

11 November 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Thank you all for your support of our sponsored circuits event. The totaliser has peaked at **£600 raised**, which is wonderful news and will enable us to update our tired outdoor sports equipment. Grateful thanks again.

Year 2s joined the Service of Remembrance in the Memorial Gardens at 11am on Friday for the two minutes' silence and laid a wreath.

Our After School clubs have got off to a great and creative start. Thank you for your support

Wirksworth Wonders: **At CE:** Ash: Ethan for his fabulous efforts junk modelling a rocket, Sonny Wa for brilliant number work and Amelia for great initial sounding out and spelling words; **Beech:** George and Natasha for their excellent efforts in PE and Sam for his super writing in English; **Sycamore:** Harriet for her wonderful attitude towards her learning at all times, Ellie for outstanding maths using clocks to tell quarter to and quarter past the hour and Caitlin for finding her voice and reading a story to the class.

At WI: **Oak:** Sophie for her amazing writing, Leo for working hard in PE and listening carefully to instructions and Liam for his excellent poppy pictures; **Hawthorn:** Rose for great work on plurals and super spellings, Shannon for demonstrating amazing muscle control in our physical literacy session and Thomas for amazing maths work on clock times. Well done everyone!

Next week (ending 18 November):

Mon 14 & Tues 15: Y1 & Y2 swimming.

Tues 15: CE Ash class visit Wirksworth library

• Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30. Stay and play!

Weds 16: Open Morning 9.30-11.30am. Both schools open to welcome parents/carers and children getting ready to start school Sept 2017. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a pre-school child. The more visitors the merrier!

• After school: Drama and Basketball clubs

Thurs 17: Friendship day, led by Mrs Waller

• After school: Christmas Art clubs

Fri 18: No Celebration Assembly this week

☆ **CHILDREN IN NEED DAY**—see below...

• Deadline to enter the Leek Building Society comp

• PTFA meeting 2pm at WI school. All welcome

Further ahead: (further details will follow)

2 Dec: PCSO Chloe Community Wonder assembly

Fri 2: Christmas Tree Lights switch on. Join us CE school garden for our Federation pre-Christmas celebration at 2.15pm. Songs and poems too.

Tues 13: PTFA disco Town Hall after school. Information about tickets coming soon.

Fri 16 Dec: Christmas services 10am and 2pm

Sat 17: Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's

Tues 20: 3.30pm School closes for Christmas

Special Assemblies

This week we've enjoyed the company of some very welcome visitors

On Tuesday, four Year 5 children from **South Darley CE Primary School's Values Team** made a presentation to the whole Federation about our core value this term: Humility. Their assembly encouraged us to think about helping each other, that nothing is 'someone else's' job', and we can all make a difference by working together. We are very grateful to them for coming to visit and for teaching us a lovely song and prayer.

On Thursday, we were joined by four members of the **Wirksworth British Legion** to think about Remembrance Day. The veteran servicemen were turned out extremely smartly with their many medals shining on display. The children listened with great concentration and respect. Again, we are extremely grateful to the British Legion for spending some time in our schools.

We love having visitors in school and meeting new people, who help both to broaden the children's knowledge and understanding of the world around us and extend their speaking and listening skills. Your suggestions for future visits are welcome.

Every Day Counts: Attendance Fri 4—Thurs 10 Nov: Oak—**97.81%**, Hawthorn—**97.69%**, Ash—**96.58%** Beech—**94.29%**, Sycamore—**98.89%**. Well done again **Sycamore**—this week's Top Attenders!

Children in Need: On Friday, we're having a non-uniform day, so dress up or dress down, however the fancy takes you. Please send a donation if you wish, plus any spare change to help us cover Pudsey with coins. We'll be making Pudsey crafts throughout the day, so join us for a **sale at 3.30pm** at each school

Library help needed: At WI school, Mrs Hanant does a brilliant job volunteering each week to help children access our school libraries and learn about borrowing books, encouraging a widening of their reading and interest base. Our CE library helper has moved on to the juniors, and we would really love a replacement. If you have a few hours spare once or twice a week, please come and see your class teacher or ask at the office and someone will be in touch with you. Remember, you are always able to borrow books from our libraries at a time that suits you before or after school. Help yourself!

Flu vaccinations: Contrary to information provided last week, Hannage Brook medical centre cannot provide child flu vaccines. If you would like to arrange for your child to be immunised, please contact the immunisation team on 01283 707170. Clinics are being held in Ashbourne on 24 Nov and Belper on 29 Nov. Apologies for any confusion caused.



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