

Wrenbury Primary School Newsletter

6th September 2024

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the holiday, take some time to rest and some time to enjoy precious family time. It seems that the children are refreshed, full of energy, enthusiasm and ready to learn as we have had a fantastic start to the term! As I have visited all the classes, it has been lovely to see all the children engaged, enthused and happy. It really has been wonderful to have you all back after the summer break.



As we are starting a new chapter at Wrenbury, I like to take the opportunity to tell you more about myself. You may already know me as your child's class teacher, as the school SENCo or as the school deputy as I have been at Wrenbury since 2017 but now, as headteacher, I would like you to know more about who I am and what I believe in.

Wrenbury School holds a very special place in my heart, and I feel privileged to be its current headteacher. Since 1932, three generations of my family have attended Wrenbury school; this school and its community really matters to me. I believe that having **'a sense of place and a sense of belonging'** is essential for anyone to truly thrive and because of this I feel that our history and our community are extremely important. I want to give our children this sense of place, this sense of belonging. I want them to know that we are all part of a wider family, a wider community and that this is special. I aim for the children to learn that they are part of a bigger picture and that they have the power to have a positive influence on this.

Growing up on a local farm has instilled in me a real love for nature and our environment. This has led me all over the world, taking part in conservation projects in the Amazon Jungle, climbing the Himalayas in Nepal and exploring wild areas of Asia. However, nothing has been more important to me than home. I want our children to learn about our environment and how to take care of it, not only for themselves but for those who follow. Wrenbury School is set in beautiful grounds, in a beautiful part of the world. I want to help the children to make the most of this, embracing our environment and making positive contributions to it.

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I have taught in primary schools for almost 20 years. I feel very fortunate to have been able to work with children, to see them learn, grow and thrive. Nothing is more rewarding that seeing a child **inspired**; watching those eyes light up with awe and wonder or pride in what they have achieved. Childhood is precious and fleeting and, with my wonderful team, I want Wrenbury to light that spark for learning, to help children learn, to **aspire** to reach their goals, to help them to have confidence to persevere and overcome challenges and to feel that sense of joy and pride that this can **achieve**.

At Wrenbury, in partnership with parents and our community, I want the Wrenbury team to grow children who have a love of learning and feel successful at this. I want children who know that they can make a difference and are empowered to do things for good, for the bigger picture. I want to see children who know that **'We all Matter'**. I want to grow children who are confident in themselves and who are ready and prepared for tomorrow.

A few new things...

Base Charity Partnerships:

Each Base in school is connected with a conservation charity. Over the year, each class will learn about their charity, learning more about what they do and how they help the environment. The children will run class assemblies about their charity, teaching the rest of the school a little bit about it. Hopefully, over their time at school, this will mean that they learn about many different charities. The aim is to give children an understanding of our world and how they can help preserve it. It also provides opportunities to learn about possible future careers too.

EYFS- Woodland Trust

B2- World Wildlife Fund

B3 - RSPB

B4- Cheshire Wildlife Trust

B5- National Trust



Theme Days

To further inspire our children's learning, each base will enjoy a termly 'Theme Day'. The day is an opportunity for the children to dress up and engage in a range of hands-on activities and experiences to help them deepen their knowledge and understanding of their class topic. This provides the children with meaningful, unforgettable experiences that they will remember for years to come. Please see your class newsletter for further details.

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Class assemblies

Each team, each Base will give their own whole school assembly. This assembly may be about their class charity, their current learning, or may just showcase something of their choice. This is an opportunity to develop self-confidence and oracy. Look out for further information about these in the school newsletter.

Class fundraising

This year, we would like each Base to get involved with their own half-termly fundraising event. Each base will decide how they would like to fundraise and will then decide what they would like to buy with the funds they have raised. This will further develop their teamwork, planning skills and will help them to recognise that, by working together, they can achieve set goals.

Amazon wish lists

At Wrenbury we are very lucky to have wonderful parents who are very supportive. Often, we are



asked what resources we need to help our children in class. As a result of this, each Base have set up their own Amazon Wishlist.

Anyone who would like to support school can now do this by simply accessing this wish list where a range of resources for the children can be purchased for school. Further information regarding your child's wish list will follow soon.

School Council

Four Year 6 pupils will be our 'School Council Leaders', each representing a different house team. These children will gather the ideas and thoughts of the school to create an agenda for our meetings, selecting one or two children from each Base to join our School Council meetings. School Council Leaders will be encouraged to support/ develop community projects such a littler picking and visiting the local nursing home.

Reading badges

We are introducing gold, silver and bronze badge as a reward for reading. These will be awarded in assemblies by Y6 library leaders and will be celebrated in school newsletters. Please see your individual class newsletter for more information on how to achieve these very special awards.



