

23 September 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Oak & Ash classes have been on a lovely walk this morning, searching for shapes in the world around us. Y1 & 2 have been looking at subtraction, and learning about Florence Nightingale, linked to our People who Help Us topic work.

Community Celebration: Thanks to Pat McCabe, working with Wirksworth Festival, who had all our Y2s making clay models to be part of the end of Festival event in Stoney Wood on Sunday. Please see the flier sent home today with all the details about the afternoon's programme.

Thank you from the whole community to Sonny, Finley, Anya, Oliver, Ava, Arthur D and their parents who collected six huge bags of rubbish from off Fanny Shaw's playing field this week in a spontaneous litter pick. What a great example they're setting. We've talked in assemblies this week about not dropping litter and looking after our environment—please help to reinforce this message at home.

Students in school: Four PGCE students from Derby University are working with us this term. They are all wearing ID badges, but please ask if you'd like to know more about what they're doing.

Wirksworth Wonders: *Ash:* Grace for super colouring in, Polly for all-round good work and William for his amazing Lego models; *Beech:* Maisie for super subtracting 1-digit numbers and Finley and Ruby for excellent recording of subtraction number sentences; *Sycamore:* Lotta for wonderful ordering of the life of Florence Nightingale, Theo for brilliant subtraction work and Orla for her imaginative clay figure made for the Wirksworth Festival celebration event.

At WI: *Oak class:* Bethan for listening well during carpet time, and super PE work too, and Red for lots of lovely mark making and learning to write R for Red; *Hawthorn:* Amy V for her confident subtraction from numbers up to 99, James for outstanding maths work using subtraction and mental maths, and Emily for her great understanding of how nursing has changed since Florence Nightingale's time. Well done.

Harvest Sale—Thurs 29 Sept 3.15pm

Supporting our work on the seasons and change throughout the year, next week we are thinking about harvest time and the arrival of autumn. Each class will be using our school cooking areas to produce cakes and bakes for sale on Thursday. Please support the children by coming along and buying something to take home. The stalls will be open from 3.15pm in each school playground.

We really need your donations too—please bring in any home bakes or produce that we can put on our stalls. Many thanks for your help.

Next week (ending 30 Sept):

Mon 26 & Tues 27: Swimming Year 1 and Y2

Tues 27: Toy library open at WI hall 9.30–11.30 See their lovely website at derbyshiretoylibraries.org for more information and contact details.

Thurs 29: The children will be going on a *whole school walk* in the morning—please make sure your child has strong shoes or wellies and a coat so they are prepared for whatever the weather brings.

• **Harvest sale** at both schools from 3.15pm. Please come along and buy! See the box below and send in any donations you can to help.

Fri 30: Celebration Assembly 9.10 each school.

Further ahead:

Sat 1 Oct: **Farmers' Market stall** outside the Memorial Hall from 9am. Come along and meet our Federation Governors when we'll be unveiling our new school vision. There will be activities for children to have a go and a tombola stall as well, but we desperately need donations of children's and adults prizes for this. Please send anything you can suitable you can spare into school next week.

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

AmPm club reminders: Our before school service begins at 7.45am. Children cannot be admitted to school before this time. Breakfasts will be available for children arriving before 8.15am. If you have booked a place but then find you do not need it, you must give 24 hours notice to cancel or you will still be charged, as sometimes we have to turn away parents in need of a place. If you wish to register to use the club, please contact Mrs Brewell on 0771 6343455.

Feet check: Unfortunately, at each school this week, dog dirt has been brought into the building on shoes and buggy wheels. We are all aware of just how unpleasant this is. Please help by checking your child's shoes before you enter the building and removing any mess before it becomes everyone else's problem too. You can report offending piles online at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/roads/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-fouling> Or phone 01629 761215. Thank you.

Bingo: Get your tickets for the annual Wirksworth Swimming Pool Bingo Night, Fri 14 Oct at the Red Lion. Quiz & snacks included, pre-order interval pizzas from the bar. Eyes down 7.30pm.

Every Day Counts: Attendance this week: Oak—98.21%, Hawthorn—98.46%, Ash—98.86%, Beech—98.81%, Sycamore—96.67%. Congratulations to ASH class—this week's Top Attenders.

Job opportunities: Catering are looking for relief staff to work at local primary schools over lunchtime. Contact the Ripley area office on 01629 533891. Middleton Primary are offering a maternity cover post of 11.75 hours per week temporary to Oct 2017, Please contact Sue Weston for more details on 0776

0124859, quoting ref DCC 16/1520.

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