

29 March 2019 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our Values Team is working hard on a song linked to our Core Value of Hope to perform at our Easter Service on 12 April. All classes are preparing artwork and words to contribute, too.

- Work continues re-modelling the Secret Garden at CE school, which is accessible to children from across the Federation. The spring bulbs we planted for our Sense of Adventure project are making all the planters look very cheery. This week we've all planted out our 'chitted' potatoes into tubs.
- Thank you for your support of our Book Launch on Thursday. We're delighted with the response to our publication and hope you enjoy reading it.

Wirksworth Wonders: *Ash:* Ethan for his super ball throwing and catching skills in PE, Melisa for great work in maths, and Isabelle for making a marvellous collage using different textures; *Beech:* Stanley for a super sketch of a watering can, Lily for fantastic sentences about Mr Percy's Greenhouse, and William for great contributions to our PSHE discussion about what makes a good friend; *Sycamore:* Logan and Obi for wonderful written explanations of what was taking place in an illustration, and Mollie for her super picture about the worship song *Morning has Broken*; *Oak:* Samantha for super independent writing, Amelia M for super labelling and drawing in her *Sense of Adventure* project book, and Cosworth for super work in phonics writing 'oo' words; *Hawthorn:* Lillie-Mae for having a super-confident 'can-do' attitude, Jimmy for amazing writing of an adventure in a magic greenhouse, and Donty for brilliant work with fractions & directions in maths.

World Autism Awareness Week

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability affecting how a person communicates with and relates to other people and how they experience the world around them. Studies estimate that more than 1.1% of the UK population may be on the autism spectrum.

Across the Federation, we use the [Derbyshire File for Autism Friendly Schools](#) alongside advice from specialist teachers to ensure that our schools are accessible and welcoming to all children.

Next week, all our classes will take part in activities designed by the National Autistic Society that consider how we are all different but all still friends.

If you want to know more, or have any concerns about your child, please contact our SENDCo, Claire Butler, or take a look at www.autism.org.uk

Coming up: (week ending 5 April)

- **Mon 1 April:** After school: Art Club
- **Tues 2:** Hawthorn class last swim session.
 - Stay and Play, toy library WI 9.30-11.30am.
 - After school: Dance club
- **Thurs 4:** Oak & Ash class trip to White Post Farm. Please be at school early with packed lunch, drinks and appropriate outdoor clothing.
 - After school: Drama and Athletics clubs
- **Fri 5:** Celebration Assemblies 9am.
- **Sun 7: Wirksworth Big Book Weekend:** 10am-4pm. Bring family and friends to visit our stall in the Memorial Hall. See the full festival programme at <http://gowirksworth.com/events/wirksworth-book-festival-2019/>
- **Fri 12:** Easter Service, St Mary's Church 2pm

EASTER FUN for the VERY YOUNG!

Mon 8 April, 9.00—10.30am

Any families with pre-school children are invited to join us in the Hall at Wirksworth Infant School for a morning of EASTER FUN. Stories, activities and crafts for young children, led by Wirksworth Pre-school Playgroup. See flier for details.

Come and see the school and play together.

Messages: You have been sent the [School Lunch menu](#) for Summer/Autumn term. Our catering staff do an amazing job producing and serving such a varied menu fresh every day. Infant school meals remain fully funded by the government, so are provided free to all our families—amazing value! If you are eligible for any income-related benefits, it is still important that you [apply for Free School Meals](#). Please ask in school.

☆ **Heritage Centre Memories Day.** Sunday 2-5pm. How much do you remember of 'Old' Wirksworth? Call 01629 825252 or pop in at the new Heritage Centre to chat. Please spread the word to your family members.

☆ **Earth Hour:** Sat 30 March. Following the activities we've been doing in class, we urge you to join the *global movement* and **GO DARK** this weekend. Switch off all your house lights and electrics for an hour from 8.30pm. See more at www.earthhour.org