



Dear parent / carer,

The beautiful season of Autumn has well and truly arrived. In the busyness of these 'shorter' and colder days, do take time to notice the changing colour of the leaves in amongst the showers of rain before they fall and we ready ourselves for winter and Christmas.

In previous emails over the half term, I passed on some sad news: Jana, Laniakea's wonderful mum, passed away at the start of the half term break. We will do our best to support Laniakea as she comes to terms with her loss. We are aware of others in school who have also had family bereavements in recent weeks. All our children and families matter so please be assured we will take care and be understanding.

We welcome newcomers Wolfie (Y1), Bram (Y2) and Morten (Y4) to school today. I'm sure you'll all help make the family welcome.

### Things to Celebrate:

- A wonderful 'return to school' Summer Fair (and raffle) hosted by FOWS and well supported by our school families raising £1,914.
- Y5 and 6 successfully completing their L1 and L2 Bikeability – cycling safety – training.
- Reading for Pleasure – we hosted a wonderful *Author Day*; the children enjoyed meeting Rebecca King again and learning about her second published novel: *Ember Shadows and the Lost Desert of Time*.
- Positive parent partnership – thank you to all who attended their child's 'Expectations for the Year ahead' meeting at the start of term; the 'settling-in' parent evenings in YR-Y6; *Stay and Play* in Little Wrens and the Phonics workshop led by Mrs Evans. **We have booked sessions for YR parents this half term to see phonics in action. Do book a slot if you haven't already.**
- Wonderful visits to support learning in class for Base 3 at Bickley Hall Farm and Base 5 to Wroxeter Roman City.
- Well attended Open Mornings for future new starters in Little Wrens and YR. **We have a further Open Day on Monday 6 November 1.30-2.30. If you are aware of anyone with a potential Little Wren starter or a New Starter for Reception in September 2024, do ask them to contact school to book in for the visit.**
- A lovely Harvest assembly and Harvest lunch. *I have taken on board disappointment that Harvest wasn't celebrated with parents in church this year; it is a difficult balancing act with the amount of preparation taken out of class learning time for such events. All the school will be involved in preparations for Nativity and Carol Services later this term, which we look forward to sharing with you.*
- Raising £112 from the Harvest cake sale; monies from **a further cake sale tomorrow** will be shared between *Chance Changing Lives* and *Nantwich Foodbank*. Thank you for cake donations and spending.
- The birth of Olivia Florence Turner. Mr and Mrs Turner (Little Wrens) and Olivia are all doing well.

Please note additions booked in the diary until the end of term and into 2024:

October	
Mon 30	Start of Autumn [2]
Tues 31	Hallowe'en – dressing up day; Hallowe'en Lunch;
November	
Thurs 2	<b>Phonics session</b> – parent drop-in 9-9.30 YR (pre-booked Parentmail)
Fri 3	Rob Vine leading a whole school Remembrance Assembly
Mon 6	<b>Photos</b> – Siblings and individual – information from office Open Day for Little Wrens and YR new starters 1.30-2.30
Tues 7	<b>Phonics session</b> – parent drop-in 9-9.30 YR (pre-booked Parentmail)
Thurs 9	<b>Phonics session</b> – parent drop-in 9-9.30 YR (pre-booked Parentmail)

Mon 13	Anti-Bullying Week starts <b>Y5 / 6 Dodgeball competition</b> – information via Miss Phillips
Wed 15	<b>Phonics session</b> – parent drop-in 9-9.30 YR (pre-booked Parentmail)
Thurs 16	<b>Fluenz Nasal Spray</b> Little Wrens-Y6 (opt-in only; deadline 30 Oct)
Fri 17	<b>Around the World</b> lunch – Italy
Mon 20	<b>INSET DAY</b> – school closed.
Tues 21	<b>Phonics session</b> – parent drop-in 9-9.30 YR (pre-booked Parentmail)
Wed 22	<b>Base 1 and 2 Cinema Visit</b>
Sat 25	<b>Village Christmas Fair</b> – FOWS and school have stalls
Mon 27	<b>B3-5 Sports event @BLS</b> 2-5.30pm – information via Miss Phillips
Wed 29	<b>Canal and River Trust</b> Whole school assembly
<b>December</b>	
Fri 1	<b>Around the World</b> lunch – Spain
Mon 4	<b>Road Safety presentation</b> – KS2
Wed 6	Hope Journey – Y2 – Broomhall Chapel am only
Thurs 7	<b>Base 1 and 2 visit to Manchester Airport</b>
Mon 11	<b>Magician – Christmas Fun</b> (FOWS booking)
Tues 12	B1/2 Nativity afternoon (ticket)
Wed 13	B1/2 Nativity evening (ticket)
Thurs 14	<b>Base 4 to Liverpool World Museum</b> <b>Little Wrens Christmas Performance (9 – 9.30am)</b>
Wed 20	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Thur 21	KS2 Carol Service 6pm St Margaret's (KS1 and families invited to join us)
Fri 22	Break up for Christmas 3.30pm
<b>January 2024</b>	
Mon 8	School reopens for Spring term.
Thur 11	Y6 SATs meeting for parents - 4pm with Miss Phillips
Tues 16	Parents evening appointments – where is your child at and next steps.
Wed 17	Parents evening appointments– where is your child at and next steps.

Many thanks as always for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.

Best wishes,

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