



News from the Nest

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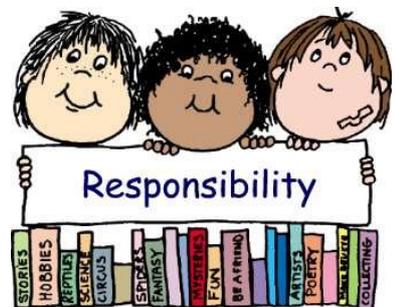
Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and have had a good start to 2018.

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 will help our children to develop their personal values and be successful and happy in life. Our resolution is to:

"Be responsible and show respect".

As adults we are used to having to take responsibility for our actions and for the choices we make but children need to grow up learning how to become responsible and how to behave responsibly in appropriate ways. For example, by the time children leave Wren's Nest to go on to high school I hope that they are responsible enough to make the right choice in a range of situations; they are organised and able to complete homework independently and that they are developing a responsible attitude to their own education and to looking after the community in which they live.

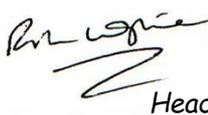


We all want to be respected and treated well. At Wren's Nest we have a phrase that we use frequently: **"Give respect... Get respect."** Yesterday in assembly I talked about what being respectful means and told the children that if they treated other people as they would like to be treated themselves then they wouldn't go far wrong.

Over the coming year we will help the children, through lessons and assemblies, to explore what it means to **"Be responsible and show respect"** in a range of contexts. We will use the phrase widely in many applications. For example we will encourage the children to be responsible pet owners and to take responsibility for their community, respect it and show care for it. We will ask the children to be responsible in their learning - having a good positive attitude to lessons and remembering to complete homework. And of course we will teach the children that they have to take responsibility for their own actions - no one else makes you do something!

I am sure as parents you would wholeheartedly endorse the importance of our pupils learning to **"be responsible and to show respect"** and that you would want your child to grow into a responsible, reliable and respectful young person who leaves Wren's Nest ready to get the best out of their secondary education and the world beyond.

So we welcome an exciting 2018 new year ahead of us!


Headteacher

**Respect and
Responsibility
Values in Education**



Holiday Dates

Half Term: Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February. Children return to school after half term on Monday 26th February and break up for **Easter** on Thursday 29th March.

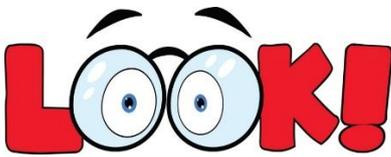
Teacher Training Days: School will be closed to children on Monday 15th January and Monday 5th February.

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!



New adult training courses starting this term!



Look out for the letter that Mrs Armitage will be sending this week informing parents of a range of new courses that are starting at Wren's Nest. We are extremely proud of the high quality training and opportunities that we offer to our parents and members of the local community. Come and join us!

Christmas Fayre - Thank you!

Thanks to your generosity we raised £1,823 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 6th March 2018.

Snow!



Hopefully we have had our share of snow for this winter! However January and February are the two months when statistically we are most likely to get snow.

As in December, if we have to close due to heavy snow (and we do try to stay open if it is safe to do so.) we will post a notice on the front page of our school website:

www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk



We will also post on our Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/wrensneestschool>

Any closure would also be announced as part of the local radio, snow line school closure news.

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Important Date! Y6 SAT national tests take place during the week starting Monday 14th May 2018. All Y6 must be in school during this week - please do not book holidays during this time. Thank you.