



Wren Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2017



Welcome everyone to Wren Class and the start of your time at Hawkesbury Primary School. All the children seem very happy and have already settled into the class, establishing routines and making new friends. Thank you for making us very welcome during the home visits. We find this helps a smooth transition into school. It is so lovely to see excited faces looking out for us and being shown those new school shoes!

Communication

We have an area for parent notices just outside the classroom door in the corridor. Thank you for using our 'correspondence basket' with the going home arrangements board.

Letters and Sounds


We have begun to teach 'Letters and Sounds'. This is a multi-sensory approach for teaching phonics which is exciting and motivating. Initially this programme encourages the children to differentiate sounds in the environment, instrumental, rhyming sounds and alliteration. We will then introduce letters in sound groups so that simple words can be formed early into the scheme. We will explain more about our approach to teaching reading and writing at our information evening. (See below)

Reading Writing and Learning in Wren Information Evening – Wednesday 4th October 2017.

You are invited to attend a meeting with the teachers from 7pm to 8pm in Wren classroom. **Please complete the attached slip to confirm your attendance.** At this meeting we will discuss how we are going to teach writing using cursive script, reading expectations, how to access our new online learning diaries and how to use the resources we will be sending home.

PE Lessons

The children will soon be starting their PE lessons. Please can you make sure the correct PE kit is at school at all times, including daps. If possible



please could you provide a pair of navy tracksuit bottoms for colder days. Please could you label everything! We try to encourage the children to dress independently and would be grateful if this could be practiced at home.

Your child will also need a pair of wellies at school. We do have some spare ones if this is a problem.

Wren Class Workshops

Each term we will hold a workshop centred around the Specific Areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. We invite you to come into the classroom and share your child's learning diary and complete some activities together. Dates of the workshops will be:

Tuesday 21st November 2017 (1.45-2.30pm) - Mathematics

Thursday 8th February 2018 (8.45-9.30am) – Literacy

Tuesday 13th March 2018 (8.45-9.30am) – Understanding of the World

Thursday 17th May 2018 (1.45-2.30pm) – Expressive Arts and Design

We will provide you with further information before each workshop, but please be aware that younger siblings are unable to attend.

Celebration Services

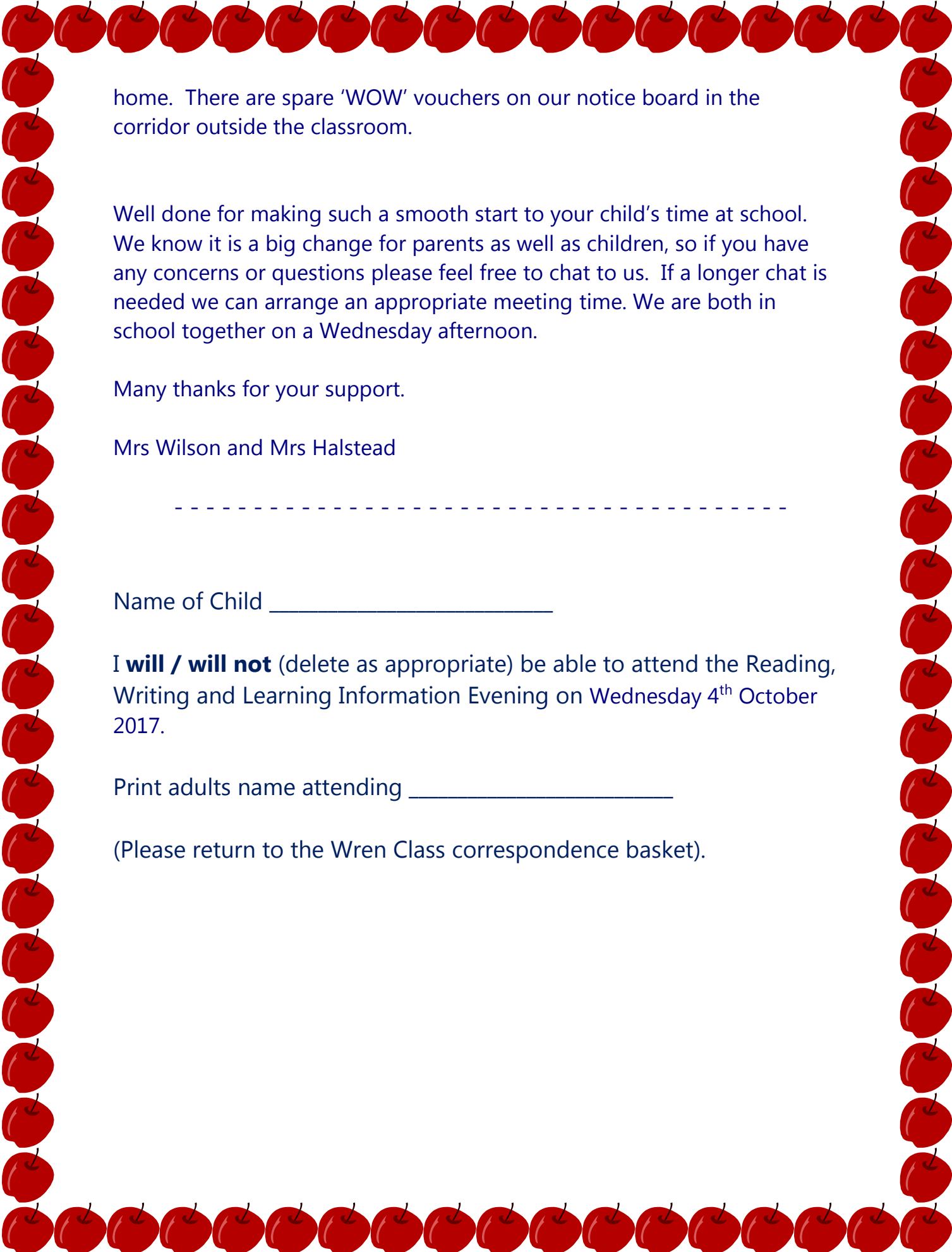
These are held every Friday at 2pm and you are welcome to attend. At these services 'Wren Class Stars of the Week' will be awarded for all kinds of achievements!

Harvest Festival

You are welcome to attend at 9.30am on Friday 13th October at St Mary's Church. Wren children will be performing a song.

Themes

The topics that we follow in class are taken from and led by the children's interests. However we also cover seasonal related themes and important celebrations. If your child is particularly interested in something please tell us so we may develop this in our learning. We have attached 'WOW' vouchers so that you can inform us about special moments or learning at



home. There are spare 'WOW' vouchers on our notice board in the corridor outside the classroom.

Well done for making such a smooth start to your child's time at school. We know it is a big change for parents as well as children, so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to chat to us. If a longer chat is needed we can arrange an appropriate meeting time. We are both in school together on a Wednesday afternoon.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Halstead

Name of Child _____

I **will / will not** (delete as appropriate) be able to attend the Reading, Writing and Learning Information Evening on Wednesday 4th October 2017.

Print adults name attending _____

(Please return to the Wren Class correspondence basket).