



## Wren Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



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**

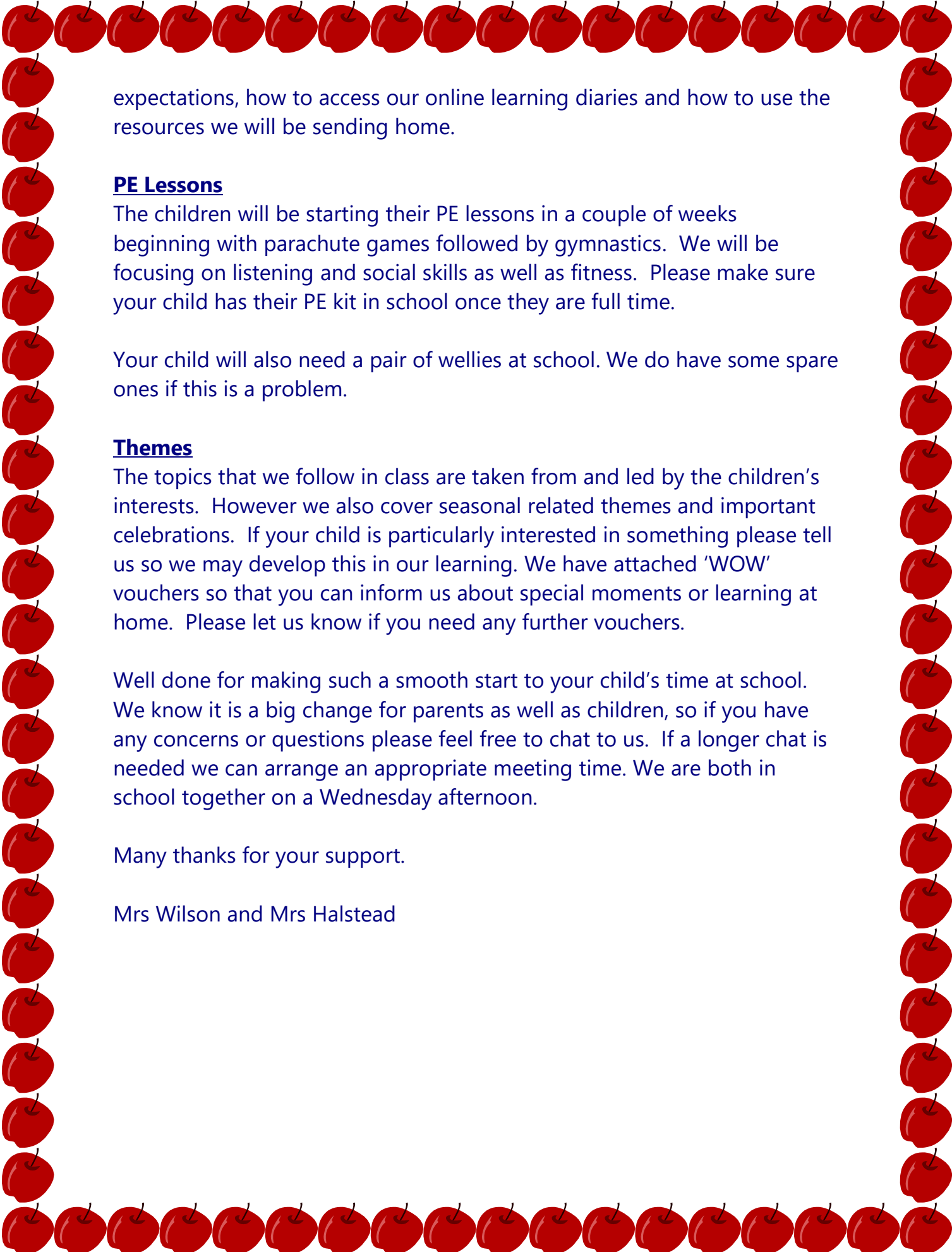
Thank you for using our 'correspondence basket' for notices and money. Please make sure all money is in a named envelope or purse. We will have a 'going home arrangements' board in the basket, if your child is being picked up by someone different please could you record this on the board.

### **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). Due to the reintroduction of COVID-19 restrictions this will now need to take place via Zoom.

### **Reading, Writing and Learning in Wren Information Evening – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.**

You are invited to attend a meeting with the teachers from 6pm to 7pm via Zoom. **Please complete the attached slip to confirm your attendance.** An invitation will be sent out in due course. At this meeting we will discuss how we are going to teach writing using cursive script, reading



expectations, how to access our online learning diaries and how to use the resources we will be sending home.

### **PE Lessons**

The children will be starting their PE lessons in a couple of weeks beginning with parachute games followed by gymnastics. We will be focusing on listening and social skills as well as fitness. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school once they are full time.

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

### **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. Please let us know if you need any further vouchers.

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 Zoom on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

Preferred email for the meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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