

Wren Class Newsletter November 2020



Welcome back to all Wren children and parents. We hope you've had a lovely relaxing half term break. We've been very excited to welcome children back to class this week and are looking forward to a fun term in school.

We wanted to keep you up to date with things in Wren Class for the coming weeks. Our routines and measures are in line with the most recent guidance, keeping in our class bubbles, washing our hands regularly throughout the day, rotating resources where appropriate and adults staying 2 meters apart. Thank you for respecting distances at drop off and pick-up, we know this can be tricky at times, particularly if a child is upset.

Communication

We will keep using our 'Wren Class Correspondence Basket' for notices and money each morning. Please make sure all money is in a named envelope or purse. Children continue to have fruit, milk and toast as they did last half term. We have a 'going home arrangements' board in the basket, if your child is being picked up by someone different please let us know so we can record this on the board and inform all adults in the class. We're aware that mornings can be a busy time to talk, but if you ever want to talk after school please do let us know. Alternatively please email us or call the school office and we can arrange a time to chat over the phone.

Curriculum

We have made a flying start to the year in Wren Class the children have become familiar and confident to use the indoor and outdoor environment; are using their learnt sounds in phonics; developed a strong understanding of number through sorting and comparing amounts in maths; and have been writing lots of secret messages to the 'Bog Babies'.

We will also continue to teach through children's interests and this term we are kicking off with the theme 'Superheroes'. We look forward to sharing children's learning on Tapestry.

We are very grateful to parents for daily support with reading and tricky word recognition, it really does make a difference to children's progress. We are group reading with children three times a week to support their reading development in class. This focuses on the three reads model of decoding, prosody and comprehension. We will continue to change home reading books twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Recognition Board and Positive Notes

In Wren Class we have a Purple Learning Bus which we use to help celebrate children's achievements. We are also recognising the children's attitude towards our school rules: **Being Ready, Being Safe** and **Being Respectful**. This is in line with our new Behaviour Project as shared by Mr Riches and Mr Bryant in previous school newsletters.

As well as this recognition board we are celebrating children who go 'above and beyond' with their behaviour by sending home **Positive Notes**. These are for children who always follow our rules without reminding, and are only sent home when we feel someone really deserves this recognition. We will also continue to celebrate children who are flourishing in our Celebration Assemblies and displaying our school values of Respect, Creativity and Perseverance.

All children love these positive incentives and they have really encouraged Wren Children to quickly learn the routines and expectations for learning and behaviour. We are very proud of them all!

Home Learning

There may be times over the next few months where individuals and classes may need to access home learning. As a staff we have thought long and hard about how best to support learning at home for different aged children and Mr Riches has outlined plans in the school newsletter.

Individual child / family isolating

- The office will send home a 'Jigsaw'. This is a document containing lots of tasks which can be completed at home with an adult. You don't have to complete them all and they may last or be repeated for many days, but choose what best suits you. Please also read and practice sounds and tricky words daily.

Class / Whole school isolating

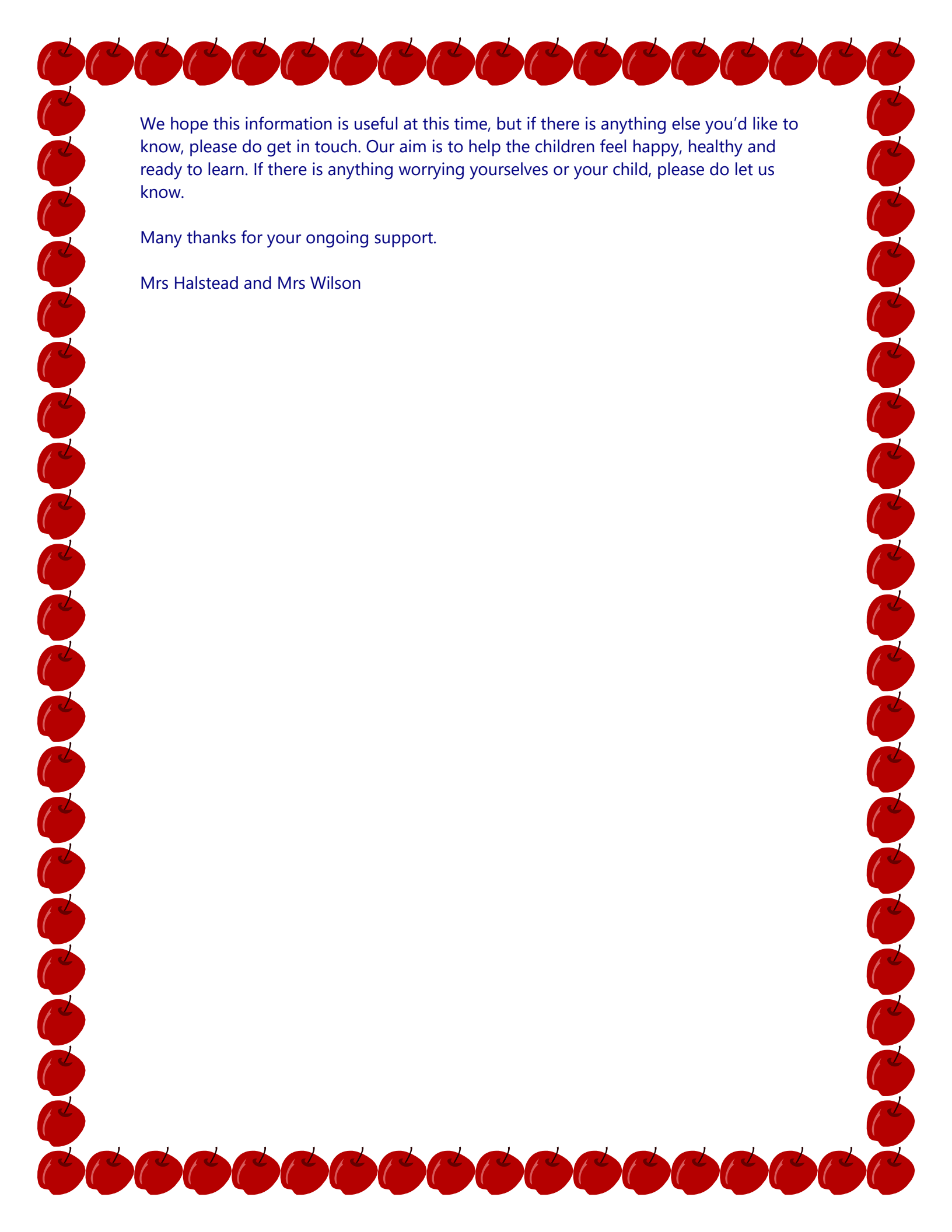
- Work will be set via email and using Tapestry. This will include a mixture of pre-recorded learning videos from us and activities to be completed with an adult. Please also read and practice sounds and tricky words daily. This allows children and families to work when best suits them.

At any point if you need help or just want to chat about learning, please do get in touch via email.

PE

We will continue to do PE on Monday afternoons and would still like children to change for this in school. Please ensure children have their PE kit in school. We will be doing PE in the hall so there is no need for the children to use their daps.

Thank you all for providing a pair of wellies for your child. We continue to use the field at playtimes and lunchtimes and also for outdoor learning. Please make sure to check for size regularly, they are stored on the welly rack just inside Wren Class gate.



We hope this information is useful at this time, but if there is anything else you'd like to know, please do get in touch. Our aim is to help the children feel happy, healthy and ready to learn. If there is anything worrying yourselves or your child, please do let us know.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs Halstead and Mrs Wilson