

3 May 2019 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: The Core Value this term is **Courage**, and our topics are **Minibeasts** (EYFS) and

Amazing People (KS1). Teachers complete the statutory EYFS and KS1 assessments with children—you can read about these in our Assessment policy (see website). Please ask your teacher if you'd like to know more.

- Our **RHS Chatsworth planter** is coming along nicely, and our sprouting potatoes look wonderful.
- New friends—Gilbert and Gary—our **adopted guinea pigs**—have arrived! They're already big favourites.
- At the end of last term, we filled our **Recycling Tree** posters with good deeds, and planted a real miniature tree at each school to celebrate our amazing planet.

Wirksworth Wonders: Ash: Phoebe for super effort writing numbers in the correct places, Dennis for super independent writing, and Isaac for wonderful work filling in his Mini-beasts fact sheet; **Beech:** Florence for understanding and using the prefix 'un', Poppi for excellent progress in phonics and practising her letter joining, and Erin for excellent work in maths using subtraction number bonds;

Sycamore: Joss for being so enthusiastic about everything this week, Rory for always working with a smile and never giving up, and William for fantastic understanding of how a suffix can be used;

Oak: Paige and Esmay for working well together to order numbers and playing 'number snatcher';

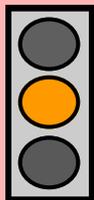
Hawthorn: Travis for amazing maths, subtracting one-digit from two-digit numbers, Daisy for really developing in confidence and improvement in her writing skills, and Sophia for the wonderful moving picture she made showing the story of Jesus in a boat moving from the storm to the calm.

Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance for the Spring term was **96.4%**, giving us an **AMBER** traffic light against our target of 96.5%.

Excellent Attender certificates were sent to children with **>96.5%** attendance. If your child will be absent for any reason, you should phone school by 9.30am—you can leave an answerphone message anytime. We will try to contact parents/carers if no message is received.

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised unless there are *exceptional* circumstances. Please complete a Leave of Absence form if you are going away so we know your child is safe.



Coming up: (week ending 10 May)

- **Mon 6:** Bank Holiday—school closed
- **Tues 7:** Beech class swim
 - **Stay and Play**, toy library 9.30-11.30am.
 - **After school:** Maypole and Debi Dance clubs
- **Weds 8:** Class Group photos will be taken
 - **After school:** Gardening Club
- **Thurs 9:** **After school:** Drama and Football
- **Fri 10:** **No** Celebration Assemblies today.

Lots happening in this very short half term. Please check the calendar on our website for details of events coming up. Thank you!

New Tuesday end of day arrangements

From Tues 7 May, we will be holding our regular 'Church Family' assembly as a whole school at Wirksworth Church of England Infant School.

This will be a lovely opportunity for us to enjoy our collective worship session together.

Parents/carers—please collect all WI children from the CE school at 3.15pm each Tuesday.

Messages: We can offer **violin lessons** in school time from September for children in Years 1 or 2. Please contact the office, or phone Davina direct on 07960 622114 to arrange or for more information.

☆ It was great to welcome Mrs Webb, head teacher at Wirksworth Junior School, to assembly this week.

☆ The **Values team** is taking a break this half term, as it's such a short one—back in Summer 2.

☆ If you haven't returned your consent for the Y1/2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, please find reminder letter in your book bag today. Return asap, please!

☆ **LAST CALL** to tell us if you are coming on the **Making Tracks Family Outing** on Sun 19 May. Please leave your name at the office, or ask for more details.

☆ All Y2s have chance to attend one of two **FREE** fantastic events in June—visit RHS Chatsworth Show on Fri 7th or the Cluster schools rounders festival at Carsington on Thurs 27th. Return your choice asap.

☆ Fancy a good rummage? It's the Bolehill and Steeple Grange **garage sale** on Mon 6 May. 9am-1pm. Stalls, refreshments and exploring to be done!