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## Autumn Round up

We've had a fantastic and busy half term, and we're so proud of all the children for their hard work and the progress they've made. Last week, they took part in assessments – these aren't something to worry about, but help teachers see what your child has mastered and where they might need a little extra support. The children have continued to show our school values every day, and these have been celebrated in our weekly assemblies, where we've also learned about Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week, road safety, Mary Seacole's birthday, and human rights.

The festive season has brought lots of fun and excitement! Reception had a brilliant time on their trip to the National Adventure Forest and put on a wonderful nativity performance. Our children have also been spreading joy at Middleton Lodge Care Home, reading to residents, interviewing them about their lives, and making Christmas cards. Year 6 loved their Victorian Day, getting into character and even trying traditional porridge served by Madam Dilley – what a fantastic experience! It's been a joyful, busy, and memorable half term for everyone, full of learning, laughter, and festive cheer.

## School Council

Our School Council continues to play an active and valued role in shaping school life. Following their own suggestions, councillors will soon be planting bulbs in the nature area to help enhance our outdoor spaces. They are also contributing their ideas by helping to choose some of the furniture for the new teaching block and will be sharing their thoughts with the PTA about how fundraising money could best support pupils across the school. It's wonderful to see our children having a real voice and making a positive difference to our school community.



## Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone for making this half term so special! The **PTA Winter Disco** was a huge success, with children enjoying dancing and spending time with friends – we raised **£894.56** for school. Thank you also to everyone who supported the **Treetops Hospice Reindeer Dash**; we'll share the total raised in the new year. Together, we raised **£327** for the Royal British Legion through poppy donations.

Thanks to all who contributed to the **Winter Fair** and party food for the Christmas parties – the children loved playing games, winning prizes, and enjoying their festive classroom celebrations. Your support makes these special moments possible!

## Staff Updates

Mr Finan (TA) will be leaving at the end of the week after 5 years of working at Wren Park. Thank you to him for his help in school and our school football teams. We wish him well in his new job at Mickleover Sports Padel Centre.

We also have some exciting news to share. Mrs Holloway is expecting her baby in January and will be starting her maternity leave. During this time, Mr Titterton will be covering the Year 6 class. We wish Mrs Holloway all the very best ahead of the arrival of baby Holloway.

## Attendance

Whilst we are very pleased by the attendance and efforts of most children and families we know that for everyday a child doesn't attend they miss important work and time with their peers.

We encourage good attendance but where your child's attendance is below 93% you will receive a letter from school.

Term time holiday cannot be authorised. Please be aware that from September 2026 we will be issuing penalty notices (fines) for any term time holidays – this will align us with all other schools and following Local Authority guidance at this time.

# Success Stories

At Wren Park, we celebrate children's achievements both in and out of the classroom. Our Success Out of School initiative recognises accomplishments across many areas, including sports, music, performing arts, faith-based activities, STEM, public speaking, volunteering, community groups, outdoor activities, entrepreneurship, and more. Whether it's winning a trophy, passing an exam, performing on stage, earning a new belt, or making a difference through charity work, we want to celebrate and share these successes in assemblies and around school to inspire others.

## Clubs

### Change of day for - Girls Football Training

Boys' football training for Years 5 and 6 will restart on Thursday 15th January. Please note that girls' football training has moved to Tuesdays and will now restart on Tuesday 13th January.

An email was sent yesterday with details on how to book places for other after-school clubs. These include a gymnastics club on Mondays with Soccerstars, alongside their usual KS2 and KS1 football clubs on Tuesday and Thursday. Badminton with former GB Olympian Donna Kellogg will run on Wednesdays for KS2, cookery club with Three Bears Cookery on Mondays, and Modelling Clay club on Fridays. Please refer to the email for full booking information.

## Building News

Plans are progressing smoothly, with work on the new four-classroom block and multi-use games area expected to start early in the Summer Term and hoping to be completed by Autumn. This exciting project will provide more space, better resources and greater flexibility for our school community.

## Season Greetings

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful winter break! For those who celebrate Christmas, we wish you a joyful holiday, and for everyone else, season's greetings. Have a happy New Year, and we look forward to welcoming the children back in 2026!

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](mailto:admin@wrenpark.derby.sch.uk), or by telephone. Thank you for your continued support.

# Reminders

**Label clothing:** Please ensure all items of clothing, including PE kits, are clearly labelled with your child's name. Our lost property is building up quickly, and it is a shame when items go missing and cannot be returned.

**Water bottles:** All children need a water bottle at school, filled in the morning. Staying hydrated is very important for learning and wellbeing.

**Coats and warm clothing:** With the cold weather, please ensure children have suitable coats and warm clothing.

**Healthy snacks:** We encourage healthy snacks for playtimes from Monday to Thursday. Examples include fruit, vegetables, yogurt, rice cakes, cereal bars, or cheese sticks. Please remember that we are a no-nut school, which includes products like Nutella.

On Fridays, children may bring a treat snack such as crisps, chocolate, or sweets.

**Punctuality:** Arrival on time is important. Gates close promptly at 9:00am, and children who arrive late miss valuable learning time. Please ensure your child is at school on time.

**Parking:** No parking is permitted in the school car park during the school day, including for breakfast or after-school clubs, unless you are collecting a child who is unwell. This ensures the car park remains safe for everyone.

**Phones:** Wren Park is a no-mobile-phone school. Please monitor your child's online activity, limit screen time, and talk to them about safe and appropriate use of social media and online platforms (including YouTube and TikTok) to support their wellbeing, learning, and

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Coffee morning PTA Disco Break up for half term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Back to school
24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Coffee morning Break up for Easter
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school

The PTA are meeting to discuss a calendar of fundraising events for the following two years – lots of exciting ideas, we hope to share more with you shortly. If you are interested in helping the PTA in anyway please do get in touch.