



Dear parents and carers,

I have to start this letter by saying a **huge thank you** to you for supporting the protective measures we have put in place across this half term to keep everyone safe. I can't quite believe that we've made it through the first half term unscathed by the virus that has already impacted on the opportunities for children in other schools in the Nantwich area to attend school for face-2-face lessons since we all returned. We appreciate that some of the measures may feel like an inconvenience but hope you appreciate that enduring these small inconveniences in the short term will hopefully have a positive impact in the longer term for our school and local community. A special thank you, too, to those who have passed on their thanks and support of the school's actions – it hasn't been easy for us at times so your kind words and deeds has been very much appreciated by myself and the Wrenbury Team.

Your children have been amazing! They have taken on board all our requests of them regarding social distancing where they can, keeping their hands clean and looking after their own work places and equipment. They have been courteous and caring, respectful and resilient, engaged in their learning and made all of us in school really proud of them. Having spent the initial weeks back working on the *Curriculum for Recovery* (focussing on the children's health and wellbeing and re-engaging with their learning), there is now some wonderful learning taking place in our class bubbles across school linked to our Learning Journey theme 'A sense of place; a sense of belonging'. I've been really impressed. Do look at the **school website newsfeeds** to keep in touch with what is happening behind the school doors in your child's class.

Our **new starters in reception and Little Wrens**, as well as Oliver and Jesse further up the school, have settled well and it is lovely to have them all in our Wrenbury family. One parent emailed in this morning to say: *'I'd just like to thank you all for X's first term. X's had a monumental time and is thoroughly enjoying [his/her] time there. X's never once come home not wanting to go in the next day. X is absolutely shattered by the end of the day. Thank you ever so much for all your hard work, it is truly appreciated.'* It's lovely for the staff to receive such positive feedback.

Mrs Turner, Mrs Dopierala and Miss Stonebrook, too, have quickly become valued members of the Wrenbury Team and family.

The Colour Monster has been a fantastic way for all the children to share their worries and for the majority to share that they are feeling happy (yellow), calm (green) and most importantly loved (pink)! We have been able to quickly intervene when a child has shared a worry (black) or has felt sad (blue) about something. **Please do use the Colour Monster idea to keep your child talking about their feelings over the half term – it is something they do all the time in school.** Be aware that a number of children in recent days have started to share that they are worried about Covid again. The teachers have talked to them to try and alleviate any unnecessary worrying (from a child's perspective). Please can you try and avoid watching the news, listening to news bulletins on the radio or discussing your concerns in front of your child as this will only heighten their worries.

I appreciate that in current circumstances there will be the potential that families will not be meeting as often or children will not be seeing grandparents / vulnerable family members again for a while – why not write letters, have facetime/Zoom to keep them connected, which I'm sure you did during lockdown, to keep your child connected.

Thank you

- To the **Wrenbury Team** – teachers, assistants, support (office, caretaking, cleaning, middays and kitchen) for the fantastic work you do to support our children and families in and out of school. You have really gone above and beyond what should be asked or expected of you in these unprecedented times. You have been amazing at keeping each other upbeat and have been so positive and amenable to the changes we have had to make to ensure the children still get the very best we can offer.
- To all who have sent in treats / messages of support for the staff; they keep us smiling and feel appreciated especially on our more challenging days.
- To the governors for their continued commitment and support to the work of the school.
- To all who have supported our requests eg Harvest donations for the Foodbank; I know that they have been gratefully received and will provide much needed help to families in the local area including some of our school families.
- To all our Wrenbury families for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.

Looking forward:

- Please can we all do our bit, if we can, to support the **Motherwell Charity** – information shared by Ophie and Beatrice's mum: The Motherwell Charity (supporting vulnerable families in Crewe & Nantwich) are collecting donations of clean, good quality, children's coats, Fancy-dress and Christmas jumpers. Donations please on **Friday mornings** at entrance gate.
- A **written report** summarising your child's first half term will be sent to you during the week commencing 9 November from your child's class teacher.

And finally... something for all those in the village to get involved with:



Do take care and have a restful half term break,
Bessa Cadon