

News from the Nest

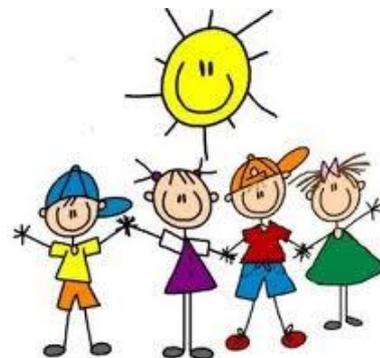
30th June 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support at Sports Days and at Parents' Evening. It was great to chat to so many of you at Parents' Evening and to hear how proud you were of your children's achievements and the super annual report that you received.

We are now entering July and the last few weeks left at school. The children will move up to their new classes and year group for the last two weeks of the school term. Many of you will be familiar with the very successful transition programme that we have been running at Wren's Nest for several years and will know all about it. However it is the first "Transition Time" for our Reception year group who are just finishing their first year and are taking the big step into Year 1.



We have found that by undertaking transition the children get to know their new teacher before the summer holiday and it reduces the worries that many children have about starting back after the long break. Feedback from parents has always been very positive and teachers also felt that they knew exactly what your child could do and were able to pitch work at the right level straight away in September.



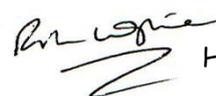
Here's what happens: Your child will say good bye to their current teacher on Friday 8th July. They will start their new class on Monday 11th July. On this day the children will come into school as normal and go to their 'old' classroom. The teacher will then take them to their next class and show them where to hang coats etc. They will then meet their new teacher and start the next year group.

Evaluation of previous transition programmes shows that:

- ✓ The children got to know staff and there were fewer children with worries over the holidays.
- ✓ Children remained focused on their learning through to the end of the summer term - they were all keen to impress their new teachers!
- ✓ The staff were able to become familiar with the children and find out exactly where they were in their learning. This meant that work for September could be planned to take the children forward right from the beginning of the new term (rather than spending several weeks recapping on work covered previously).
- ✓ The children continued to work in their current books for the last few weeks of term so staff were able to flick back and see what the children were capable of achieving and what their "best" work looked like - we want this work all the time!

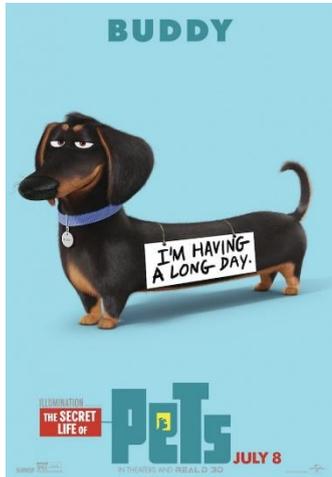
Year 6 will have a special programme of learning and transition events during these last few weeks of term.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this transition programme in more detail please do not hesitate to ask your child's current class teacher or to pop in and see me or Mrs Parkes.

 Headteacher

Well done to Class 2W!

Class 2W have won the class attendance competition for the year. They have won the most rosettes over the year; winning eight times and they are very worthy winners.



2W are off to the cinema to enjoy a special visit to watch the newly released film "The Secret Life of Pets."

We hope you enjoy a well-deserved prize trip!

After School Clubs

Our programme of after-school clubs continues to develop and this term we have had 21 clubs on offer to children. Over 200 children enjoy taking part in the clubs which are all free. All clubs run from the end of school at 3:20pm until 4:20pm.

There will be no clubs in the last week of term (week beginning Monday 18th July)



Y6 special dates!

- ✓ Y6 Performance, "Wrenna's got talent" Fri 1st July, 2pm
- ✓ Y6 Leavers' Beach Party, Monday 18th July 6pm - 7:30pm
- ✓ Leavers' Service, Thursday 21st July at 10:15am



High School Transition Week

starting Monday 4th July

This week the Y6 children visit their chosen new high school. Each High School has their own pattern of days. On days when the children are not at high school they come to Wren's Nest as normal. The children are responsible for making their own way to their high school. They will need to wear Wren's Nest school uniform.

Sports update

Y3&4 children from Wren's Nest recently played in a tennis tournament with 16 schools competing. I am delighted to report that all the children played superbly and we came third - a tremendous result! Congratulations should go to all the children who took part.



Our netball team has also been busy this year playing in the Dudley & South Staffs Netball League and in a tournament at Wallbrook Primary School. We came third in the tournament and still have two more matches to play in the league. The team has grown in confidence and expertise and Mrs Gallimore is extremely proud of them.

