

14 October 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Oak and Ash classes certainly picked a gorgeous morning for a walk up the lanes towards Bolehill, hunting for signs of autumn. They found conkers, fungi, berries, pine cones and lots of different coloured leaves. What can you spot on your journeys out and about?

- Y1 and 2 have been investigating the RNLI in our *People who Help Us* topic, and doing lots of work with coins and money. Why not get out a pocketful of loose change and practice together making different value combinations?
 - The children enjoyed having their pictures taken by the visiting photographer. Proof copies will be available shortly for you to place orders.
 - Well done children, staff & parents/carers who did the Race for Life event at AGS. There was a tremendous turnout of nearly 180 runners—great to see lots of familiar faces there too. Please send any sponsorship money to us at school, to Mrs Mitchell at AGS, or pay via the JustGiving page, including your child's name, at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AGS-raceforlife>
- Wirksworth Wonders: at WI:** Oak: Sophia for making a super picture of Mrs Knighton, who helps us by preparing our school lunches, Freddie for his lovely picture of our caretaker Mr Fletcher, and Layla for super writing about people who help us in school; Hawthorn: Charlie and Arthur for great maths adding coins to make different amounts and Henry for great writing using commas in lists & sequencing an RNLI rescue.

At CE: Ash: Keira and Grace for being totally engaged singing the Lollipop Lady song and Ted for wonderful learning of phonics key sounds; Beech: Jem for super sentences about Billy Duck, Anya for remembering capital letters and full stops in her sentences and Livvy for super maths work about money. Sycamore: Matthew and Florence for their wonderful independent writing this week, Autumn for working hard and adding coins in combinations of £1s and 10ps.

Letter from the Queen

We're honoured to have received a letter and card from Buckingham Palace this week. You'll remember in June we held a big picnic and activity day at St Mary's church with friends from other schools to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday. You can see the wall hangings we made together on display in each of our schools. We made a huge birthday card and sent it to Buckingham Palace with a letter explaining how we had celebrated. A copy of the Queen's note is reproduced over the page for you to read.

Next week (ending 21 October):

- 17-21 Oct:** Join the *Travel Smart Safari* and find active & healthy ways of travelling to school.
 - Mon 17 & Tues 18:** Swimming Year 1 and Y2
 - Tues 18:** Toy library at WI hall 9.30-11.30.
 - Tues 18 & Weds 18: Parents' evenings** 3.40-6.30pm at each school. If you haven't yet booked your meeting time, see your teacher on Monday.
 - Tues 18:** 7.45pm PTFA meeting at CE school. All parents, teachers and friends very welcome.
 - Fri 21:** Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10. Please join us as we celebrate this week's events.
 - Details of how to order your child's Christmas card design will be sent home today.
- Further ahead:** (further details will follow)
- Mon 24-Fri 28** School closed for half term.
 - Mon 31:** Y1/2 Flu immunisations at both schools.
 - Fri 4 Nov:** Sponsored Circuits! We'll all be taking part in a sporty event to raise money towards new outdoor play equipment. See separate letter from Mrs Marriott and sponsor form sent home today.
 - 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. **Weds 4:** Term starts.

Every Day Counts: Attendance Thurs 7-13 Oct: Oak—93.89%, Hawthorn—96.92%, Ash—96.18%, Beech—99.64%, Sycamore—97.78%. Well done **BEECH class**—this week's Top Attenders!

Glass jars: Eco Council need large jars for this term's project—big coffee jars are idea. Please send them in to either school office. Thank you.

Relief Midday Supervisors: We're short of people to help occasionally at lunchtimes covering staff absence. Please speak to Cath or Clare in the office if you are free & would like to be on the list.

New meals menu: The autumn/winter school meals menu has been sent home today. Anne-Marie, our Catering Supervisor, prepares all the meals fresh daily in our kitchen at WI and will be able to help with any questions you might have.

- If you receive income related benefits, please apply for Free School Meals (FSM)—even though meals are free to you for infant children, eligibility for FSM releases valuable Pupil Premium Funding to the school. Please ask at the office or by email to checking@derbyshire.gov.uk.

• Catering are looking for relief staff across the region. Call 01629 536704 for details.

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To: The Children of Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the letter, photographs, lovely cards and booklet of artwork and memories of Wirksworth Infant Schools featuring the picture of the beautiful well dressing which you have sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetyeth birthday.

The Queen was interested to know of the picnic lunch you held to mark her special day and Her Majesty hopes you all had an enjoyable afternoon.

I feel sure you will understand that, because of the enormous number of letters, cards and messages The Queen has received in the last few months, it has not been possible to reply to you until now and I am to thank you, once again, for your thought for Her Majesty at this time.

Susan Hussey

Lady-in-Waiting

6th October 2016



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*I send you my grateful thanks
for the kind words you have
sent to me on the occasion of
my ninetyeth birthday*

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