

News from the Nest

3rd June 2019



Dear Parents,



We are now entering our last half term of the academic year - where has the year gone?! This means that we will be reviewing your child's progress over the year and their achievements. We will be sharing these with you through your child's report and at Parents' Evening on the 25th June. We will then start preparing your child to make the transition to move up to the next year group and their new class.

Many of you will be familiar with the very successful transition programme that we have been running at Wren's Nest for several years and will know all about it. However it is the first "Transition Time" for our Reception year group who are just finishing their first year and are taking the big step into Year 1.



What we do is to move the children up to their new class for the last 2 weeks of the summer term (starting Monday 8th July). We have found that if children get to know their new teacher before the summer holiday it reduces the worries that many children have about starting back after the long break. Feedback from parents has always been very positive and teachers also felt that they knew exactly what your child could do and were able to pitch work at the right level straight away in September. Year 6 will have a special programme of learning and transition events during these last two weeks of term and they will also prepare for their final assembly - the Leavers Service.

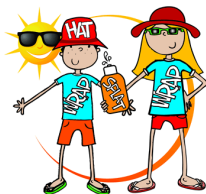
Nearer the time of the start of the transition, teachers will talk with the children and explain this new transition programme in detail. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this transition programme in more detail please do come in and see your child's teacher or pop in to see me or Mrs Parkes.

Headteacher

Sun Protection!

The children listened to an assembly today about the importance of keeping safe in the sun. We use the terms Wrap! Splat! And Hat!

We encourage children to bring a hat into school so they can protect their face and neck at break and lunchtime.



Children can also use the school sun protection cream SPF30 which is provided free of charge or they can bring in their own if they have an allergy or skin condition.

We want our children to play happily and safely outside during the Summer!

Summer Uniform

During the summer months I get lots of questions from parents about uniform. It is fine for children to wear grey school shorts (not the beach variety!) and girls can wear blue checked dresses (but not other colours please).

Children are not allowed to wear 'flip flop' type sandals without backs as in the past we have had some nasty accidents with children trying to run in them. We will ask children to change into school pumps if they come in 'flip flop' type shoes. When you choose shoes please think whether they will protect your child if they manage to get their foot under a chair leg! This is probably our most common injury often self-inflicted by the children themselves!



OUCH!

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 25th June between 3:45pm and 5:45pm. Reports will be sent home on Monday 24th June and then the following day Parents' Evening provides you with an opportunity to discuss the report and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to wait after school then tea and coffee will be served in the hall from 3:30pm onwards. Staff have a few minutes to get their classrooms ready for the consultation evening and then we start at 3:45pm. We will have a range of uniform for you to look at and you can make an order for collection towards the end of term, or during the holidays - ready for September!

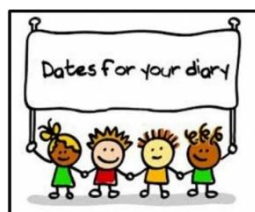


Your interest in your child's education has been shown through lots of research to be one of the most significant factors in your child's success at school. We really value having strong relationships with all parents as

we want the very best for your child. Please come to parents' evening if you possibly can. If you are not able to make the date due to a previous engagement please let the class teacher know and we can re-arrange another meeting time for you.

Holiday Dates

We break up for the Summer Holiday on Friday 19th July and children return for the start of the new school year on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.



Y6 special dates!

Leavers Performance - 1:45pm, Thursday 27th June
High School Transition Week - Monday 1st July
Y6 Leavers' Beach Party Monday 15th July
Leavers' Service - 10:15am, Friday 19th July

Sports Days

Rec: 10:30am, Tuesday 11th June
KS1: 10:30am, Monday 17th June
KS2: 10:30am, Wednesday 19th June



Reception and KS1 sports day is held on the KS1 playground and involves lots of activities in a circuit for all of the children. KS2 sports day is a traditional sports event with competitive races! Please come along, cheer and support!

Keeping children safe:



The Dudley Safeguarding Team have asked all schools to promote this safeguarding message.

"If you are concerned about a child who has been harmed or is at risk of harm then you have a duty to report it."

This can be done through school: contact Alison Keyes or Julie Smith.

Or directly through Children's Services, telephone number: 0300 555 0050

Emergency out-of-hours number: 0300 555 8574

High School Transition Week

During the week beginning Monday 1st July the Y6 children visit their chosen new high school. Each High School has their own pattern of days and they will send a letter to parents providing details of the days your child is required to attend.

On days when the children are not at high school they come to Wren's Nest as normal. The children are responsible for making their own way to their high school. They will need to wear Wren's Nest school uniform.



Many parents have taken up the option of paying for school lunches via the Eduspot 'School Money' system. We hope the system works well for you and is more convenient than having to send cash into school each week.

For those not yet on the system please ask at the School Office for more information.