



Dear parents and carers,

It is becoming very busy in school and I thought I'd give you an update as we head towards the end of November and into December and the excitement of Christmas.

Parent Evenings/appointments

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who were able to attend our Parent's Evenings last week and respected the measures we had put in place to keep everyone feeling confident and safe to meet. We hope you found your appointments informative and supportive. Thank you, too, to the parents of Little Wrens who have met with Miss Bex at drop off and pick up. We are currently making telephone appointments and aim to have consulted with all our parents by the end of next week. I will then be sending out a short feedback form (on behalf of the governors) and would very much appreciate your input to help us evaluate our parent evenings.

New Starter September 2022 Visits

We hosted visits on Monday 22nd and will host two further visit sessions on Monday 29th November. If you know anyone who would like to take up the opportunity to visit school prior to making their application for a school place, please do tell them to get in touch:

head@wrenbury.cheshire.sch.uk

Do note: Attendance at Little Wrens does not mean an automatic place at the school. Applications for admissions for Wrenbury Primary School have to be made via Cheshire East Local Authority for Reception (new starters) 2022. The portal for the application can be found here.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>

Applications via the portal have to be made NO LATER than 15 January 2022.

Phonics Workshops

Miss McKinnon and Mrs Charlesworth are hosting two Phonics workshops after school today for parents of children in YR and Y1. Bookings have been made via Parentmail. Links to the phonics scheme website, with guidance for parents, will be sent out to all parents of children in YR and Y1 regardless of their ability to attend.

From Field to Fork

Our Base 5 children are thoroughly enjoying a farming project hosted by Reaseheath College. You can read all about it through this link:

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/reaseheath-college-provides-field-to-fork-experience-for-local-school-pupils/>

Christmas Preparations

We are now preparing for Christmas and looking forward to celebrating it with our school families. We have had to slim down what we are able to do as we balance the children's educational needs with the time we can afford to invest in preparations. Nevertheless, we know you will be delighted to see your children enjoying and participating in the Christmas activities we have all missed in the past few years.

Little Wrens

Christmas songs – **Thursday 9th December** at 2.30pm.

YR-Y2:

Nativity on **afternoon of 7th, evenings of 8th and 9th December**. 2 tickets per family; ticket bookings only per performance in school hall via Parentmail.

Y3-Y6:

Carol Singing on **Wednesday 15th December** at 6pm: Outdoors on school site.

A further letter regarding all these events will be sent shortly.

You will, I'm sure, appreciate that we still need to make these events as safe as possible so will ask that you follow our protective measures.

Y2 will be visiting Broomhall Chapel on 8th December for the **'Hope Journey'** – an introduction to the characters in the Christmas story. School has participated in this for a number of years and both children and staff have enjoyed the experience that supports the RE teaching and learning in school. A letter will be sent to Y2 parents shortly.

We are hosting the annual **Christmas Lunch and parties** for the children during the last week of term. Please book your child's Christmas Lunch through Parentmail. 'Party' information will be sent out in due course.

Governors

I am pleased to announce the appointments of Rebecca Young (Hugo B2) and Kate Ramscar (Grace B3) as parent governors. Becky Barber (Wrenbury Surgery Manager) has been appointed as an LA governor; her term of office begins in the Spring term.

We thank Mr Taylor for his services to the school and the community as he ends his term of office this term.

Mrs Davies is stepping down as Chair of Governors but will continue on the governing body; I thank her for the support she was able to give me as a new Headteacher on my appointment to the school. Mr Whalley has successfully been appointed, following nominations, to be our next Chair of Governors.

All our governors work hard behind the scenes to support the strategic direction of the school whilst also being able to offer constructive criticism and challenge to the Wrenbury Team.

Staffing news

Finally, I have to share the news that Mr Lindop has made the decision to resign from his teaching position at Wrenbury at the end of the term. We wish him well.

We thank Miss Willis and Mrs Griffin for all they have and are continuing to do for Base 3. I will keep you up to date with plans for Base 3 but ask that you bear with me and, as always, trust that the Wrenbury Team will do the very best for all our children and families at Wrenbury, despite the challenges we sometimes face.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Mrs Bessa Cador