

Wren's Nest Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our enrichment programme is now well established and extremely successful in enhancing the children's learning and in bringing the school curriculum to life. Despite the ongoing cuts to school budgets I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are able to continue with this programme this year.

The programme will involve:

- ✓ Each half term a trip out of school for your child.
- ✓ A programme of visitors and music / theatre performances in school.
- ✓ An enrichment day for each year group, each term in school.

The cost of this programme is clearly very expensive. Admission for activities such as the pantomime, a visit to a castle or a museum entrance usually cost between £7 and £10 per child. The coach costs are also increasingly expensive with coach hire being at least £295 for a local trip and around £500 for a day trip. However as a school we do think our children would really benefit from an enhanced programme of visits and experiences.

We use the school budget to subsidise the vast majority of the costs, however, since September 2008, school has not increased the contribution received from parents.

Unfortunately due to the continued rising costs of the venues and transport costs, school has taken the decision to increase the annual contribution to £15 per child. **If all parents to contribute £15 per child towards the cost of the trips for the whole year – this will provide approximately £6,000 towards the total cost of £35,000 that school pays.**

Without parental contributions, we would not be able to sustain the visits and enrichment programme your child receives and we value the contribution you are able to make on behalf of your child.

It would be helpful if we could collect this money as soon as possible. However I am aware that if you have several children this could prove expensive and over the last couple of years the instalment card system worked well. Mrs Pugh, our school business manager, is more than happy to set up an instalment system for you with a £5 per week payment if this would be helpful.

I would be grateful if you could complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher with the money in the attached envelope.

I am delighted to be able to share this enrichment programme with you. I think I can safely say it is the best programme in Dudley and we know your child will really enjoy and benefit from it!

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Wylie'.

Ruth Wylie - Headteacher

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I would like my child _____ Class _____ to take part in the programme of visits and enrichment activities.

I include **£15 towards** the cost of this programme.

I would like to Mrs Pugh to set up an instalment card system to help me spread the cost of the £15 per child.