

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents,

This letter serves two purposes:

- 1) It informs and explains to parents what our Early Birds club is, if they are not aware
- 2) It reminds parents of children attending Early Birds what the deal is!



### What is Early Birds?

Early Birds is the Wren's Nest breakfast club which runs every morning before school. Its aim is to give the children an enjoyable social start to the morning, provide breakfast if they would like some and encourage them to make sure they are in school, on time, ready for Early Start activities in the classroom.

Early Birds starts at 8:20am and the children can come along until 8:30am when the door closes. Once the door is closed children cannot be admitted and will need to wait for the main school gate to be opened at 8:40am. The children in Early Birds are kept safe and supervised in school until they join their classes at 8:45am. There is no charge to attend as we are sponsored by Magic Breakfast who provide the bagels and fruit juice and the school budget is also used to fund staff and other costs.

All children are welcome, from Reception through to Year 6, and there is always a lovely family atmosphere in Early Birds. We have so many children attending now (over 130 children each day!) that we use the main hall, the small hall and other rooms for children to play and relax in.

For breakfast we have on offer:

- Bagels with cheese spread, jam or lemon curd.
- Yoghurt or fruit.
- Fruit juice or Milk.

If children would rather have breakfast at home then they are welcome to come along just to join in the games and enjoy the social occasion!

### What are the rules? PLEASE READ IF YOUR CHILD COMES TO EARLY BIRDS

Children should not arrive on school premises before 8:15am - at the earliest! The doors open at 8:20am and the children come into the hall. **The children are not supervised by school prior to entry into the school building** as we cannot afford to increase salary costs in the school budget. We appreciate that most parents want to ensure their children are safe and accompany them, waiting until the door is open and the children come into the hall. Before 8:20am **your child is your responsibility**. Unfortunately, recently we have had several children coming to school alone and running round in the car park, playing football with a plastic bottle/ball if they can find one, throwing things at other children. These children are spoiling the start of Early Birds for everyone. Several parents have asked me to write this letter to remind other parents of their responsibilities to supervise their children. **It is not fair on parents and children waiting patiently for the doors to be opened to be subjected to the inappropriate and unsafe behaviour of a few children who are spoiling it for everyone.**

Many thanks,  
*Ruth Wylie - Headteacher*

