



News from the Nest

4th January 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had a good start to 2017.

Each year all the staff and children at school make a "Wren's Nest New Year's resolution". We build on this resolution during the course of the year through assemblies and in lessons. This year our resolution is to encourage the children to read for pleasure... It is to **"Get stuck in a book!"**



In assembly we discussed that "Getting stuck in a book" meant you were engrossed in the story and couldn't stop reading to find out more! We read a poem written by Julia Donaldson, a famous children's author which told how books can take you into another world; the world of your imagination.

If you are an avid reader yourself then you will know the pleasure that books can bring. I can think of no greater gift than to give children the love of reading - and that's what we aim to do at Wren's Nest in 2017!

We would love you to help us achieve our New Year's resolution. Please ask your children about the books they are reading and the stories they have heard at school. All children are read to by their teachers - even in Year 6! Sharing a book, the characters, the drama and the plot is something special, no matter what the age of the child.

We also have a range of books in school for adults to borrow - there is a big book case in the adult training room. Mrs Armitage (Kath on the gate!) is always very pleased when parents borrow books - and loves donations to the library as well! Be a role model to your child and read a book too!

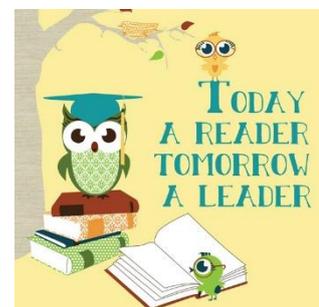
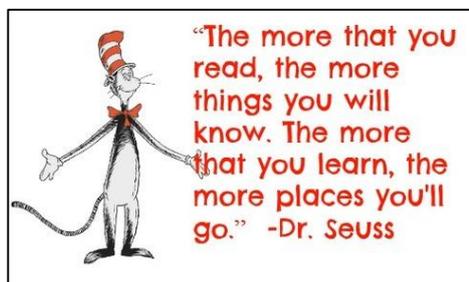
I Opened a Book

"I opened a **book** and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a **book** inside me."

- Julia Donaldson

Happy New Year,

Headteacher



Holiday Dates

Half Term: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February. Children return to school after half term on Monday 27th February and break up for **Easter** on Friday 7th April.

Teacher Training Day: School will be closed to children on Monday 13th February.

Had a new phone for Christmas?

If you do have a new phone please remember to let the school office have your new number. Thank you!



Hats, gloves, scarves... Don't lose them!

Please make sure that all your child's clothes are named - the school office will be more than happy to lend you a permanent marker to write on labels. We have a growing pile of lost property which we would love to return but are unable to do so as there are no names and the children do not claim anything when we take items around the classrooms!



Christmas Fayre - Thank you!

Thanks to your generosity we raised £1,954 at the Christmas Fayre. This money will be put to good use supporting our enrichment programme which is enjoyed by all children.

Parents' Evening:

Advance notice: Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

Snow!



January and February are the two months when we are most likely to get snow.

Our school policy is to be open for learning every day, providing it is safe to do so. Over the last few years we have only had to close for a couple of days when the snow was too deep and teachers could not get into school.

We will endeavour to be open every day this term - if we are closed we will post a notice on the front page of our school website.

www.wrensnest.org.uk

It will also be on our Twitter page:
<https://twitter.com/WrensNestSchool>

There will also be a notice on the school gates and it will be announced as part of the local radio snow line school closure news on Free Radio and Heart FM.



Important Date! Y6 SAT national tests take place during the week starting Monday 8th May 2017. All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time. Thank you.