



## Wren Class Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

We would like to say a big welcome to Long Itchington CE Academy. I hope you all had a wonderful summer with lots of exciting events - from talking to the children it appears that they had lots of fun.

Back at school, the children are settling in nicely into Reception Class and are beginning to learn the rules and routines of school life. School can be a very scary place at first, but the children are all adapting to the change fantastically and we are enjoying getting to know all of them.

We are aware that it is also a big change for parents too, so if you do ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day.

For this first two weeks we will be focusing on settling the children in to their new environment, allowing them to explore their surroundings and interact with their peers. We will also spend some time getting used to school routines and deciding on classroom rules.

Once the children have settled, we will begin to look at our topics for this half term. They are 'Marvellous Me' and 'Autumn' which will involve children discussing special features about themselves, naming parts of the body, painting self-portraits and talking about their families and things they like to do together. Please could you send or e-mail in a photograph of your child as a baby and one of them with their family.

Our autumn topic will involve lots of welly walks where children will have the chance to explore our grounds looking for signs of autumn, discussing Harvest, and creating autumn pictures.

### **PE**

The children will have PE lessons on Friday mornings. They will need to come into school in their PE kit on these days (blue polo shirt, blue/black shorts or joggers and black/blue pumps or trainers). Please can you ensure that all uniform and PE kits are named.

### **Welly Walks**

The children will be taking part in welly walks around the school which will give the children the chance to explore our beautiful grounds. Please can you ensure that children have a named pair of wellies to leave in school for this.

### **Reading/Phonics**

In a few weeks, we will be sending children home with an appropriate reading book. At first these books will be picture books that allow children to tell a story in their own words. Please encourage your child to talk about what is happening in the pictures, how they think the character is feeling and what may happen next. These are all very important early literacy skills that will enable children to become capable and confident readers. It is extremely important for you to hear your child read every night where possible and encourage them to look at a variety of different texts. Please comment in the reading diary when you have read. We will talk about this more at our Phonics Parent information meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am.

Kind Regards, Mrs Townsend and Mrs Coleman



