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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Continuing our *People who help us* topic, Reception classes were talking about who helps us at home. Apparently mummies & daddies need a big thank you for all the cleaning of bedrooms and washing of clothes! We've made videos on our tablets and uploaded them into children's individual Learning Journeys, as well as doing lots of collages and paintings. Would you recognise yourself?! Children are also making great progress in maths using Numicon—a super system of encouraging early understanding of number work.

Y1&2 have been researching and writing reports about Grace Darling, daughter of the Longstone lighthouse keeper, who famously helped rescue passengers from the stricken ship *Forfarshire*, wrecked on the Farne Islands on the Northumberland coast during a terrible storm in 1838.

In RE we've been talking about how naming ceremonies differ in different religions and faiths, and in maths we've been looking at symmetry.

Please remember to keep reading with your child as often as possible—use your home school link book to record when you do, share any great reading or tricky words you come across. Y1&2 should be practising their weekly spellings linked to the phonics we do in class, & completing their maths sheets, again linked to our class work.

With your support at home reinforcing learning in school, understanding and progress can really take off. Please ask your class teacher if you have any questions about supporting your child.

Wirksworth Community Wonders: PCSO Chloe Burrell made her first visit to our schools to award stickers to children who have completed the Road Safety section of their Wirksworth Community Wonder Award. We were very pleased to meet Chloe & look forward to her next visit on Fri 2 Dec, when the topic is *Friends*.

Individual photos day

We have booked Wrates photographers to take the children's portrait photos on Wednesday 12 October. All photos will be taken at CE school during the morning, coordinated by school staff.

Neat and tidy hair and best smiles, please!

If you have more than one child at our infant schools, there will be opportunity for them to have a picture together.

If you have a child at the juniors or AGS, you can bring them in to CE for a picture together before school starts. Please phone and make an appointment with Mrs Radley on 01629 822453 if you'd like to take advantage of this offer.

Picture proofs will be available before half term for you to order in time for Christmas.

Next week (ending 14 October):

Mon 10 & Tues 11: Swimming Year 1 and Y2

Tues 11: Toy library at WI hall 9.30-11.30.

• **Starlight bag collection day.** Remember to sort out your unwanted clothes and textiles. Send in to school to raise money for school and charity.

Weds 12: Individual and siblings photographs—please see red box below for the arrangements.

Thurs 13: *Race for Life* at AGS, 4pm. Help beat cancer by running or donating to this event. Thanks to those who have already booked a place by returning their form last week. All entries very welcome. Please ask at the office for details.

Fri 14: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10. Please come along and join us as we celebrate this week's goings-on.

Further ahead: (further details will follow)

17-21 Oct: Travel Smart week. Think about reducing your impact on the environment by finding alternative ways to travel. Look out for your travel log sheet next week

17-21 Oct: Christmas card artwork week. Each year, children have chance to design their own Christmas cards which you can order. Full details will be sent with your child's design on 21 Oct.

Tues 18 & Weds 18: Parents' evenings 3.40-6.30pm at each school. Please find an information leaflet and full details with this newsletter. Return your booking form by Tues 11 Oct.

Tues 18: 7.45pm PTFA meeting at CE school. All parents, teachers and friends very welcome. Please see flier sent home today

Mon 24-Fri 28 School closed for half term.

Mon 31: Y1/2 Flu immunisations.

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.

Fri 11: Children in Need day

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.

Fri 16 Dec: Christmas services 10am and 2pm

Tues 20: 3.30pm School closes for Christmas

Tues 3 Jan: Inset day, school closed to pupils

Weds 4: New term begins.

Every Day Counts: Attendance 30 Sept—6 Oct: Oak—97.78%, Hawthorn—98.25%, Ash—97.25%, Beech—97.50%, Sycamore—100.00%. Well done **SYCAMORE class**—this week's Top Attenders!

Spare clothes: We're short of girls' pants, socks and girls' trousers to use as spares. If you have any outgrown sets at home, please send them in.

Thank you.

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