

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

We hope you enjoyed your Summer break. We have already had a busy first days and are looking forward to helping the children settle into Wrens 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 and Mrs Mutlow. On Tuesday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Green and Miss Smith and on Thursday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Green and Miss Smith or by Mrs Cleaver, Mrs Lafford and Miss Smith in Forest School.

Throughout the year we will be following the children's interests as we engage in a range of activities based on the seasons and festivals of the year.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home, but understand that children are often busy or tired after school. The Reception children will begin by bringing home picture books and as their word reading skills develop they will also bring home flashcards and books to read aloud. The Year 1 children will continue to bring home their reading books and should try to read every day. Please write any comments and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read or shared a story. Every Monday the children will also bring home a Home Library Book to share. Please share the story and then write a short review together in their red 'Home Library Review' book and return to school by **Friday**. We will send home their red homework book on Friday. Homework should be sent back into school by the following **Wednesday**.

We like hearing about what the children are experiencing and learning about at home. The Reception children will be bringing home a pack of 'Treasure Book' slips on which parents/carers can record their child's learning. These will be added to the children's individual Treasure Books and help us to build up a fuller picture of the children's stage of development. Please put completed slips into your child's book bag. If you require more slips, please ask Miss Wright or Miss Smith.



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 they would like to share with the class that you send a photograph of it to admin@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk with the subject 'Wrens News Time'. Items must not be brought into school.

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.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes for their session every other Thursday. Their first session will be on Thursday 17th September. Children should wear trousers and a long sleeved top and/or jumper. They will also need a pair of wellies to change into and a waterproof coat and trousers or an all-in-one waterproof suit.

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

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 items, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are clearly named so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

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

If you do not arrive to pick up your child, they will wait in the school library and you will be contacted. If we are unable to contact you, then we will telephone the next person on the list of people authorised to collect your child. Therefore, it is important that school are informed of any changes to contact details.

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.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wright and Miss Smith

Class Teacher & Teaching Assistant

