

News from the Nest

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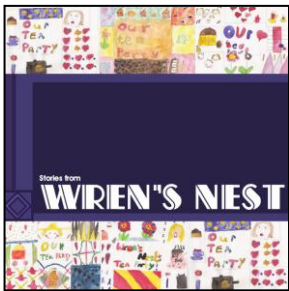
Come and have a look around!

Dear Parents,

The builders have finally left the site and we are now, once more a joined up, integrated school and children's centre. The children are able to walk from one end of the school to the other, along the corridors rather than having to trek up the drive!

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to you all for being so patient during the building programme. I am sure you will agree that the wait has been worthwhile and we have a fantastic school for our community.

As part of the refurbishment we made sure that we created spaces for adults – who are just as much part of our Wren's Nest school as the children! We now have a large adult training room, equipped with computers, an interactive whiteboard and comfy seats and tables. The old dining hall has also been refurbished and is proving an ideal hall for a keep fit class running on Thursday mornings. Please see Kath Armitage or ask at the school office if you would like to find out about any of the adult courses that we run or have ideas for new courses! We are always happy to put on different courses to suit your needs.



During the building programme our current Y5 children took part in a project finding out about the history of the school and hosted a tea party for grandparents and other members of the community. A book called "Stories from Wren's Nest" has been produced which includes photos and memories from many ex pupils. We hope to give a copy of this book to as many residents on the estate as possible and we will also be sending a book home for each family with children at the school or children's centre. We hope you enjoy reading it!

With our fantastic new building and the children enjoying high quality teaching and learning we want to go from strength to strength and to continue to develop and grow as a school so that we offer the very best possible education and services to our children and the local community. If you have any ideas or feedback on how we might improve, in any way, please let us know! We value your thoughts and views.

Best wishes,

Ruth Wylie - Headteacher

If your child receives free school meals and is in Year 3 or above, then you can apply for a free computer and internet access from the Government. Ring 0333 200 1004 and request an application form or ask at the school office for more details and we will help you.



Holiday Dates:

We break up for Easter on Thursday 1st April and start the summer term on Monday 19th April.



Half term is Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June. We break up for the Summer on Friday 23rd July.

The children's centre multi-use room will be used as a Polling Station for the local elections so **school will not be closed.**

We are welcoming all voters to stop for a coffee and cake and find out about the services we can now offer to all the community.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 2nd March from 4pm – 6pm. Please come along to look at your children's work and talk to the staff about the progress that your child is making. It is really important that your child knows you are interested in their school work and that you want to share their successes with them.

School Lunches

After Easter the cost of a school lunch for children will rise to £1.75. This is a small increase of 5p. The lunches offered at Wren's Nest are some of the best in the West Midlands and visitors often comment on the high quality and choice of food provided.



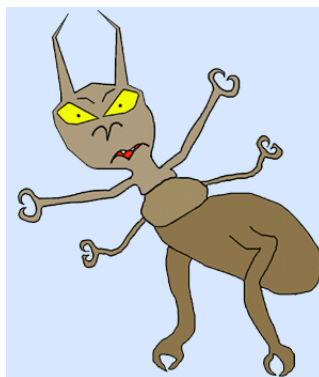
Special Assembly!!!

On Friday we will be having a special assembly – all about head lice!

Head lice or "nits" as they are often called are a problem in all schools. The little lice love to crawl from one child's head to another and can spread around a class in hours!



It is vital that if we do have an outbreak of head lice that all the children in the class have their hair combed and the eggs (nits) and any live crawlies removed. It is so frustrating for parents (and unfair and uncomfortable for the children) if one head is not checked and acts as a point of re-infestation for the whole class.



During the assembly we will be teaching the children about head lice, how to spot them and how to remove them using a comb and conditioner. We will also be giving every family a free nitty gritty comb worth over £5.

The comb will be sent home with the youngest child in each family.

We will make sure the children understand that everyone can get head lice (indeed I will be sharing my stories of getting them!) and that there should be no stigma attached to catching them. However we will be stressing the importance of everyone taking the time and trouble to comb them out if they do catch them.



This assembly raising the awareness for all children and the free combs are as a result of many parents expressing concern and frustration over families where head lice are not removed and the children re-infect the class. Parents have asked us as a school to take some serious action to try and stop this.

Some parents have also offered to be a "Bug Busting Team", a team that could be called upon to help with the removal of nits and lice if there was constant re-infestation. We hope that there will be no need to have to offer the services of the team as families will take on the responsibility themselves but I am very grateful to the volunteers. It certainly shows how strongly many parents feel about head lice and the need to get rid of them! Let's rise to the challenge!

