

21 June 2019 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Happy **Summer Solstice!** The longest day of the year and some sunshine on the way!

- Reception children have been looking at objects which are heavier than or lighter than each other, making themselves into human balances with a weight in each hand to feel the difference. What could you use at home to test their new skills?
- Sycamore, Beech and Hawthorn classes had a great day at the **Yorkshire Wildlife Park**—it turns out giraffes *really are tall* and lions are *amazing!* Well worth a trip.
- We postponed **Sports Day** due to the poor weather forecast—sorry for any inconvenience caused. We'll try again on Weds 3 July. Keep it free!
- Thank you to our **young violinists** for a lovely performance. Please return the enquiry form or ask at the office if your child would like to have lessons next year

Wirksworth Wonders: **Oak class:** Amelia A and Lily for making super pirates using a range of materials. They concentrated really hard at cutting, sticking, drawing and writing; **Hawthorn:** Macy for acting in a sensible and independent manner, Daisy for her great dividing skills in maths, and Niilo for super pirate writing, excellent division *and* fabulous reading! **Sycamore:** Esme and Mollie for making such a marvellous pirate's treasure map, and Grace for writing wonderful facts about Blackbeard; **Beech:** Molly for her imaginative writing about '*If I were a pirate...*', Erin for her super recount of our trip to the wildlife park, and Stanley for his super acting during RE about the *Camel who Cried*; **Ash:** Thomas for building an incredible pirate ship all by himself, Ruby for an amazing piece of writing and Ethan for great progress in his handwriting and letter formation.

Getting ready for next year

The first of this year's transition events happens on **Thurs 27th** when Y2s visit the Junior School.

Please take them straight there for 8.40am. They'll come back to their own school for lunch.

We're also looking forward to finding out a bit about our new Reception starters, and all our current classes will move up to their teacher.

Please take your R/Y1 child to their new classroom at the start of the day. See over the page for a breakdown of our class structure.

Coming up: (w/ending 28 June)

- **Mon 24:** After school: Art club
- **Tues 25:** Beech class swim
 - **Stay and Play**, toy library 9.30-11.30am
- **Weds 26:** Sense of Adventure project, Part 6
 - After School—Sewing Club
- **Thurs 27:** Moving up morning. See below...
 - Y2 Cluster rounders event at Carsington (see below). Leaving 1pm, back 3.30. Please listen out for any weather-related changes.
 - After school: DramaWirks and Cricket club
- **Fri 28:** No Celebration Assemblies today.
 - All classes working with local firm **Pitch Blue** on a Wirksworth Festival Windows project.

Cluster Schools Rounders and CoGS News

Half of our Year 2 children are going to Carsington on **Thurs 27 June** to enjoy some social time with children from other schools in the CoGs (Cluster of Gell Schools) group. The coach will leave school at 1pm and be back at the slightly later time of 3.30pm.

Sir Patrick McLoughlin, MP, joined the CoGS group meeting last week and heard school leaders talk about the local impacts of funding cuts. As a Cluster, we are looking to employ a **Family of Schools Worker** based at AGS to work with families needing Tier 1 & 2 support. This is a direct response to the loss of the Multi-Agency Team (MAT) structure, which ceases at the end of July.

Messages: Nut Free School: A child is joining us soon who has a severe nut allergy. We are developing a Health Care Plan to mitigate the risk of exposure and staff have had training on responding to an emergency situation. We are sharing this information to request that **no nut-based foodstuffs**, eg, peanut butter sandwiches or snacking nuts, are ever brought into school.

☆ Our **Maypole Planter** will be on display during Wirksworth Open Gardens on Sat 29 June at WI school. There will be activities for children, a tombola and a cake stall raising money for school. Do come along. Donations of cakes and tombola prizes will be gratefully received next week. *Thank you for your support!*

Academic Year 2019-20 School Structure



Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools

- Headteacher—Mrs J Poyser
 - ☆ Mrs Poyser is also the SENDCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Class structure at Wirksworth Infant School:

- **Hawthorn class**—Year 1 / Year 2 mixed
 - ☆ Teacher, Mrs H Marriott (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- **Oak class**—Reception
 - ☆ Teachers, Mrs S Waller (Mon-Tues) and Miss V Brooks (Weds-Fri)

Class structure at Wirksworth Church of England Infant School:

- **Sycamore class**—Year 2
 - ☆ Teacher, Mrs E Blenkinsop (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
- **Beech class**—Year 1
 - ☆ Teachers, Mrs C Birch (Mon-Weds) and Mrs F Essex (Weds—Fri)
- **Ash Class**—Reception
 - ☆ Teacher, Mrs R Emery

Please see our website or your Home School Link book for details of other school staff

Term dates and INSET days reminder:

Please do not book holidays during term time!

Term	School opens	School Closes
Autumn 1 <i>(INSET day —Tues 3 Sept)</i>	Weds 4 Sept	Fri 25 Oct
Autumn 2	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 20 Dec
Spring 1 <i>(INSET day—Mon 6 Jan)</i>	Tues 7 Jan	Fri 14 Feb
Spring 2 <i>(INSET day—Wed 18 Mar)</i>	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 3 April
Summer 1 <i>(Bank Hol—Fri 8 May)</i>	Mon 20 April	Fri 22 May
Summer 2 <i>(INSET days—20 & 22 July)</i>	Mon 1 Jun	Fri 17 July