**

We welcomed Harvey Y4, Heidi Y3 and Brianna Y1 into school last half term.

- **New teacher**

Following Mrs Holdsworth's announcement that she is leaving us at the end of the term to relocate to Scotland, we have successfully appointed an experienced (nursery and reception) EYFS teacher to fill the role that Mrs Holdsworth will leave. Mr Morrison will be joining us in September. It is planned that the current nursery children (Little Wrens and YR in September) will meet Mr Morrison this half term. I will also be inviting him to work with Mrs Holdsworth and Mrs Griffin to ensure a very smooth transition for all our Early Years children. I'm sure you will all make Mr Morrison welcome as the newest member of our Wrenbury Team in September.

I am also delighted that Mrs Agnew will continue to be a familiar face for our Little Wrens and reception and will further support a smooth transition for our current Little Wrens, between teachers and stages of their learning journey.

New Build

We will be starting a small building project on 1st July, to provide a more comfortable and secure reception/waiting area for parents and visitors to school as well as an additional private meeting room; both will be adjacent to the current head-teacher and administration offices. We are hoping to restrict inconvenience to a minimum with the build completed by the end of the summer break. Please be supportive of any changes to day-to-day arrangements that may have to be made during the last few weeks of term.

Teaching and Learning

The school is immersing itself in the African continent through stories and learning this term! In Little Wrens and Base 1 children are visiting East Africa and Kenya; Base 2 have set off to the island of Madagascar; Base 3 are delving into Egypt in the northeast of Africa; Base 4 have travelled to the very bottom of the African continent and to South Africa, whilst Base 5 are about to discover Ethiopia and learn that it isn't just a country to be remembered for its famine in the 1980s. We are excited, as Bases, to be 'visiting' each country during the week commencing 8th July.

- **Y2 and Y6 SATs**

Well done to all the children in Y2 and Y6 and to their teachers and teaching assistants for working so hard in the run up to the tests in reading and maths. We are very proud of how calm you were and how you took them in your stride.

- Whilst the Y6 SATs define the children's attainment at the end of the school year in reading and maths, the children will be teacher assessed in their writing and science by the end of June.
- The Y2 tests in reading and maths will help to inform the teacher assessment in these two areas and again teacher assessment will define attainment in writing and science for Y2 by the end of June.
- The Y1 phonics check takes place the week beginning 11th June; they have been practicing their sounds in real and alien words and are doing very well.

- **Health and Wellbeing** will, once again, be a focus week this term starting on Monday 17th June, when we hope you will be able to join us for Sports Day.

Smart appearance – uniform

We continue to emphasise the importance of looking smart and ready to learn by wearing our full school uniform including correct PE Kit. Furthermore, this term especially, sees us out and about a lot within our local and wider community for a range of events and we need to look the part and smart! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (including footwear) in a clean and smart school uniform every day and that they have a full and correct PE kit for each week (no football / branded red tops).

A reminder of our uniform:

Girls and Boys

- Grey or black skirt/pinafore, grey or black trousers
- Red or white polo shirt or white shirt with /without school tie
- School logo sweatshirt or cardigan or plain red sweatshirt / cardigan (no logo)
- Black shoes (buckled/laced or Velcro; no heels)

Summer wear as necessary

- Red and white checked school dress
- Grey or black smart school shorts
- Summer sandals (not open toed) in sensible school colours worn with socks (no heels)

PE Kit

For all PE and games lessons and sporting after-school clubs:

- Red polo shirt or red plain t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps for little Wrens, Reception and Year 1
- White or black trainers for Year 2 — 6
- Tracksuit / joggers — black or grey
- Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery to be worn

We have increasing amounts of 'lost / un-named school uniform' in school. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to store it indefinitely. It is also a challenge, even in a small school, to find and return someone's unnamed piece of clothing! Parents are asked to mark ALL clothing with their child's name; it would help everyone if this could be done and would ensure a prompt return of mislaid clothing. We will be holding 'good as new' uniform sales after school over the next few weeks and request a small donation for items, as we do our bit towards recycling and reusing. Any parent/carer not at pick-ups but who would like any 'good as new' uniform, please write a request letter identifying the item of uniform and size and we will do our best to accommodate – no guarantees.

Parking

We still have a few parents/carers ignoring our polite but serious requests to **keep the bus bay and the junction in front of school house clear** at the start and end of the school day. Our children (and parents) are potentially at **risk of being hit / knocked over** when parents do not heed our request. 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.

Parent Partnership

- Thank you to **FOWS** and to all who attended and supported the FOWS and Friends of St Margaret's Quiz Night; for paying for new play equipment (and storage) for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 and providing more fun and active play at playtimes and lunchtimes and for the new planters that definitely make school look more attractive and welcoming for our pupils, staff, families and visitors.
- Thank you all those who maypole danced (children and parents alike!) and those who came to watch the dancing at **Marbury Merry Days**. It was lovely to be part of this longstanding community event again.
- Thank you to **Wrenbury Toddler Group** for their Wednesday morning 0-preschool provision
- **Fun In A Field For a Fiver** – Saturday 22nd June (children singing 3pm) 2-10pm
- Our **annual parent/family picnic lunch** will held on Tuesday 25 June at 12pm. Information to follow.
- Schoolsfest – Nantwich Town Centre – Saturday 6th July
- **Annual Reports** will be sent home on Friday 12th July.
- **School Summer Fair** - Saturday 13th July; time to be confirmed
- Monday 15th July - we invite you to come and celebrate your child's Learning Journey at our **Sharing Afternoon** and have the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher about your child's report. (2.30-5pm)
- Our **end of year 'Leaver's Service'** is on Thursday 18th July – parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome.
- I am looking to re-establish the school's **Parent Forum** for the next academic year. A letter of information will be sent to you.

Please find attached a **school diary** of key events, dates and times for this half term.

I very much look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at the many events, in and out of school, taking place this half term. Many thanks for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cador