

11th September 2017

## Dear Parents

Welcome to you and your child in their first term with us in Wrens. The first three days saw every child well settled and very busy.

This half term we will be concentrating on settling the children happily into school and our routines. Our topic will be 'Look at Me!.' Within this topic we will be learning about our bodies, tasting different types of food, looking at different families, being a good friend and using a variety of creative mediums to make portraits of ourselves. We will also concentrate on social skills and speaking & listening.

Throughout each week the children will have daily literacy activities, including phonics sessions and mathematical activities. Each week the children will be introduced to new sounds that we will put into their book bags, for them to practise with you at home. As we move through this half term the children will bring home an individual reading book. We will send accompanying letters home to help explain this. We will also send home number cards and ideas on number activities for you to share with your child. We are also working on additional learning activities that you will be able to use at home.

The children will usually have two PE/ games sessions each week. On a Monday morning they will have 'Moving Monday' with our visiting coaches. For this the children will need to come to school in their games kit. Their PE kit (shorts & a round neck white t-shirt) need to be in school at all times. For PE/ games any pierced earrings must be removed or taped over prior to coming into school. No other jewellery may be worn in school.

The children will be able to choose a library book to bring home with them each week on a Monday. If they would like to change it please put it in their book bag on a Monday.

Each week a group of children will be chosen to bring in something for 'show & tell' on a Friday morning, there will be a list put up at the window by the door. We ask the children to talk to the whole class about what they bring in and answer questions about it. Show and tell will start after all the children have shared their bear books with the class.

As a school policy we ask that your child does not bring any toys, etc into school.

Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school on a Monday morning that we will refill during the week and send home on a Friday. Also wellies, a painting apron ( a large t-shirt) and PE kit all week (all named!). The girls need to have their hair tied back for school each day to prevent any 'visitors'! and for safety reasons.

If your child has any WOW moments at home please share these with us, either by email or hand us a paper copy.

The children have a fruit and carbohydrate snack daily in the morning, we would be grateful for a £2 donation towards the carbohydrate snack. If you would like your child to have milk in school please complete the order form on line.

Finally, if you do have any questions please ask us.

Mrs Jenkins & Mrs Coe