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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term

The children have already had a very busy first few days in Wrens, visiting different areas of the school and learning about the routines of the class. We are going to enjoy helping the children to learn many new things throughout the year and will begin by thinking about the season of Autumn. If you have anything of interest related to this topic then we would be happy to share it with the class.

We will be spending time with the children engaged in a range of adult and child-led activities to find out what they already know and the skills they need to develop throughout the year. In addition, all Reception classes have to complete a Baseline Assessment within the first half term of the children starting school, which we will be carrying out as short fun games with each child.

In Wrens, the children will be taught by Mrs Neal and supported by either Mrs Babbage, Miss Love or Mrs Mutlow. On Monday afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Babbage and Mrs Mutlow or have their Forest School session with Mrs Bennett and Mrs Lafford.

We encourage parents to support their child's learning at home but understand that children are often busy or tired after school.

Every Tuesday the children will bring home a Home Library Book to share. Please read and talk about the story, write a short review together in their red 'Home Library Review' book and bring it back to school on Friday.

Year One children will continue to bring home reading books on a Friday. Please spend time listening to your child read with fluency and expression, write any comments and sign their reading record and return to school on Mondays. The Reception children will begin their phonics sessions next week and when appropriate they will also be given books to read to you at home.

We encourage the children to look after resources at school and ask that any books sent home are also looked after and returned in a condition that allows others to enjoy them.

Activities which help the children to reinforce the literacy and mathematics skills will also be set on Seesaw on a Friday. Homework should be completed by the following Wednesday.

Please ensure that every day your child brings a coat (preferably with a hood) to school and that they wear sensible black shoes as the weather is so unpredictable. You may also like your child to have a spare pair of pants and socks in their bag just in case they have a toileting accident. If your child is sent home in the class spare clothes, please ensure that these are washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

During the Autumn Term the children will be having PE sessions on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings, but it is important that they have their P.E. kit in school every day. If your child has not yet brought in their kit, please ensure they do so as soon as possible.

The P.E. kit should consist of:
* **Short sleeved T – shirt** – plain white
* **Shorts** – plain black or navy
* **Tracksuit bottoms** – plain navy (for outdoor P.E.)
* **Socks** – white
* **Black P.E. pumps** - suitable for physical activity inside and outside

Small stud-pierced earrings can be worn but must be removed by the child or covered for all P.E. lessons.

Each child has a cup and access to drinking water throughout the day, but you may also like to send in a bottle filled with water. If your child brings in a packed lunch, please ensure that it does not contain nuts as we have members of the school community with severe allergies.

The children can come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes for their session every other Monday. Their first session will be **Monday 15th September**. Children should come to school wearing trousers and a long-sleeved top and/or jumper and trainers, with a pair of wellies, a waterproof coat and trousers or an all-in-one waterproof suit in a large shopping bag.

We will be encouraging the children to be responsible for all of their belongings so please help them by ensuring that **all belongings** – each piece of uniform, school bags, Forest School kit, P.E. kit items, lunchbox and water bottles etc. are **clearly named** so that they can be quickly reunited with your child.

We know that children like to bring in toys to show their friends in school, however we have many toys to play with in Wrens, so we ask that toys are not brought in from home.

If your child is unwell then please phone the school office before 9.30am to inform us of their absence. If they have sickness or diarrhoea they must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. If your child has longer hair, please tie it up and this is particularly important on PE days.

If your child is being collected by someone different from normal, then please tell us in the morning or telephone the school office to let us know. If you do not arrive to pick up your child, they will join 'Smiles' in the hall and you will be contacted. If we are unable to contact you, then we will telephone the next person on the list of people authorised to collect your child. Therefore, it is important that school are informed of any changes to contact details. You can do this on your Arbor account.

Please speak to us in the morning or at the end of the school day if you have any concerns, queries or if there is any change that may affect your child through the day e.g. unsettled sleep, change in family situations etc.

Kind Regards,

Wrens Staff Team