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SUMMER TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone this year; September 2023 really doesn't seem long ago!

Fast forward a few months and we are starting the final half term of the year. It is such a busy and exciting time for us as we finish the year with some great activities and events and start to look forward to next years arrangements.

I would like to say a very big well done to all the children who are working hard, playing well and making memories of their time in school. It is clear that the school values of being Respectful, Ambitious and Resilient are really starting to become part of everyday life for us all. I encourage you to continue to have conversations around this at home with your child as this really helps the children to see the benefit of their hard work and commitment as well as to aim high and tackle new experiences with confidence.

I would like to wish our Year 6 children a really fantastic half term and I hope they enjoy every minute of their time at Wren Park before they embark upon their next steps at secondary school. I am looking forward to seeing them in action during the remainder of their time with us.

As the Summer second half term is so busy I thought it would be useful to bring to your attention some of the things which are happening over the coming weeks.

This week the children will be taking part in their summer term assessments (mainly this week but maybe a day or two of next week too).

Class photos

On Thursday 6th June the children will be having their class photograph taken. It is really nice when all children are dressed nicely in full uniform, please ensure your child is looking the "Wren Park look" on Thursday.

Y6 Manor Adventure

Next week the Year 6 children will be off for their two-day residential at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. This is always great fun for the children and we are pleased that this is supported by the staff who volunteer to give their time so we can offer such a great personal development opportunity for the children. Let's hope for good weather, safe travels and lots of adventure.

Year 1 Phonics

Next week the children will be taking their Phonics screening check, this is really helpful in seeing how well the children are able to decode words and use their phonic knowledge which are the building blocks to becoming successful readers. This is “low pressure” and is delivered by the class teacher, the information is then really helpful for the teachers who will be receiving the children in Year 2.

Year 2 Adventure Farm

The children will be visiting the Adventure Farm on Wednesday 12th June again great fun for the children, lots of learning and very much part of the personal development opportunities we offer our children. Nothing quite like getting out in the fresh air learning about animals first hand and having fun on a school trip. I hope they have a great time.

Outdoor Week

Many years ago (pre-covid!) one of the Wren Park traditions was our OUTDOOR WEEK. I am delighted to announce it is returning to Wren Park. During the INSET day on Monday the staff were busy making plans for the children to have an outdoor curriculum for the week beginning Monday 17th June. This will involve the children participating in many outdoor learning activities within the beautiful school grounds. A well-rounded curriculum covering maths, English and all other subjects will be taught outside and more opportunities for the children to explore learning through problem solving, observing and interacting in a environment which is very different to the normal classroom environment. There will be lots of Design and technology, art, science and environmental work going on. We are sure the children will learn lots and develop new skills. For many children the outside environment is where children really excel and enjoy learning and is a contrast to learning in the usual classroom environment. We look forward to sharing with you some of the highlights of the week. Whilst weather will influence the shape of the week if we have extremes of weather but we will try to get outside when we can. Please have sun hats, water bottles and sunscreen to the ready as well as a shower proof jacket!

Picnic Day

On Thursday 20th June we will be having a school picnic and all being well this will be on the school field. Children may bring their own packed lunch if they wish or a picnic bag will be provided for the children if they wish to have a school lunch (see separate information). Please note we will be not be serving a hot meal on Thursday 20th June.

On the Horizon

Another few dates to be aware of

- Week beginning 1st July Book Fair week
- Friday 5th July Summer Fair – after school
- Thursday 11th July Sports Day

Next Years Classes

As you are aware we mix classes at the end of each year. This enables the classes to be balanced year on year and for the children to experience change within a supportive environment. It provides opportunities for the children to build their friendship base and develop resilience, confidence and relational skills which are hugely important for their future both within school and beyond. Nearer the end of term the children will be informed of their new class groupings ready for September and there will be an opportunity to meet their new class teacher and class group. We will encourage all children to embrace change and variety with optimism appreciate parental support help your child adapt to any change ahead of them.

Uniform

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we expect all children to wear the correct school uniform at all times including wearing school shoes. Please ensure all items are labelled as any lost property which is not claimed cannot be kept indefinitely by school. Another reminder that children's PE kit should be plain T-shirt and shorts and not a branded sports kit. Children in KS1 should also have plain PE pumps (plimsols) with a thin sole for indoor PE.

