



News from the Nest

6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had a good start to 2022. I know there have may be some concerns about staying healthy over the Christmas period, but I hope you found joyful moments and made some special memories with families and friends.



As you are aware, each year, all the staff and children at school make a "Wren's Nest New Year's resolution." We build on this resolution during the course of the year through assemblies and in lessons. This year our resolution will help our children to develop their knowledge within their education and the world in which they live, supporting them in being successful and happy in future life. Our New Year's resolution for 2022 is to: **"Make Climate Change matter."**



Yesterday in our assembly, I talked to the children about 'Making Climate Change matter' - what it meant, and the importance of it for us here at Wren's Nest. We discussed what a *climate* was, what **Climate Change** is and the **impact** it is already having on the world in which we live. We looked at examples of what this looks like, including more extreme weather events such as flooding and droughts, melting ice caps due to a rise in warming ocean temperatures as well as the impact this is having upon nature, human lives and communities.



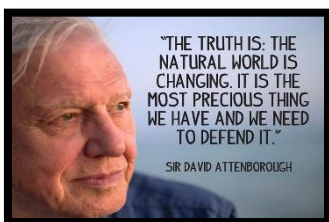
We then looked at what we could do as a school, as well as in the home, to prevent further Climate Change, however small our action. We discussed ideas such as walking to school and walking on shorter journeys, the importance of always recycling food packaging, reducing litter in our community as well as looking at ways we can reduce the amount of electricity and heat we use in school, including the importance of not being wasteful. Examples of this were keeping doors shut if the heating is on and turning off lights when they are not needed - simple things we can do to make a change.

I then shared with the children, that to support us achieving our 2022 New Year's resolution, this year, we would be electing two new members of Pupil Parliament in the specific role of **Global Environment Ministers**. These members will need to be children who are passionate about the world, enjoy Geography and want to make changes to protect the future world. These elections will take place in classes very soon. You can revisit and talk about this assembly with your child by visiting the school website and look for this icon.



Already, from conversations following the assembly, I have been very impressed with the children's knowledge of this

subject and their enthusiasm and willingness to make small changes within their local community in order to help our wider World.



Over the coming year we will help the children, through lessons, assemblies and our pledge to make Climate Change matter, to develop a deeper understanding of what we can do, however small, to slow down the process of Climate Change in order to help save the earth for future generations. Our Pupil Parliament will debate and discuss ideas shared by children across the school, and they will then share these ideas and thoughts with you as the families of the wider school community.

We would love you to help us achieve our New Year's resolution. Look out for regular updates on how you can help your child/ren in the home, as well as in school in **'Making Climate Change matter.'**

So we welcome a hope-filled 2022 year ahead of us!

As always, take care and stay safe,

Mrs Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

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Holiday Dates



Half Term:

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February.
Children return to school after Half Term on Monday 28th February 2022.

Easter Holidays:

Break up from school on Thursday 8th April 2022.

Teacher Training Day: School will be closed to children on Monday 24th January 2022.

Parents' Evening:

Advance notice:

Following the success of our Parents Evenings during the Autumn Term, Parents' Evening will be held over two evenings with an appointment system being operated on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th March - KS1, Rainbow Room and Sunflowers.

Wednesday 9th March - KS2, Pumas, Shooting Stars and The Pod.

Your class teacher will provide you with an appointment slip.

Had a new phone for Christmas?

If you do have a new mobile phone number, please remember to let the school office have your new contact number. Thank you



New adult training courses starting this term!



Look out for a letter - Mrs Cadman will be sending informing parents of a range of new courses that are starting at Wren's Nest. We are extremely proud of the high quality training and opportunities that we offer to our parents and members of the local community. Come and join us!

Advance Notice!

Key Stage 2 SATs week:

Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May 2022

Year 4 Multiplication tests:

Week beginning 6th June 2022
(3 week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments:

Two week period beginning 9th May 2022

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week:

Week beginning 6th June 2022

Christmas Grand Draw!

Thank you for all of your support with this. We, as a school community, raised £1200! How amazing! This money will be spent on books to support the promotion of reading and a love of books here at Wren's Nest.

Snow!



Hopefully, we have had our share of snow for this Winter! However, January and February are the two months when statistically we are most likely to get snow.

If we have to close due to heavy snow (and we do try to stay open if it is safe to do so) we will post a notice on the front page of our school website:

www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

and



We will also post on our Twitter Page:
<https://twitter.com/wrensneetschool>

Any closure would also be announced as part of the local radio snow line school closure news.

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Y6 SAT National tests 9th - 13th May 2021

All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time.

Thank you.