

# Wren's Nest Primary School



September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our enrichment programme is now well established and extremely successful in enhancing the children's learning and in bringing the school curriculum to life. Despite the ongoing cuts to school budgets I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are able to continue with this programme this year.

The programme will involve:

- ✓ Each half term a trip out of school for your child.
- ✓ A programme of visitors and music / theatre performances in school.
- ✓ An enrichment day for each year group, each term in school.

The cost of this programme is clearly very expensive. Admission for activities such as the pantomime, a visit to a castle or a museum entrance usually cost between £7 and £10 per child. The coach costs are also increasingly expensive with coach hire being at least £295 for a local trip and around £500 for a day trip. However as a school we do think our children would really benefit from an enhanced programme of visits and experiences.

We use the school budget to subsidise the vast majority of the costs, however, since September 2008, school has not increased the contribution received from parents.

Unfortunately due to the continued rising costs of the venues and transport costs, school has taken the decision to increase the annual contribution to £15 per child. **If all parents to contribute £15 per child towards the cost of the trips for the whole year – this will provide approximately £6,000 towards the total cost of £35,000 that school pays.**

**Without parental contributions, we would not be able to sustain the visits and enrichment programme your child receives and we value the contribution you are able to make on behalf of your child.**

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we are delighted to inform you that we have recently signed up to your child's £15 voluntary trip payment via our new on-line system with **SchoolMoney**. This means that you will now have the facility to make payments for your child's trip money on-line with your debit or credit card, please see overleaf for more details.

I am delighted to be able to share this enrichment programme with you. I think I can safely say it is the best programme in Dudley and we know your child will really enjoy and benefit from it!

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sparks' or 'Parkes', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Sarah Parkes - Acting Headteacher

**Please turn over for further details on how to pay.**