

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

We hope you enjoyed your Summer break. We have already had a great start to the term and are looking forward to helping the children settle into their new class as they learn many new things and develop skills throughout the year.

In Wrens, the children will be taught by Miss Wright and supported by Miss Smith. On Wednesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Green and Miss Smith or by Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Lafford and Miss Smith in Forest School.

We will begin the term with the mini topic 'Marvellous Me' this will then be followed by the topic 'Amazing Africa'. Please find attached the topic web explaining what we will be covering in each subject of the curriculum. If you have any relevant artefacts or skills you would like to share with the class then please let us know.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home but understand that children are often busy or tired after school. We would like Year 1 children to read aloud at home and talk about what they have read as regularly as possible. It is important that children re-read books to build up fluency and understanding. Children in Reception will begin by bringing home picture books and as their word reading skills develop they will also bring home books to read aloud. Please write any comments and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read or shared a story. Every Wednesday the children will also bring home a Home Library Book to review. Please work together to help them draw a picture and write a short review to share in class. We will send home their red homework book on Friday. Homework should be sent back into school by the following Wednesday. The children in Year 1 will also receive a list of spellings on Monday to practise throughout the week. These spellings will be tested on Friday.

We know that children like to bring in toys to show their friends in school. 'News Time' sessions will be held on a Monday and we ask that if your child has a toy, photograph or item to share that they bring it in on this day. We have many toys to play with in school so we ask that toys are not brought in on any other day.

On Monday and Thursday afternoons, the children will participate in P.E. sessions, but it is important that they have their P.E. kit in school every day. The P.E. kit should consist of:

- * **Short sleeved T – shirt** – plain white
- * **Shorts** – plain black or navy



* **Tracksuit bottoms** – plain black or navy (for outdoor P.E.)

* **Jumper / fleece** – plain (for outdoor P.E.)

* **Socks** – white

* **P.E. pumps** - suitable for physical activity inside and outside

If your child takes part in a sporting after school club, you may find it easier for them to bring in another set of kit for this.

Small stud pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

Please ensure that your child brings in a coat to school and that they wear sensible black shoes everyday as the weather is so unpredictable. You may also like your child to have a spare pair of pants and socks in their bag just in case they have a toileting accident.

We will be encouraging the children to be responsible for all of their belongings so please help them by ensuring that all belongings – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, P.E. kit, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are clearly named so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. If your child has longer hair it is advisable to tie it up and this is particularly important on PE days.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal then please tell us on the gate in the morning or telephone the school office to let us know.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

We hope you will be able to join us for the school Harvest Festival on Friday 28th September and Wrens Autumn Celebration Worship on Friday 16th November.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wright and Miss Smith
Class Teacher & Teaching Assistant

