



WREN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to catch up with friends and family and have some time for relaxation.

It has been a great first week of the year in school and we are now back in the swing of learning and used to the routine of the school day once again. The children have been very hard working this week, I am sure they are ready for the weekend!

Well done with the parking and weather!

A big thank you for the patient and sensible manner in which children and parents handled the dreadful early morning weather earlier in the week. Again thank you for your efforts in negotiating the school traffic safely at the start and end of the day- keep up the great effort everyone.

PSHE- Discussion at home

As we start the New Year the children have been thinking about Dreams and Goals as part of their PSHE work. Please use this weekend to share your dreams and goals with your children and hold discussion with them over what is important to them and you.

Values

This week we have briefly introduced some learning about "Values". This morning assembly we discussed the values of being **Kind**, **Respectful** and **Motivated** and we identified children who had demonstrated these values as part of our Golden Book Assembly.

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing many more values to the children during a range of activities to stimulate their thinking of what is important to them as well as school. I have also started some work with staff around their thoughts on the values which are important to them in working with children. It has been really interesting to hear their thoughts and identify common themes.

This work will continue and we will soon be seeking parental views about the values you think are most important as we aim to involve everyone in shaping our school values. I am sure there will be lots of common ground between the children, staff, parents and governors but I really do think this will be a useful and interesting exercise as we aim to refresh and re-visit this area within school. Whilst we establish these central values we will develop the children's own understanding on a wide range of values and deepen their knowledge and understanding of them within their lives.

I anticipate that we can bring this together over the next half term or so. I would love to hear from you, watch this space on how we will be gathering your parental views on this issue.

A few reminders

- Please remember the children must have their own water bottle full of fresh water for the day ahead.
- For indoor PE the children are expected to wear PE pumps (plimsols) or barefoot as well as plain shorts and T-Shirt.

- Please make sure all clothing and other items brought to school are clearly labelled with your child's name. We do not have space to store lost property and so if it is not labelled it will be removed from school after a few days.
- Keep up with the regular helpful habits including reading with your children, supervising and helping with homework and talking to them about what they have been learning within school. Also please try to involve them in discussions about local, national and global news in an age appropriate and sensitive manner. This really helps them deepen their knowledge in a range of topics.
- Listening to music- always good to encourage an appreciation of a range of music including their favourite songs as well as a wider genre.

School Enquiries / Children Issues

The class teacher or Teaching Assistant are always the best first contact if there is anything you wish to discuss. I am sure they will be able to assist you and your child or help sign post you to the most appropriate person.

Dinner Money

The charges for school meals remain at £2.20 at present ie. £66 for the half term or £121 for the full term.

On Thursday 19th January there will be a special American themed menu for school dinners. This will include beef burgers or quorn nuggets with chips and beans or sweetcorn and delicious chocolate muffins or chocolate rice crispy cakes for pudding. The kitchen staff would love to see as many children involved as possible!

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs. Mozley as our new School Business Manager who has replaced Mrs. Plant who left at Christmas.

Today is Mrs. Alldread's final day in school. After 11 years as Finance and attendance admin support she leaves to take up a new role. I would like to thank her for the support she has provided in the school office and to the children over these years. She has always been a valued member of staff and I have enjoyed working with her, I shall miss her support and humour! Thank you and best wishes to Shelly Alldread. 😊

Still no news from Mrs. Graham- I think it's another few weeks until baby Graham is expected to arrive. We will keep you informed.

A big welcome back to Miss. Ralph in Year 4 who has returned after her maternity leave. I think she really enjoyed her first few days with her new class- Well done Y4 and Miss. Ralph.

Vacancy

As Mrs. Alldread leaves there is a vacancy in our Administration and Finance Team. The details are available on the Derby City Job Vacancies, if this post is of interest to you please do apply or if you wish to discuss the vacancy, contact myself or Mrs. Mozley (our new School Business Manager)

Finally

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Alex Buckley