

4 November 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our whole school topic this term is Fire and Ice. We'll be looking at the Great Fire of London, but have begun this week with Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. Children have made some super glittery firework pictures!

Oak & Ash classes had a wonderful afternoon at the fire station. Huge thanks to Steve Eaton for making it such an exciting visit for the children—they sat in the engine and tried on the uniforms and held the hoses, as well as talking about staying safe on bonfire night. A great experience.

- Year 1s have been working on number sentences in maths and are getting very good at balancing both sides of the equals sign.
- In RE we've been talking about Celebrations—what, why, where, when and how we celebrate different events during the year.
- Today has been our **Sponsored Sports** event. Children have had a lot of fun completing the circuits set up in the hall and working together. Take a look at the pictures! Many thanks to Mrs Marriott for organising the day's activities. Please collect any sponsor money you can, and return it to school by next Friday. We're aiming to invest in our outdoor sports equipment.
- This term's **Core Value** is Humility—we have been talking about what this means in our assemblies. Please take a look at the family activity sheet enclosed.
- **Photographs**—you have received the proof copy of your child's picture this week. You can place your orders online or through school. Please return any money and forms by Friday 11 Nov.

APFS Christmas card ordering

Deadline for orders TUES 8 November

You will be aware that the company we have used successfully for many years changed its ordering system to be completely online and parent-led. Unfortunately, this hasn't been straightforward!

Yesterday APFS gave us notice that they were abandoning the troublesome online ordering and going back to their old method of placing orders and payments through schools. We have been assured order deadlines will still be met. Please see the letter over the page from the CEO of APFS.

Today you have been sent a **new order form**. Please now attach this to the back of your child's artwork (sent home earlier this week) alongside the existing form. Fill in BOTH FORMS with what you want to order, and return the payment to school with your artwork. Make cheques payable to Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools. We're sorry for the inconvenience caused.

Next week (ending 11 November):

Mon 7 & Tues 8: Y1 & Y2 swimming. Payment reminders are on their way—please pay promptly. Send any money to school in a sealed named envelope, and put it in the box in your classroom.

Tues 8: Whole school 'Values' assembly led by children visiting from South Darley School

• Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30. Stay and play with your child—refreshments available.

Weds 9: Violin lessons which are usually at CE today will be on Friday this week (one week only)

• **After school:** Drama and Basketball clubs

Thurs 10: British Legion representatives visit to lead a Remembrance Day assembly. If you'd like to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal, there is a collecting tin in each school entrance. Thank you.

• **After school:** Christmas Art clubs begin.

Fri 11: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10

Further ahead: (*further details will follow*)

Weds 16: Open Morning 9.30-11.30am. Both schools open to welcome parents/carers and children getting ready to start school Sept 2017.

Fri 18: Children in Need day

Fri 18: PTFA meeting 2pm WI at school.

2 Dec: PCSO Chloe Community Wonder assembly

Fri 16 Dec: Christmas services 10am and 2pm

Tues 20: 3.30pm School closes for Christmas

Every Day Counts: Attendance Fri 21 Oct—Thurs 3 Nov: Oak—**92.90%**, Hawthorn—**96.54%**, Ash—**87.50%**, Beech—**93.19%**, Sycamore—**97.78%**. Well done **Sycamore class**—this week's Top Attenders!

• Attendance is notably lower this week than during all of last term. Please do your best to get your child to school on time every day.

Bump notes: Children often have bumps and scrapes as part of their daily lives. In school we record incidents which children report or which are witnessed by staff on an accident slip and attach it in your home-school link book. That way you see it when your child gets home. We don't write up every grazed finger, but do endeavour to let you know about a bumped head, cut lip, badly grazed elbow or knee, and also anything not immediately visible, such as bruising under clothes or bangs to the mouth. If the accident is more than minor, staff will make every attempt to contact you straight away. Please let us know if something happens at home that might affect your child's well-being in school.

Midday Supervisor: The closing date is 6 Nov for the vacancy for a midday supervisor at CE school. Details and job description are on the DCC website.

Flu vaccinations were administered to Y1&Y2 children this week. If you didn't have a slip from the nurses in your child's book bag to say your child received the vaccine but you would like them to be immunised, please make an appointment at Hannage Brook medical centre. Thank you.



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very sorry to have to inform you that we have replaced our online shop with the traditional paper ordering system. This is due to the inability of the shop to cope with the volume of orders generated.

Alongside this letter will be a paper order form which you can use to place your order with APFS. If you have already placed an order online then it is safe and will be processed with your school's other orders. This will ensure that all orders are sent back to your school at the same time.

- ◇ Please fill in the online order form which is already attached to the back of your child's artwork
- ◇ Please also fill in the new paper order form (sent out alongside this letter) and attach it on one edge, over the original online order form (we need to be able to scan both)
- ◇ Send the artwork back to school with payment, by Tuesday 8 November – make cheques payable to Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools

I do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this causes you and hope that it won't affect your child's pleasure when they receive their items.

Dan Dickey
CEO, Art Projects for Schools

Christmas Colouring Competition



The Wirksworth Branch of Leek United have asked us to promote their colouring competition which is running across all their branches throughout Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The winner will have their design enlarged and made into a poster for display at all 12 Leek United branches and also on their website. The winner will receive a framed copy of their artwork and the school the child attends will receive £100 towards purchasing art materials.

The competition is open to children between 4 and 9 years of age. Entries must have a Christmas theme and be A4 landscape in size. Entries should be returned to your child's school.

The closing date is Friday 18 November and the winner will be announced by Leek United Head Office on 22 November. The winning posters will be on display from 12 December.

Further details from Leanne at the branch on Wirksworth Market Place.