

30 September 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We had a super sunny harvest walk through Stoney Wood on Thursday. Hidden in the trees were illustrations of our class tree-names and we could see where all the different species are growing together. Mrs Poyser led an open air assembly at the StarDisc where we had a drink and snack looking at the marvellous views. Everyone was given a harvest/autumn activity sheet to take home, which we hope you'll enjoy. We've talked about harvest crops and experimented with printing using halved apples.

Harvest Sale: Children were busy making yummy things to sell, practising weighing, cutting and measuring and finding wonderful words to describe what mixtures and ingredients feel and taste like. Thank you to all who donated from home or bought at the sale, and especially to PTFA members Emily, Kelly and Julie for co-ordinating refreshments. We made nearly £160!

Sat 1 Oct: Don't forget! **Farmers' Market** outside the Memorial Hall from 9am. Come and meet our Federation Governors, have a go at children's activities and maybe win a prize on the tombola. Thank you again to everyone who has donated.

Wirksworth Wonders: **Ash:** Jobe for keeping a steady beat going while reading the apple poem, Sylvie for learning the poem by herself and showing such interest, and Scarlett for always being busy in the classroom and finding lots of independent things to do; **Beech:** George for excellent spelling in birthday assembly, Ferren for reading 'I can trick a Tiger' so beautifully and Edward for his super peg doll and knowledge of Mary Seacole; **Sycamore:** Eloise for fantastic and accurate measuring with a ruler, Polly for wonderful writing about Mary Seacole and Joshua for showing such dedication with his reading.

At WI: **Oak:** Jimmy, who joined our class this week and has settled in very quickly, and Kai who got changed for PE in a flash without any help;

Hawthorn: Erin for always trying her best in all subjects, Tyler for some really amazing writing and concentrating very well, and Ben for super confident measuring using a ruler. Well done.

Next week (ending 7 October):

Mon 3 & Tues 4: Swimming Year 1 and Y2

Tues 4: Toy library open at WI hall 9.30-11.30.

Thurs 6: The PTFA meeting planned for today is postponed due to clashes with other meetings. New date is Tues 18 Oct 7.45pm at CE school, after parents evening. Please come along.

Fri 7: No Celebration Assembly today—as it's our first **Community Wonder** assembly with new PCSO Chloe Burrell. Remember to send your child's Community Wonder Award booklet back to school. The focus this time is **Road Safety**. Please help your child to think what they know about being safe near roads and to draw a picture in their booklet with a few words explaining their ideas.

Further ahead:

Tues 11: Starlight collection. Please help raise money for this charity which grants wishes for seriously & terminally ill children by filling the bags sent home today with clothes and textiles. Have a weekend sort out and send your bags back to either school asap. See also starlight.org.uk

Thurs 13: Race for Life event at AGS, 4pm. Help beat cancer by running or donating to this event. All entries welcome. More information coming soon... but put the date in your diary now.

Tues 18 & Weds 18: 3.40-6.30pm Parents evenings at each school. Full details and a booking form will be sent home next Friday for you to choose your preferred time to meet your teacher.

Tues 18: 7.45pm PTFA meeting at CE school

Mon 24-Fri 28 School closed for half term.

Mon 31: Y1/2 Flu immunisations. If you haven't returned a consent form, please do so. Your child will not be given a vaccine without your consent.

Fri 4 Nov: Sponsored Circuits! We'll all be taking part in a sporty event to raise money towards our PE provision. Mrs Marriott, our PE co-ordinator, will be sending sponsor forms home shortly.

Weds 16: Open Morning 9.30-11.30am Both schools will be ready and waiting to show round any parents/carers and children getting ready to start school Sept 2017. Please spread the word.

Every Day Counts: Attendance 23-29 Sept 2016: Oak—97.65%, Hawthorn—100%, Ash—97.56%, Beech—94.29%, Sycamore—97.18%. Well done **HAWTHORN class**—this week's Top Attenders!

Bingo night reminder: 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. Tickets £5 from 825704.

Wirksworth Pre-school Playgroup hope to start a Breakfast Club and Early Drop-off provision from next term. If you are the parent/carer of pre-school aged children, please help Playgroup gauge interest in this proposal by filling in their quick survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLPYVHP> Thank you.

Eco Council

Each term, Year 2 children from each school are asked to be members of our Federation's Eco Council. They take part in projects through the term organised voluntarily by Nicky Crompton, one of our school governors, on environmental themes. We are indebted to Ms Crompton for all the time and energy she puts into these sessions.

This term's Eco Councillors are Isaac, Emily, Alyssa, Henry, Haydn, Arthur, Jamie, Orla, Harriet, Florence, Caitlin and Alfie.

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