



Monday 18 December 2023

To our Wrenbury School Family,

Before I begin, please can I personally thank you all for your continued support and understanding of everyone and everything school related, especially myself. Thank you for the positive parent partnership we have with you and for trusting us to nurture and teach your child(ren). Your child(ren) is very special, and we will always endeavour to do our very best for each one of the children at Wrenbury in all aspects of their young lives. I know I write it in most of my newsletters, but I genuinely do feel humbled and privileged to be your child's headteacher, to see your child grow and thrive; and to work with such a fantastic team of people at Wrenbury.

Moving on...

It's been a busy school term and we're all feeling a little tired but very excited about the forthcoming Christmas break. I very much hope you have enjoyed the **Christmas celebrations** held in school so far: Base 1 and 2's **Nativity** 'Gabriel's Big Break' and Little Wrens', 'Going on a Baby Hunt'. FOWS supported by paying for a **magician** for the whole school to be entertained last week. I am taking a group of Y5 and Y6 children to **Wrenbury Nursing Home to sing carols and Christmas songs** to the residents on Wednesday and to deliver some Christmas Cards and best wishes from the Nantwich Education Partnership, along with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Robinson. *Thank you to Zach, Penny, Alice B4 and Alice B5, Mia, Mya-Rose, Charlotte, Freddie, Esme, Tori-Ann and Lorelei for volunteering and giving up their lunchtimes to practice.* We look forward to the **KS1 Film Night** after school today and the **KS2 Film Night** tomorrow. Many thanks to FOWS for coordinating these. It is **Christmas 'jumper'/Christmas accessory day on Wednesday**. We have our **Christmas lunch**, too. In advance, we thank Mrs Warner and Mrs Jackson for preparing the meal, as well as thanking Sarah Goodwin for helping prepare the table settings and for making the crackers for the children. On **Thursday night, at 6pm**, please do join us for our **KS2 Carols service at St Margaret's Church** – it's always a wonderful evening as we head towards the end of term and brings with it the festive cheer we all seek at this time.

New and familiar faces

- This half term we have warmly welcomed Wolfy (B1), Bram (B2) and Morten (B4) to school and welcomed back Oliver (B2).
- Mrs Rowlands (Debbie) has joined our Governing Body. I know she will be an asset to the 'Board' as she knows us so well.
- Ms Carden joins the Wrenbury teaching team having covered Mrs Doperiala for a while and will continue teaching in Base 4.
- This week we are having our 'settling-in' sessions for our new starters to Little Wrens in January. They are very excited, and we look forward to them joining the Wrenbury family and Little Wrens, soon.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all who have endeavoured to bring their child into school every day, and when ill, have brought them back in as soon as possible / able to (following the NHS 48hr sickness rule). **Current attendance stands at 96.09%**. Several children have recently moved beyond the 95% attendance marker -fantastic! Some 'persistent absentees' have now moved out of the below 90% marker and are working towards getting to at least 95% attendance. Thank you! Where monitoring letters have been sent out today for <90% or <95% attendance, please do aim to improve your child's attendance – every missed lesson has an impact on future outcomes.

The following children have managed **100% attendance** so far this term: **B1 – Maisie, Montana, Wolfy, Seb, Lumi, Beth, Alice T, Hattie, Remy; B2 – James, Kady, Samson, Bram, Oliver, Barney, Elliot, Florence P, Teddy, Aedan, Edward; B3 – Libby, April, Oliver; B4 – Penny, Annas, Oliver W; B5 – Emily, Ralphy, Charlotte, Henry M.**
Congratulations!

Increases

School budgets are increasingly tight. Thank you for your understanding about the increases we have had to make to fees for Little Wrens and The Nest and the cost of paid for school dinners from the start of next term.

And now to our 'Thank you' s to...

- You for raising £92.20 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year, with your purchases of poppies and related items.
- Bases 4 and 5 (parents and children) for donations of small cakes, which raised £179.25 for the Nantwich Foodbank, who were very grateful.
- The Parish Council for funding 3 school safety bollards to help keep the front of school clear of cars and ensure our children have a clear view and can cross the road safely.
- You for purchasing your child's photograph. The commission raised for school was £174.83.
- The Consolidated Charities for their wonderful donation of £600 to school.
- Carrie Clack (Alice and Edward's mum) for using her amazing knitting and crocheting skills to create different foods for Little Wrens to play with and for a lovely selection of 'baby' doll clothes, too.
- Lee and Bethan Pickard (Nancy's dad and mum); Rachel Harrison (Sam and Annie's mum), Lauren Ridgeway (Anna and Barney's mum), Samantha Jones (Scout and Lumi's mum and her Crystallia Crystal Boutique business) for generously responding to our 'Wish List' on our Christmas Tree – thank you all so much!
- Liam Jones (Scout and Lumi's dad) for his very generous donation of a 3D printer for school to support our Computing offer in school.
- Kizzy Gray (Wissy-Jo and Robert's mum) and Rebecca Ranson (Thea's mum) for donations to Little Wrens
- You for buying refreshments at our Nativity, raising £66.10
- Sovini (construction company building houses along Station Road) who have donated a selection box for each child at Wrenbury – these will be handed out on Wednesday as a surprise for the children.
- You and the village community for supporting our Christmas stall and buying the children's school-made Christmas treats at the Wrenbury Village Christmas Fair, raising £231. 10
- Victoria (office) for helping us get a grant for £500 from the Earnest Cook Trust to be used for developing our outdoor areas with the help of the school's Gardening Club in the Spring term.
- FOWS for providing a gardening 'potting bench' for the Gardening Club.
- Our wonderful volunteers: Debbie Rowlands and Sam Agnew – for their consistent, weekly visits to support children with their reading and other learning; and all those who have volunteered their time to support on school visits and at sporting events.
- Sarah Goodwin, for her continued fundraising with the FOWS selling page and all the little extras she does to help us.
- To all members of FOWS for all their fundraising and support. This term, each Base (B1-B5) has been given an educational visit with no cost to parents – this makes a real difference to what we can offer. Following the FOWS AGM last month, Sarah Goodwin (Oliver's mum) will continue as Chair; Emily Turner (Ettie's mum) steps in as Vice-Chair, Victoria Robinson (Beth and Emily's mum) continues as Secretary and Helen Sherren (Geogia's mum) steps in as Treasurer. A huge thank you to Rachel Walker (Georgie's mum) for the work she did as Treasurer. It was lovely to see some new faces alongside those trusted and committed volunteers at the AGM. Remember, you are all automatically members of FOWS so do help out whenever you can; lots of hands make light work and mean that events can be put on to fundraise and support all our children, their education and the enrichment opportunities we can offer.
- To the governing body for their interest in school and investment of time and support alongside their strategic thinking.



All funds raised and monies and items generously donated will be used to support the quality of education at Wrenbury. Thank you!

We finish school at the end of this week, on **Friday 22nd December at 3.30pm.**

On behalf of all the Wrenbury Team, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas - full of love and memory making – and a happy new year 2024. The Wrenbury Team and I very much looking forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 8th January 2024!**

Take care and best wishes,

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