



Head Teacher's News Letter
12 March 2021

Dear parent / carer,

The children are finally back! I can't express how wonderful it was to welcome the vast majority of whole school family back on Monday morning.

There have been so many **wonderful moments** across the week:

- A school was filled with chatter and laughter.
- Waves and smiles as the children were reunited across ZOOM for whole school assemblies
- The whole school out for a Wrenbury Walk (within their bubbles) and experiencing the whole site
- Base 1 all sitting in the hall for their lunch... a taste of the old days.
- Children becoming increasingly independent and confident to walk to class on their own
- Children re-connecting with their friends at playtime
- A hub of excitement as children began re-engaging with their learning.
- The relief and smiles on the teacher/TAs faces that 'this is what we've missed and it will be alright'. Here's to many more days and weeks like this.

Goodbyes...

We said goodbye to Isaac (B4), who has moved to his new school. We are absolutely delighted that he has settled really well and we've been able to keep in touch with him as Josh is still with us. We also said goodbye to Ella (B1) and Lizzy (B4) who have moved to live closer to extended family. We have received a message from Eryn to say the girls loved their goodbye cards that were posted to their new address and are settling into their new school well. They are the 5th generation of the family to attend the school – so the right place to be!

Welcomes...

We warmly welcome Mia to B2 and Barney to Little Wrens. We hope they enjoy being part of the Wrenbury School family.

We were supported so well through this last school closure so I have a number of **'thank you's** to make.

A huge thank you to:

- Our parents and grandparents — you have done an amazing job with the home schooling in often difficult circumstances. I know the teachers appreciate everything you have done and we will continue to work together to support your child in getting the very best all round education we can give them during their time at Wrenbury.
- Sarah Goodwin for her fabulous fundraising, time and commitment. What was expected to be a summer term 2020 fundraiser to compensate for the cancelled summer fair/Fun in a Field for a Fiver fundraising events became so well supported and enduring! Sarah's latest, ambitious target of **£10k** was reached and surpassed before we re-opened. Huge congratulations, Sarah! We've received donations of books and plant pots, as well as role-play items for our younger pupils, via Sarah, too.
- You, your friends, neighbours and Face book shares which brought in such a wealth of donations and also for buying them – your support and generosity has helped raise this huge amount for school.
- You for the lovely, uplifting messages that have been sent in to the staff and myself. Here are just a few...
"Just a little note to say a huge thank you to you and your team over the last few months. Yet again, you have gone well above and beyond in ensuring all of the children have been happy and safe during these difficult times."
"I don't think you realise how amazing you all are but I do hope you know how much our children love and appreciate you all!"
- Jamie Taylor for his praise of Mrs Charlesworth that made it into the Reader's Letter section of the Nantwich News
- Cath Mansfield, Kathryn Davies and Liz Falding and parents for all the cakes and goodies to keep the staff going and letting them know they were being thought about – very much appreciated.

- Miss Wimpenny's father for his donation of spring primroses to brighten our planters on the KS2 playground.
- Natalie Webb (and our little conservationist Teddy) for adopting a beaver at Hatchmere (Cheshire Wildlife Trust) for the school and for sending in 'beaver sticks' and photos to keep us all up to date with their progress as they settle into their new habitat. We're entering a competition to find a name for the beaver so do get thinking of a name!
- Our brilliant staff! I am humbled and privileged to work with such a fantastic team at Wrenbury. Every single one of them has given their all for the children and school this term, often whilst facing their own personal challenges and worries away from school. I applaud each and every one of them!

Things to look forward to:

- **Tree planting** on and around the school grounds before Easter as part of the Mersey Forest Project.
- **Wrenbury Together** community activities: **Turning Wrenbury Yellow** – if anyone would like to donate sunflower seeds, compost and plastic pots to school to support this, it would be greatly appreciated. We'd love every child to plant and grow at least 1 sunflower to be planted in school grounds, at the nursing home and other sites around the village. **Dementia Week** – we are looking to make forget-me-knots to 'plant' at the front of school to support and raise awareness of dementia. The flowers will be a similar idea to our poppies. If anyone knows a supplier of disposable, blue, foil, individual, pie cases please do let me know.

PLEASE READ:

Support

We know that many of you have found this current lockdown with the added home-schooling and potential worries around family, work, finances and wellbeing very difficult. I want to thank all of you who have been open and honest and shared your concerns with us. It has helped us to understand the pressures you have been facing and, where we could, we have tried to help or tried to find support for you. Just because the children are back in school, some of these pressures are still there for you. If you are finding yourself struggling, do come and talk to us – we do not judge; we just care because you matter!

Driving and parking

We have had a number of near-misses at the front of school in recent weeks. It is also very noticeable that there are a greater number of tractors and machinery coming through the village. PLEASE **DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL AND DO NOT TURN IN THE T-JUNCTION OPPOSITE SCHOOL** – an accident is waiting to happen – and it may happen to your child or family.

If you live in the village of Wrenbury, **please walk to school**; help reduce the unnecessary congestion at drop-off and pick-ups; support cleaner, unpolluted air and give yourself and your children a healthier and mindful start and end to the day.

Keeping safe, please:

- continue to follow all the protective measures we have put in place and follow the guidelines out of school too. We do have a family still shielding and a family self-isolating: the reality of Covid-19. We really look forward to when they, too, will be able to be back in school with us.
- continue to drop your child(ren) off within the allocated time slots and collect promptly to reduce congestion and promote social distancing
- continue to park safely (away from the front of school) and considerately if using shared parking places eg the Dr's surgery/The Park and do not turn in the junction opposite school
- share any concerns/worries you may have

All these measures will help to keep us all safe and ensure that we can have a wonderful summer out of lockdown. I think we all need it!

NOTE: EASTER HOLIDAY

We close at end of school on Wednesday 31 March; Inset on Thursday 1 April.

We re-open on Monday 19 March 2021

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

Best wishes,

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