



News from the Nest

3rd September 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good summer holiday with your children and families, and they return ready and refreshed for an exciting Autumn term at Wren's Nest.

It is a privilege to be writing to you for the first time as acting Headteacher at Wren's Nest. I know many of you well and look forward to working with you as we move through the forthcoming academic year. I have been at Wren's Nest for 11 years and my heart really does belong here. I want to take this opportunity to assure you that I will do my very best for both the children and families within the Wren's Nest community.



I am delighted to be able to welcome you back with some great news. We heard at the very end of the Summer term that Wren's Nest had been successful in retaining the national GOLD SPORTS AWARD for Schools for a third year running. There is a very long list of criteria which schools have to meet to attain this award and includes taking part in competitions in at least 11 different sports, making sure all children in school enjoy high quality PE and have a raised awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. I would like to thank Mrs Abbiss for all her hard work in leading the work at Wren's Nest and all the staff who have supported our quest for the award by running sports clubs or taking children to competitions.



Our school curriculum continues to develop and flourish and we are very proud of the number of trips and educational visits we offer our children. These visits motivate the children and enhance their learning of the topics we cover in our curriculum. I know of no other school which provides the number and range of trips that Wren's Nest offers. We ask for a parental contribution of £15 per child towards the total cost of the trips - an amount that many schools charge just for one trip. This contribution generates an income of £4,000 towards the costs of providing the trips (a total cost to the school budget of over £35,000). Our budget remains increasingly hard to manage and we would be grateful if you would pay this parental contribution during the first half term of the school year. This year we are asking for you to make your payment for school trips and visits via Eduspot. If you have not yet used this online payment system, please see the office staff for details.



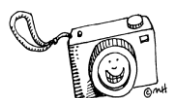
I hope you and your child enjoy a great start to the new term. If you have any questions or worries please pop in and either see your child's class teacher or ask at the school office - we are all here to help!

Best wishes,

Sarah Parkes - Acting Headteacher

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

At Wren's Nest we time our school photographs so that they can be given as presents to relatives at Christmas. Children will have their photograph taken on **Monday 7th October**. All photographs will arrive in good time for Christmas!



Letters and forms

Together with this newsletter you should have received some other information. We decided that it was easier to give you all the letters at one time in an envelope to prevent them getting lost in children's trays or book bags! All information you give will be updated and recorded in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations and Schools' Privacy Notice. Included you should have:



Trips and visits letter (Orange form) - This letter asks you for a contribution of £15 towards your child's visits programme for the whole year. We feel it is only fair that all parents are asked to make this contribution for each child that they have at Wren's Nest. The school subsidises each child by at least £75. **Please read carefully the details of the school trip money going cashless via the Eduspot app on the back of this form.**

Pupil Update (Green form) - This year we would like to update all of our information records to ensure we have the most recent telephone numbers, contacts and other information for your child. These details are essential in case we need to contact you urgently or contact a close relative if you are unavailable. **Please add or delete information on this form, sign and return it via your child to their class teacher or if you prefer you can hand it in to the main school office.**

Permission for local visits (Blue form) - Each year we need to ask you to complete a permission form to enable your child to take part in activities in the local area outside the school gates. These activities are always planned and you will be informed before such activities take place. **Please complete this form and return it via your child to their class teacher.**

School Lunches (Yellow sheet) Dudley Catering have increased the price of a school dinner from £2.30 to **£2.40** per day with effect from Monday 2nd September. The cost of milk shake and fruit juice remain at 20p for children in KS2. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive a free drink of milk as part of the government free school lunch initiative. The menu covers our school lunches until October half term.

Food and tuck items remain at 15p per item (round of toast, yoghurt and fruit).

Clubs Letter - This letter will be given out separately this week and will tell you the clubs which are being offered to your child's year group this term. Our clubs are very popular and last year we had around 200 children taking part in clubs each week! We will make sure your child can take part in one of the clubs but obviously there are a limited number of spaces for each club which is why we request 2nd or 3rd choice preferences as well.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents' Evening: Tuesday 8th October, 4pm - 6pm

At Wren's Nest we really value the importance of a strong relationship between parents and our school. Your child only has one chance with his/her education and it is important that we get it right! Please take the opportunity to come and see your child's work and discuss their progress.

Holiday Dates

STAFF TRAINING DAYS - Monday 14th October, Monday 2nd December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

End of term: Friday 20th December 2019, returning on Monday 6th January 2020.



A Message from Mrs Wylie

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and lovely messages you gave me at the end of the Summer term. I was overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. I will be thinking about you all as you start back to school this week. Love Mrs Wylie x

VERY Advance Notice!

Key Stage 2 SATs week:

Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May 2020

Year 4 Multiplication tests:

Week beginning 8th June 2020
(3 week period)

Key Stage 1 assessments: two week period beginning 11th May 2020

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Check week: Week beginning 8th June 2020