

# 9 September 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



**Welcome back to school**—especially to our new Reception children and their families. We hope you'll find our weekly newsletters useful for keeping up to date with what's going on in our busy schools. Please also check our website for calendar dates and further details. If you have questions or queries at any time, please do ask your class teacher or phone the school office.

**This term:** Our whole school topic is *Ourselves* and *People who Help Us*. You'll receive a booklet from your class teacher detailing the curriculum areas we will cover, which we hope you'll be able to use to support your child's learning at home.

Each term we introduce a new **Core Value** through our teaching and assembly time. This term we are looking at **Forgiveness**. A family activity sheet is enclosed with this newsletter for you to try at home. More information on Core Values can be found on our website Home Page.

**Festival happenings:** On Sunday 11 September from 10am-2pm we are running **Children's Craft activities** in St Mary's Church courtyard. Come along and have a go! We'd love to see you there.

Also on Sunday, don't forget our **PTFA Table top sale** in CE playground 10-2pm. Contact the office or PTFA via **Facebook page** if you are interested in having a table. Thank you for your support.

**Harvest time:** On Thurs 29 Sept, we'll be celebrating the autumn season and will be having an after-school Produce Sale at each school. Please come along and buy! Classes will have been busy making cakes, pickles and biscuits for sale, and we would welcome donations of seasonal produce from home—maybe fruit or veg from your garden, pickles or chutneys, or cakes and bakes from your oven. Please bring them to school before 29th.

## Things to do this weekend

- ✓ Check and return your **Pupil Update Form** to confirm we have the correct personal details and emergency contacts for your child.
- ✓ Read the **Parent/Carer Permissions and School Internet Use Guidelines form**, tick, sign and return to give your permission for your child to be involved in certain school activities.
- ✓ **Home-School Agreement**—new families have a copy to sign and return, and there's a reminder copy printed overleaf for you to keep at home.
- ✓ **Money/returning forms to school**—Please use the special collection box in your classroom to return any forms, messages or money (always send cash in a sealed, named envelope)—this way it will get safely to the right person.
- ✓ Take a look at our **school website** and add it to your Favourites. Friend our PTFA on Facebook.
- ✓ **Get out** and enjoy the Wirksworth Festival!

## Next week (ending 16 Sept)

**Every day:** Please make sure your child has PE kit in school every day. Also remember we play outside in almost all weathers, so make sure your child is always prepared with a coat and jumper.

**Mon 12:** Swimming CE Year 1 (am) and Y2 (pm)

**Tues 13:** Swimming for WI Y1 (am) and Y2 (pm)

Please refer to the swimming notes for parents/carers sent home last term and make sure your child has a swim hat. No hat—no swim! Please send £1.50 per lesson to help cover costs of this valuable non-curriculum activity. Please ask your class teacher if you have any questions about swimming.

**Fri 16:** Celebration Assembly 9.10am at each school. Please join us for our weekly celebration of the great things the children have been up to. Younger children are welcome too, but please take them out of the hall if they become unsettled so that the assembly is not disturbed.

## Further ahead:

**Fri 21 Oct:** 3.30pm School closes for half term, re-opens Mon 31 Oct.

**Violin lessons:** If your Y1 or Y2 child is interested in learning the violin with our visiting music teacher, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**School lunches:** Meals are prepared fresh each day on site. Infant children's meals are currently free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, and we actively encourage our children to have a school meal. If you feel you would prefer to send a packed lunch, please write to the school office, giving at least one week's notice so the food orders can be changed. If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please ask for a form. If you are in receipt of any income-related benefits, please also ask about applying for Free School Meals, which releases extra money to the school in the form of Pupil Premium Grant.

**After school clubs:** Throughout the year we offer an varied programme of out-of-school activities for all age groups, co-ordinated by Mrs Radley. Most of these are led voluntarily by members of staff & there is a small charge to cover resources. The full programme will be sent home shortly and further details about how to book are provided towards the end of each half term. The clubs are very popular and places are necessarily limited, but we do our best to allocate them as fairly as possible.

**Uniform and PE kit:** Please make sure all items of school uniform are clearly named—especially jumpers and PE kit. They have a habit of becoming separated from their owners and are impossible to reunite without a name. PE kit should be in school every day!

**AmPm Club:** Our before and after school care club is managed by Mrs Brewell. Please ask at the office for a registration form, or phone 0771 6343455 if you'd like to use this service.



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# WIRKSWORTH FEDERATION OF INFANT SCHOOLS

## HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2016/2017



*This is your reminder copy to keep at home*

### School Vision: Inspiring Learning for All

#### The School will:

- Encourage children to do their best in everything they do
- Provide parent(s)/carer(s) with positive feedback when appropriate
- Monitor children's learning and speak to parent(s)/carer(s) if there are any issues
- Provide a safe and caring environment
- Inform parent(s)/carer(s) about children's achievement through parent(s)/carer(s) meetings and termly progress reports
- Encourage children to be responsible and to take care of others and the school environment
- Encourage regular and punctual attendance
- Encourage independent learning
- Promote participation in the local community.

#### The Family will try to:

- Make sure that children come to school regularly and arrive by 9 o'clock
- Read with their children and help with work that is sent home
- Praise children for their effort in school and encourage a positive attitude towards school
- Let us know when we do things well
- Attend parent(s)/carer(s) meetings to discuss children's progress
- Support the school in encouraging children to be responsible and well-behaved
- Come to see us when there are concerns
- Ensure that children are appropriately dressed and have a PE kit
- Ensure that children are prepared for the school day, bring the right equipment and are ready and eager to learn
- Encourage their child to be independent.

#### The Children will follow the rules:

We listen ★ We think ★ We share ★ We care