



Wrens' Newsletter
January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many cards, gifts and good wishes we received at the end of term. We are looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of fun and exciting things planned!

We would like to give a big warm welcome to our new Nursery children and their families who have joined us. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and hope they will enjoy being part of our Nursery.

Wrens Topic/Theme

On Tuesday 8th January the whole school will be taking part in health week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the children are invited to wear sports clothing/casual clothing and footwear to Nursery as we will be taking part in a range of physical activities each day. Throughout the week Wrens will be focusing on healthy eating, exercise, good health and hygiene, keeping safe and people who help look after and care for us. We will be making fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies. We will be using pastels and watercolour paints to do observational paintings and drawings of fruit and vegetables and using fruit and vegetables to create faces. Following on from health week we will be focusing on 'Ourselves'.



Snack Time

At snack time the children have really enjoyed eating cream crackers, cheese savouries, biscuits, bread sticks, Wheaties, Cheerios, Frubes, pancakes and cheese and cucumber during the last half term. In order for us to continue to provide the children with a range of snacks we are asking for a contribution of 50p each week to cover the cost of the snacks provided. We would like your snack contribution to be paid in full each half term for the number of weeks in that half term. Payments must be made online via Parent Pay using your child's unique payment code. This half terms snack payment is £3.00 or alternatively if you would prefer to pay up until the end of the summer term the total amount is £12.00, thank you.



Cold Weather

Please remember to send your child to Nursery adequately dressed for the cold weather. We do go outside every day so therefore your child requires a warm coat and we would strongly

recommend you send your child with a warm hat and gloves. Please remember to name all items of clothing especially coats as we have a number of children with the same coats.



Class Dojo

We hope you are enjoying our class dojo page. It is a lovely way for us to share your children's learning in Nursery with you. The children really enjoy collecting their dojo points and this half term we will be starting to attend celebration assembly where children will receive special certificates for the amount of dojo points they have received.

Smart Trees

Our trip to Smart Trees was delightful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We would like to say a great big thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us on our trip.



Cracking Performance

I am sure you will agree that the children did us all proud in our performances of 'It's a Baby' we certainly have some future pop stars and movie stars in Wrens!



Wow Stars

Please continue to send in 'Wow stars' telling us about your child's achievements at home. The children thoroughly enjoy sharing their 'Wow stars' with the class and receiving their sticker.

Deadline for School Applications for September 2019 – 15th January 2019

The deadline for your child's school place application is fast approaching. If your child will be starting school in September you must apply for child's school place online via <https://www.gov.uk/schools-admissions/applying> Please note that your child will not automatically be entitled to a place in Reception even though they attend Wychbold Nursery, you must apply online for their school place.

Adventure Ted and Marvellous Me

Over the next few weeks as part of our 'Ourselves' topic we will be regularly sending home Adventure Ted. Adventure Ted will come home with your child and stay for the weekend. He will bring his overnight bag and a diary for you to record what he got up to on his weekend adventure.

Each week one child will be chosen for Marvellous Me. The child chosen will come home with a special box, inside the box we would like them to put a selection of special items to share with

the class for example a family photograph, family pet photograph, trophy, certificate or medal, favourite toy, holiday photograph, favourite book, leaflet from a place they have visited etc.



School readiness

Now that our older children have been a Nursery for a number of months and have fully settled one of our main focuces in Nursery will be getting them ready for 'big school'. We need to work in partnership with parents to ensure each child is ready for starting school in September. Independence is a a high priority in Nursery and the children will be encourgaed to 'have a go' and do things for themselves. Ways you could help at home to get your child ready for school are:

- Ensuring your child is fully toilet trained, this includes being able to wipe their own bottom
- Developing self help skills for example wiping their own nose
- Encouraging your child to dress and undress themself
- Listening to stories and talking about the story afterwards
- Playing games that involve taking turns
- Encouraging your child to give up dummies and bottles. Dummies and bottles can have a huge impact on children's speech and language development and can make it difficult for children to effectively learn their phonic sounds which will enable them to read and write
- Supporting your child to develop their fine motor skills so they are able to use pencils and scissors effectively. Activities such as play dough, threading, weaving, peg boards, picking up objects with tweezers, sorting buttons, snipping card, using hole punches and mark making in shaving foam are great for helping children develop their fine motor skills. Pinterest has some wonderful ideas if you are looking for inspiration.

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th February – Whole school dance festival, more details to follow

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February – Half term

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day, more details to follow

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day, more details to follow

Wednesday 20th March 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st March 3:30pm – 5:30pm – Parent Consultations

Friday 12th April – Whole school Easter Celebration

Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April – Easter holidays

And finally moans and groans

Naming clothing – Can we please remind you to name all items of clothing.

Toys – We kindly ask that you do not send your child to Nursery with toys from home. Staff are not responsible for toys that get lost or broken if brought in from home.

Water bottles – Please send your child to Nursery every day with a water bottle.

Wellies – A number of children do not have a pair of wellies at Nursery. We often use the school field and surrounding areas and the ground is very wet and muddy at the moment.

Illness – Please do not send your child to Nursery if they are unwell. If your child is absent from Nursery please ring the school office to inform us of your child's absence.

If you wish to discuss anything on our newsletter further please speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

Yours in Partnership
The Nursery Team