



# News from the Nest

7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

## WELCOME BACK!

to the start of the new school year!



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

For me, the Summer break offers time for great reflection. It allows me to look at all we have achieved as a school community during the previous school year, but also time to plan and look at what we do need to do next in the year ahead to continue to offer the best possible school and education for the families and children of Wren's Nest. Last year was a great year for the school and its community - for a number of reasons.

A particular highlight for me was the bringing back together again of the school community, in events such as our Sports Festivals, Jubilee Celebrations and Year 6 performances - to do the 'normal' things in school we at times, probably have taken for granted.

At the end of the year, I shared our 'Highlights of the Year' assembly with the children (available on the school website if you too want to share our highlights.) It was a definite 'lump in the throat' moment on a couple of occasions, as we were celebrating the year, but the core of the celebration being the fact our children were back in school, being children, without restrictions placed upon what we could and couldn't do and in a beautiful environment in which to learn. The photographs inside this newsletter are some taken from that assembly (it was a tough job to choose only a few!) and highlight just how much enjoyment the children have within their learning - both in school and through a range of experiences - we couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them. Following our wonderful Ofsted inspection, Wren's Nest is well and truly on the map for great things and the recognition it and its community deserves. Thank you for everything you as families do to support us - we would not be the school we are without you all.



This coming academic year, our school curriculum will continue to develop and flourish, and we are very proud of the Enrichment Programme we offer our children. These visits and enrichment experiences motivate the children and enhance their learning within our curriculum. Our programme is highly regarded amongst other Dudley schools as one of the best Enrichment Programmes around, for both value for money and the range of experiences offered. We are excited to be offering the full Enrichment Programme again and to get back 'out and about!'



The recent years have brought many 'silver linings' to Wren's Nest - both in school with us finding alternative and better ways of doing things, and 'thinking outside the box' to achieve the best for you - our families - as well as highlighting the importance of community and community spirit. I talk to the children regularly about what the definition of community is and what it means to be a community member, as well as the importance of having respect for others and taking pride in the school community. As we begin another academic year together, it remains a

privilege to serve you as a school community as Headteacher, and for me and the whole school team to provide the best learning opportunities and school experiences for both your child/ren and for you as parents and carers.

I hope you and your child/ren enjoy a great start to the new term. Please, if you wish to discuss anything, don't hesitate to contact the school office. The door is always open and I and the school team are here to help.

As always, take care

Sarah Parkes - Headteacher

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

At Wren's Nest we take our school photographs so that they can be given as presents to family members at Christmastime. Children will have their photograph taken on **Monday 3rd October 2022**.

All photographs will arrive in good time for Christmas!

**Just a note - We are only offering individual photographs of your child.**

### Important information - Letters and forms

Together with this newsletter, there is additional information for you.

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 in this pack**, you have our **School Privacy Notice** and a **School Term Dates** card in addition to:

**Contact details - time to update!** (Green form) - Once again, we updating the information record to ensure we have the most recent telephone numbers and contact details for you and your child. These details are essential in case we need to contact you urgently or contact a close relative if you are unavailable. **Please only complete and return this form if your details have changed since last September, either by giving it via their class teacher or by hand into 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. We have many local area visits to look forward to and enjoy during this Autumn**

**Parental Contribution to Enrichment Programme** (Pale pink form) - I am really excited to be writing to you to tell you that from this September 2022, the full Enrichment Programme will be returning for the children here at Wren's Nest. This will include trips and visits to offsite venues, visitors and speakers into school, Enrichment Days, WOW days, our small group tuition programme, our Free Early Birds Breakfast club as well as a range of after-school clubs and activities for your children to take part in. This year, we are asking for a **£20** monetary contribution per child to support us in allowing this wonderful and valuable programme to continue. This year, school are providing £45,000 to fund the programme and your contribution will support this. We really do value the contribution you are able to make on behalf of your child. Thank you for helping us do the best for your children's education. **Please complete the form and return it to the school office.**

#### Parents' Evening

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3,  
Sunflowers and Rainbow Room

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October for Year 4, 5 and 6, Pumas,  
Shooting Stars and The Pod  
4pm - 6pm

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

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!

As we have done previously, you will be given a time slot for you to see your child's teacher. This is time for you to celebrate the achievements your child has had during the start of the new school year, as well as having dedicated time to talk to your child's class teacher.

Please take the opportunity to come and see your child's work and discuss their progress.

More details will be given regarding this closer to the time. **Watch this space!**

#### Useful Contacts:

School Website:

[www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk)

School Email:

[info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk)

School Mobile number:

[07858 986604](tel:07858986604)

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#### VERY Advance Notice!

**Key Stage 2 SATs week:** Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Year 4 Multiplication tests:**  
Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
(3 week period)

**Key Stage 1 assessments:**  
Two week period beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May  
2023

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week:**  
Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### Holiday Dates

Staff INSET days - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022,  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

End of Term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022, returning on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.