The Wrenbury Team

Over the Summer, Mrs Culbert (B1) was diagnosed with breast cancer and is now undergoing treatment. Treatment and recovery will mean that, for now, Mrs Culbert will not be at school. As a Wrenbury team we are supporting her and wish her all the best, as I am sure you, as our school family, do too. We look forward to her return to school.

To support Base 1, for the Autumn term, Mrs Hulme will be joining us. She has worked in many different settings and is looking forward to being part of our team. I am sure she will be warmly welcomed by parents and children alike.

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We have some lovely news to share, Miss Ashton has had a beautiful baby boy named Lucas. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing this new little member of the Wrenbury family.

FOWS

We have a wonderful FOWS (Friends of Wrenbury School) team who work so very hard behind the scenes to support our children, raising money and organising great events that the children thoroughly enjoy. Without this team, the children would miss out on many special events and treats. However, our FOWS team need you! We would love to hear from anyone who enjoys making a difference, who likes to support others and who is willing to give a little of their time to support our fabulous school and awesome children. This is an opportunity to work with a great group of people and have a few laughs while doing something good for others. If you would like to join our FOWS team, please give us a call at school and we can put you in contact with the FOWS squad.



Key dates:

Friday's – Year 6 children, with the help of our fantastic FOWs team, will be hosting a tuck shop. Raising money for FOWS whilst also learning some key business skills!

Welcome Meetings – it is expected that parents/ carers attend their child's Welcome Meetings.

10th September – Base 4 Welcome Meeting- 4pm in Base 4.

11th September – Base 2 Welcome Meeting – 4pm in Base 2.

11th September – Base 1 Phonics and Early Reading- 4pm Base 1.

12th September -Base 3 Welcome Meeting – 4pm Base 3.

16th September – Base 5 Welcome Meeting- 4pm Base 5

Film night and FOWs get together – 19th September (Further details to follow)

4th October - **Harvest service**- 9:30 St Margaret's Church.

8th October – **School photographs.**

16th/ 17th October – Bikeability for Year 5 and 6. Please see further information from the office.

22nd/23rd October- **Parents' evenings.**

24th October – **Halloween Disco.**

25th October – **INSET Day.**

31st October – **Deadline for Year 7 school admissions.**

4th November – **Return to school.**

School admissions:

Parents and carers of current Year 6 pupils must apply for a Year 7 place before 31st October. Parents of pupils wanting to start Reception in September 2025 must apply before 15th January 2025. Please see the website below for further information:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx

Local Sponsors:

Wrenbury Hall

This year we are looking for local businesses to sponsor school in a number of ways. We want to say a **HUGE thank you to Wrenbury Hall** who have sponsored an eBook subscription linked to our phonic scheme. This allows teachers and children to access over 250 books which will be used by our children both in school and at home. Wrenbury Hall; this will make such a difference to our children. Thank you.



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Better Equipped

We also want to thank you to another local business; 'Better Equipped' who jumped at the request to support school and are kindly donating educational resources to us. Thank you!



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Arbor

Over the summer we have moved away from Parentmail and are now using 'Arbor'. It is mandatory that all our parents use this system as it will be our main source of all communications

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from School. It also controls payments for meals, snacks, The Nest, trips and clubs etc. To make it even easier, you can download the Arbor app to your phone. If you are having any difficulties, please contact Vic or Amanda in the office.

Attendance

Please be aware that the new changes from DfE regarding attendance and unauthorised absence are now in place. I urge you to read the school’s updated Attendance Policy on the school website so that you don’t fall foul of potential Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) and fines.

Below is the new FPN structure effective from 19th August 2024:

Fixed penalty Notice Costs and Time Frame

Cheshire East Council’s Fixed Penalty Notices. Current Costings and Time Frames		
1 child	1 child	1 child (or more)
£80 if fine paid within 21 days	£160 if fine not paid within 28 days	Court if fine not paid with 28 days
Paid by each parent/carer with parental responsibility	Paid by each parent/carer with parental responsibility	

Medication

The office can administer medication if your child requires any during school hours. If your child is bringing medication into school, a medication consent form **must be** completed, and any medication handed into the office. We kindly request that you bring your own Calpol if required. We do hold a small supply but only in case of emergencies.

Please check your child's medical and dietary needs in Arbor and update them if necessary. Any child who suffers with asthma will be contacted by the office during the first week to ensure their asthma care plan is up to date.

And finally...

I hope that everyone has enjoyed reading class newsletters and overviews and are as excited as I am about the new term (and school year) ahead!

Please keep up to date with all things Wrenbury by following the school Facebook page and checking in on our website for news and updates.

Your Headteacher,
Mrs Charlesworth