



News from the Nest

6th September 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

I hope you have enjoyed a good summer with your children and that they are ready to return to school, fresh and eager to learn. During the holidays I was talking to friends about Wren's Nest and sharing some of the things that happen at school. They expressed real surprise and a "I wish my children's school did that!" It struck me that sometimes we just assume all schools offer what we do so I thought I would use this front page to remind us all what it is that makes Wren's Nest such a special school that we are all so proud of.

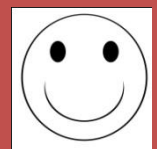
Great Teaching and Learning!

Wren's Nest continues to be a rapidly improving school achieving its best ever national tests results in 2011. Our children make good progress - more than the average child makes at school nationally. We have a range of staff to support the needs of every child as an individual. As well as teachers we have learning mentors, teaching assistants, support staff for children with additional needs and class mentors to support the children.



Exciting Trips & Visits

School heavily subsidises the trips programme enabling children to enjoy many educational visits, relying only on a £10 contribution from parents for the whole year. The visits are very special and include activities such as a trip to the pantomime, Warwick Castle, the seaside at Llandudno, Tamworth Snowdome and many more!



What makes
Wren's Nest
special?



Education for Adults!

Our school offers lots of opportunities for all parents to enjoy the challenge of developing themselves further. We have flourishing literacy & numeracy classes, together with a whole range of courses, with something to suit everyone. Many of the courses will help you to support your child's learning at home. This term we are launching a "Job Club" as we have had many requests for support and advice when applying for a job or going to an interview. We are delighted to be able to help in this way.



Clubs for Children

At Wren's Nest we are pleased to be able to run many different clubs for the children to enjoy. There is no charge for any club other than a small fee for OSCA (our childcare club). Each day starts at 8:20am with Early Birds, a fantastic morning club where children get chance to play board games and enjoy a bagel and milk/orange juice if they wish. After school there are a host of clubs to which children can sign up and come along and have fun.

Permission forms

Together with this newsletter you should have received 3 forms - a general visit form, a photograph form and consent to use the internet.

Blue Form - Each year we need to ask parents to complete a permission form to enable your child to take part in activities in the local area outside the school gates. These activities are always planned and you will be informed before such activities take place. **Please complete this form and return it via your child.**



Pink form - This is a letter seeking your permission to take photos for school display, our school website, newspaper articles etc. Dudley Council are asking all schools to issue the same consent form to enable your child to have their photo taken. **Please complete this form and return it via your child.**



Cream form - This letter asks your permission for your child to use the internet. At school the internet has a safety filter to ensure your child only accesses safe sites. The children throughout school use the internet to help them to research topics and find out information. **You only need to send the form back if you DO NOT wish your child to use the internet.**



School Photographs:

At Wren's Nest we time our school photographs so that they can be given as presents to relatives at Christmas. Children will have their photograph taken on **Monday 10th October** and the proofs will be given to children to take home shortly afterwards. If you would like to order photographs please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. All photographs will arrive in good time for Christmas.

Parents Evening :

Tuesday 4th October, 4pm - 6pm

At Wren's Nest we really value the importance of a strong relationship between parents and school. Your child only has one chance with his/her education - it is important that we get it right! Please do take this opportunity to come and see your child's work and discuss their progress in this new school year.



Holiday Dates & Training Days

Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2011

End of term: Friday 16th December 2011

Monday 31st October will be a staff training day, so school is closed for children.

This week your child will bring home a small calendar card showing all the holidays and training days for this year. We hope you find it useful!

Important Date! Y6 SAT national tests take place during the week starting Monday 14th May 2012. All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time. Thank you.