



Friday 8th September

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to The Wrens, Miss Smith, Mrs Mutlow and I hope you have all had a lovely summer. I thought I would inform you of a few things that you will need to know about.

### Snacks

Your child will receive free fruit at morning/afternoon break but the children are allowed to bring in their own snack. As a 'Healthy School' we ask that this is a healthy snack and please can you make sure that your child's snack is clearly named in order to avoid confusion. During the day, your child will have access to water and so they will not need to bring in their own drink. They can bring in a drink for lunchtime and this should be kept on the trolley in the cloakroom. If your child is having a packed lunch, then this should also be placed on the trolley.

### P.E. Kit

Please ensure that there is a full PE kit in school at all times. This should include both trainers and daps for indoors/outdoors P.E. Our PE sessions are every Wednesday and Thursday.

### Forest School

Forest School is on a Wednesday (please see attached timetable). Our first Forest School session is on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Children can wear forest school clothes to school. However, we still want to be able to go outdoors for learning at any time during the week so please ensure that your child has a full set of waterproofs in school every day unless we have agreed that your child will use a school set of waterproofs. If you haven't got a set of waterproofs to leave in school then please do come and see me so we can make sure that a school set is available. Outdoor clothes should be left in a clearly named bag and placed in our class' Forest School box.

Forest School kit should include;

- Waterproof clothing - this can be separate bottoms and top or an all in one.
- Long sleeved top
- Wellies
- Warm socks
- Hat and gloves
- A set of old clothes for very wet days

### Phonics

During the Autumn term, Reception children will begin daily Phonics sessions, where they will build up a bank of sounds to begin to blend sounds together to make words to begin to read. Each Friday, your child will bring home a Phonics book with the sounds we have learnt that week for them to practice words and letter formation, this should be returned the following Friday every week. When we feel your child has a sufficient bank of words and sounds we will then start to send reading books home, which will most likely commence after October half term. However, your child will bring home shared reading books where you can read stories to your child and talk about them at home. Please feel free to make comments in your child's reading record. This will start the second week of half term.

### **Topic**

Our topic for this term will be 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We will be learning all about different groups of animals and humans. I have attached an overview of the work that we plan to cover.

### **All About Me Box**

This year in Wrens we will have an 'All About Me' box which will be handed out to a child each day. It should be filled with four items that are special to your child and that they can talk about the next day.

Finally, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do come in and see me or make an appointment via Julie in the office.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams

