

# 16 September 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** You will already have seen your child's [Home School Link Book](#). Please look at the information and use the spaces to record times you read or practise spellings with your child. We are arranging some information sessions and leaflets to help you support learning at home, but please ask your teacher if you have any questions

**Makaton:** Staff have had some sign language training which we are beginning to use in the classrooms. Has your child picked any up yet?

**Thank you** for your support of our PTFA table top sale & craft activities over the Festival w/e.

**Scholastic Book Club** Orders from this leaflet generate good commission with which we buy new books. If you'd like to place an order, please return your form and money to school by 23 Sept.

**Wirksworth Wonders:** **Ash:** the whole class for settling into school so beautifully, **Beech:** Deacon for his fantastic efforts with letter formation, Emi for trying extremely hard in Jolly Grammar and Zachary for superb drawings to show the journey of a posted letter in our *People who Help Us* topic: **Sycamore:** Alfie E for a wonderful flow chart of what happens to a letter, Mark for magnificent reading and Matthew for working really hard in maths all week.

**At WI:** **Oak class:** Aimee for listening well at carpet time & working hard to form the letter a, Madeline for trying very hard at swimming and smiling throughout; **Hawthorn:** William for great concentrating—especially with his handwriting, Isaac for wonderful handwriting and Alfie W for working hard, concentrating and working independently on his tasks. Well done everyone!

**Returns reminder:** Please make sure you've sent back your Pupil Update form, Parental Permissions, Reception Home-School Agreement & Y1/2 flu immunisation consent form. Ask if you need a new copy.

## Every Day Counts

A top priority in school is ensuring regular and punctual attendance for every child. Any absence can have an impact on children's attainment.

We already track attendance daily and report to parents on a termly basis using a traffic light system. Our target for each child is to achieve at least 96.5% attendance. Please see the leaflet sent home today for a full explanation. This term we are introducing a weekly report to celebrate great attendance across each class for the week.

### Attendance figures for week

Thurs 8 to Thurs 15 September 2016:

At WI: Oak class: 100%, Hawthorn 99.68%

CE: Ash: 99.61%, Beech: 100%, Sycamore 98.13%

Congratulations Oak and Beech classes. A great start to the year. Keep it up!

## Next week (ending 23 Sept):

We welcome PGCE student Georgina Waine, on teaching practice with Hawthorn Class until Dec.

**Mon 19 & Tues 20:** Swimming Year 1 and Y2

**Tues 20:** Toy library is open in WI hall 9.30-11.30 every Tues. Babies, pre-schoolers and carers all welcome. Come along and join in the fun!

**Thurs 22:** Community Celebration—Y1&2 making clay figures for display in Stoney Wood from 4pm on Sun 25 Sept as this year's Festival closes.

**Fri 23:** Celebration Assembly 9.10 each school.

## Further ahead:

**Thurs 29:** Harvest sale at both schools 3.30pm. Please come along and buy! We'll be making cakes, pickles and biscuits for sale, and welcome your donations from home—garden fruit or veg, pickles or chutneys, or homemade cakes and bakes. Please bring them in to school before the 29th. Thank you

**Sat 1 Oct:** Farmers' Market stall. Come and meet our Federation Governors when we'll be unveiling our new school vision. We're having a tombola too, so if you can donate any prizes, please send them into school we can raise money for school funds.

**6 Oct:** PTFA meeting 7.45pm at the CE school. An open invitation to all new and existing parents/carers to find out how this group supports our schools. Refreshments & warm welcome promised!

**Fri 21 Oct:** 3.30pm School closes for half term.

**AmPm breakfasts:** If your child will be needing to eat their breakfast at AmPm club, they must be in at the club before 8.15am. Unfortunately children arriving later than this can not be given breakfast.

**Swimming helpers needed:** Do you have any time to spare on Monday mornings? Beech class needs a helper to walk with us after swimming. We leave the pool at about 10am and get back to school by 10.30. If you could volunteer just one or two times in the term that would be a massive help. Please speak to Mrs Birch, or leave your name at CE school office.

**Parental Protocol Reminder:** Parents/carers are NOT ALLOWED to enter pool changing rooms. Please wait **outside** the pool until a member of school staff is ready to receive the children. Only helpers with enhanced DBS clearance are permitted in the changing rooms and will assist with changing/fitting hats, etc, where necessary. Please respect this important rule. Thank you.

**Coffee jars request:** This term our Eco Council are making lanterns. They are hoping to collect lots of Douwe Egbert style glass coffee jars. If you can provide any, please leave at either school office.

**Petition signing:** Mrs Derbyshire has asked us to highlight a petition demanding a public review into the decision to close the Children's Heart Surgery Unit at Glenfield Hospt, Leicester. Petitions are available to sign in Ken's, at the swimming pool and both chemists, and our school offices.



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