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Welcome back to Autumn 2

The children have settled back into school life wonderfully after the half-term break, quickly readjusting to routines and back to showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning. It's been lovely to see their focus, curiosity and energy return to the classroom. This half term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with lots of special events and activities taking place in the build-up to the festive period. We're looking forward to sharing these moments together and celebrating all the children's hard work and achievements along the way.

Reminders

- Please ensure all children have coats and appropriate clothing, including PE kits, now that the weather is getting colder. All clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's name, as our lost property is building up quickly.
- Punctuality is important – please arrive on time. The gates close promptly at 9:00am, and children arriving late miss valuable learning time.
- Parking: No parking is permitted in the school car park during the school day, including for breakfast or after-school clubs. The only exception is if you are collecting your child because they are unwell. The car park must remain safe for our children at all times.

Building Work

Work is now underway on our very own £2.2 million classroom block and MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)! There is currently lots happening behind the scenes, including planning, surveys and essential utility work to prepare the site. Although there's not much to see above ground just yet, progress is being made every day. We will continue to keep you updated as the project develops — it's an exciting time for our school community and we can't wait to see it all start to take shape!

Celebrations

On Tuesday 11th November, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence on the playground. In preparation, every child created their own poppy to contribute to their class wreath, a beautiful display of respect and reflection. This activity complemented the learning taking place across all year groups about the World at War, focusing on key historical events and their lasting impact on people's lives. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all the generous food and toiletry donations for Padley@YMCA, supporting some of the most vulnerable people in Derby. A special mention goes to our Year 2 children, who performed a super assembly for the school and their grown-ups. Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported our recent fundraising events — from the Macmillan Coffee Morning to our non-uniform day raising funds for the PA — we loved seeing the many creative and crazy hairstyles on the last day of half term!

Safety

Bikes and Scooters: We kindly ask that all bikes and scooters are walked on school grounds and not ridden when entering or leaving the car park. Riding bikes or scooters in the school car park is a serious safety risk, and we ask that all children walk them on school grounds to prevent any accidents.

Ball Games: Please remind your children not to play ball games while waiting to line up for the gates. We do not want any child to be hurt running into the car park or reaching under a vehicle to retrieve a ball. During these times, children should remain with and near their supervising adult.

Supervision: All children must be supervised by an adult unless they are old enough to walk to school independently. Please ensure that young children do not run between cars when leaving school, as this poses a serious safety risk. We appreciate your support in keeping all children safe.

School trips

Various school trips have taken place recently, with more planned for the coming weeks. Last half term, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester, while Year 2 explored Peak Wildlife Farm. Tomorrow, our Year 6 children will be visiting Cromford Mill and Reception will head to National Adventure Farm on 3rd December. Year 3 recently enjoyed a fascinating Stone Age visitor workshop. Keep an eye on Dojo for posts and updates about other trips and events happening in your child's year group.

Online Safety

Please remember that **no mobile phones** are to be brought into school, as we are a no-phone school. We also encourage all parents to monitor their children's online activity, ensuring they are accessing appropriate content. Limiting screen time is highly recommended to support children's concentration, learning, and healthy sleep patterns. We also urge parents to talk to their children about their use of social media, as there are many potential risks online, including contact with strangers, exposure to inappropriate content and misinformation. Online videos are accessible not only through YouTube but also via other platforms such as TikTok, so it is important to stay vigilant and aware of what children are viewing.

Learning at home

Regular reading at home, practising spellings and times tables, and playing turn-taking games like board games all support your child's learning. Getting outdoors—to the park, on walks, or exploring the countryside—boosts physical health and curiosity. Highlight new vocabulary and ask questions about reading to develop comprehension. Establish little-and-often habits with reading, homework, and spellings to make learning consistent. Check the school website for community events to enjoy as a family.

If you have an **urgent message** that needs to be passed to your child's class teacher, please contact the school by **telephone on 01332 512732**. You can also reach your child's class teacher via **Class Dojo**, but please note that Dojo is not always checked immediately by staff. For any **questions or concerns**, including **safeguarding issues**, please contact the school office in person, by email at admin@wrenpark.derby.sch.uk, or by telephone. Thank you for your continued support.

Forthcoming events

-The PTA have recently met and are working on putting together an exciting calendar of events for the next two years. Their plans aim to include many of the usual fundraisers and celebrations that are important to our multi-faith school community, ensuring there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to come together, have fun, and support the school.

-We are looking forward to seeing you at **Parents' Evening** next week on Wednesday and Thursday. To help us keep on schedule, each appointment is allocated ten minutes, but if you feel you need more time, you are very welcome to request a follow-up appointment. If you are going to be late or need to cancel at the last minute, please let the school know by calling the office on the evening so we can adjust accordingly.

-**Forthcoming Events:** Please keep an eye on the school website for up-to-date information, as well as Class Dojo for posts from year group teachers about any additional events taking place.

Key Dates

Year 6 visit to Cromford Mill – 14th November

Kenco with SENDCO coffee morning – Thursday 20th November @ 9.10am to 10am

Reception visit to National Adventure Farm – 3rd December

Reception Nativity Performance – 11th December AM

*Christmas/Winter PA Events

*Winter Disco – Thursday 4th December

*Dress down day – Friday 5th December

Bring an item for the Rainbow Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home. 50p per ticket to be returned by 15th December. Draw on 16th December.

*Winter fair to take place during school day on 15th & 16th December – children only. We are asking for a £2 contribution to cover the costs of prizes.

Christmas party day in classrooms – 17th December

Break up – Friday 19th December

Return to school – Monday 5th January

Next PTA meeting – Tuesday 13th January @ 6.30pm