Our Valued Staff

We are very fortunate to have a great staffing base across school. Inevitably change is part of life and staff only tend to move for promotion or retirement or work which is more suited to a work life balance. I would like to mention at this point that Mrs. Dove will be leaving at the end of term after 26 years of teaching at Wren Park. I have been fortunate to have worked alongside her when I was a class teacher within the juniors many years ago and I have seen how the children within her class have been supported to achieve well academically, creatively and socially. In recent years she has been supporting other teachers within school and doing intervention work with children and covering classes in a part-time arrangement. Not only is she a fantastic teacher but she has been a great colleague who has contributed a great deal to school over the years and has supported many staff. She has such a positive, easy going and optimistic attitude it has always been a benefit to the staff team and the children under her care. From September she is taking on a new and exciting role working as a part-time Registrar within Derbyshire. So it is farewell and good luck to her in this new and exciting role, however I am sure we will be seeing her here occasionally as she has agreed to return on a supply basis. A huge thank-you to her for her commitment, efforts and achievements over her long service at Wren Park.

You may have also noticed the absence of Richard Gay our caretaker over recent weeks. He has been quite poorly and has been receiving treatment at hospital. I am very pleased that he is now a little better and is up and about. However, he has decided that it is now time to pass the keys over as he is taking his retirement from the end of term. He does not feel up to coming back to work at this point but I am sure I will be able to get him back to see the children and to say farewell properly before the end of term. Again I would like to thank Richard for all that he has done over the years. He has saved school many thousands of pounds over the years with his handyman fixes. He has enjoyed his time at school and playing his part in keeping it a safe and maintained site for the children. On a personal note he has been my DIY guru over the years and has passed on his knowledge enthusiastically telling me how to correct my "botched repairs" at home!

I will be arranging a "collection" for both Mrs. Dove and Mr. Gay over the next few weeks, if you would like to offer your appreciation please feel free to make a small donation for a leaving gift for

them both. Please send any contribution to school in an envelope to be handed in at the school office marked either Mrs. Dove or Mr. Gay as appropriate.

There will be some other staff changes at the end of the year and I will outline those nearer the end of term.

Sporting Achievements

It has been great that we have had a girls football team this year who have really done well. The girls have played well and with a great attitude and teamwork. Whilst some of the score lines have tested their resilience I am delighted that they have played so very well during this first year together. Very well done girls.

The boys team have also shone this year and you may well of heard that Wren Park won the league. An excellent season for the boys. Whilst the children all have individual skills and talent their performance as a team has always shown great maturity and a positive attitude. A very well deserved achievement boys.

Out of School Achievements Football and Ballet

Many of our children have interests and achievements out of school. Ted Walley in Y6 has secured another contract with Sheffield Wednesday Football club academy. He has played with them this year and has received a glowing report on his on pitch performance and attitude to his training from his coaches. A very big well done to him as he progresses in playing in the next age category.

Similarly Molly Rayner and Olivia Muller (Y4) have been achieving well in their interests in dance. Their hard work over the years is paying off as they have both been successful in securing a part in the English Youth Ballet and will be performing in Giselle in July. Very well done girls!

We have been given a link discounted tickets for the preview being held on Friday 19th July from 2:30pm at Theatre Royal Nottingham. We cannot organize a school trip to this but if anyone wishes for their child to see the live performance then we will authorize this absence for the afternoon on this occasion if you make your request in advance.

If you want tickets please call 0115 989 5555 or email group.sales@nottinghamcity.gov.uk whilst this email is for group sales I believe it may be used for smaller ticket sales too.

If your child achieves beyond school please do let us know as it is great to hear what they do and to support their achievements.

Reminders

I am sure you know what they are!

- Keep uniform labelled
- Send children with a water bottle
- Please park considerately around school and drive carefully
- Encourage respectful behaviour from your child towards each other and adults
- Lots of reading
- Correct school uniform
- Kind and responsible words in person and online
- Talk to someone if they are worried

Website

We are going live with our new website next week, please do take a look as we are sure you will find it a big improvement upon the current one. There are just a couple of things yet to be updated but we want to get it “out there” so you are familiar with it this term and the minor updates will be made ready for September.

Parent View

Please remember that parental feedback is important to us and you can make that direct to school (a questionnaire will, be issued shortly) or you can access the OFSTED Parent view website to leave your feedback in that way.

We are pleased with how well the year has gone so far and look forward to giving you further “round-up” information later in the term.

Best wishes,

Alex Buckley