



Dear parent / carer,

I'd like to start by offering a very warm welcome to the following children and their families, who have joined us during the term in YR-3: Brodie and Lucas in YR; Isla in Y1; Aiden in Y2 and Alfie in Y3. We are about to finish an exciting and busy Autumn term at Wrenbury before heading into the Christmas break, with all the added excitement that brings for our children. Before we do, we still have ...

**Ten things to celebrate this term:**

- **A wonderful new entrance to school and a meeting room.**
- **Fantastic FOWS fundraising** – Welcome Back event; Film Night, Bonfire Night and Christmas Fair to support our children's learning opportunities and curriculum enrichment.
- **Wonderful learning** through our whole school **theme of Explorers**
- **Two successful curriculum focus weeks: STEM and Maths**
- **Exciting and enriching educational visits and experiences:**

Base 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mystery Readers across the term</li> </ul>
Base 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manchester Airport visit</li> <li>• Meet the Nativity characters at Broomhall Chapel – Y2</li> <li>• Infant agility event</li> </ul>
Base 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Museum of Science and Industry visit</li> <li>• Constance and Wilfred's aunty sharing her experience of Japan</li> <li>• 10 weeks of Brass tuition culminating in a concert for parents</li> <li>• RNLI workshop</li> <li>• Carol Concert</li> </ul>
Base 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CHANCE changing lives</i> charity workshop</li> <li>• Swimming lessons</li> </ul>
Base 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robinwood residential - Y5/6</li> <li>• Food Waste and Composting – Y5 School Council</li> <li>• A "real marine engineer" leading a STEM workshop - Y5/6</li> <li>• Road Safety workshop -Y5/6</li> <li>• Fire Busters workshop - Y5/6</li> <li>• Remembrance event - Y6</li> </ul>
Sporting competitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boccia; Dodgeball; Football; Quad Kids; Cross Country; Infant Agility; Games For All; Indoor Athletics;</li> </ul>
Sports Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-skills club; Football Club</li> </ul>
Whole school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest service</li> <li>• Rev Alison assembly</li> <li>• RNLI – water safety assembly</li> <li>• Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service</li> <li>• Christmas – Nativity EYFS/KS1 and Carol Service KS2</li> </ul>

- **Strong community links** – Christmas Carol singing for Aston WI; at the Wingate Centre and for our friends at Wrenbury Nursing Home (WNH).
- **NHS Silver Award received** for our Y4 led work in collaboration with the doctor's surgery and WNH on immunisation, with **national recognition** by Public Health England
- **Sainsbury's Gold Award** received for third consecutive year.
- **Supportive parent partnerships:** Mystery Reader; STEM assembly; Nativity attendance; parent evenings; events out of school; concert attendance
- **Increased pupil numbers - we're still growing!** Increase in pupil numbers from 105 (July 2019) to 122 pupils on roll YR-Y6 for start of December.

## Uniform – thank you

**Thank you** to all of you who have responded positively to our polite request for your child to wear the correct school uniform and look smart by a) reducing the accessories worn and /or b) ensuring ribbons and headbands/ socks and tights are reflective of our school uniform colours and appropriate for school.

**We have lots to celebrate but school would be ‘even better if’ the following was improved:**

### Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school regularly. Whilst the majority of children have high attendance and only take ‘very ill’ days off, some children are off school for minor ailments, which can be medicated for eg a cold, and unauthorised holidays. Unnecessary, additional, missed sessions can result in lower self-esteem and gaps in learning can grow. Children feel on ‘catch-up’ and can feel unsure as to what has been happening during their absence. Furthermore, additional time has to be put in by teachers and peers to support the child back into the learning. *Let’s keep ‘time off school’ to a minimum for all our children’s benefit.*

### Punctuality

**We continue to ask that ALL children arrive NO LATER THAN 8.55am** and enter school through their Meet and Greet entrance. A small number of families are repeatedly using the office entrance because they are ‘running late’. Sadly, this results in unfair delays to a prompt lesson start for the children already in school or interrupts the teaching and learning that has started; interferes with the efficient running of the office and administrative tasks that are already underway; takes other adults away from their responsibilities in class, who have to ensure lunch registers are updated and children are assisted in getting to their classes or into the learning. **A few minutes late has a huge impact on the rest of the school – remember ‘we all matter’.**

### Parking safely

Reports have come into school recently that a few parents/carers choose to park in the ‘bus parking area’ or on the junction opposite school. This is causing serious concern amongst other parents, Mr Eaton and the school staff regarding the potential for a road traffic accident. **Please park with EVERYONE’s safety at the fore of your parking place decision making and put your own convenience second.** Thank you.

### Head Lice

We have a number of repeated cases of head lice in school, affecting a few classes. The NHS website says: *‘Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.’* We can all work together to try and prevent ‘nits’ becoming common place in school and certain classes. Note: the whole family’s hair should be checked regularly for signs of eggs or lice/nits, not just the children’s. The following link to the NHS website is a very useful and easy read and provides clear NHS advice about head lice and treatment <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

### And to close the term...

Thank you for your generous support of school and your child by offering your time to help with events and homework, support with visits and sporting competitions, offering donations, your appearances at events and many sincere thanks for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.

We hope to see many of you at our annual Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 17 December at 6pm at St Margaret’s Church in the village.

Wishing you all a happy, festive and restful Christmas break and all the very best as the New Year dawns and 2020 begins! The Wrenbury Team look forward to seeing you all back on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** for a prompt start to the Spring term and another great term of learning.

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas,  
Mrs Bessa Cador