

25 November 2016 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Years 1 & 2 have been experimenting with ice this week, observing and measuring to see how quickly it melts into water.

Our **Eco Council** led two fantastic assemblies about **Switch Off Fortnight** and the important part we can each play in conserving energy. It was WI Year 1&2s turn to visit **Wirksworth library**. These super sessions are great for giving the children real world experiences, encouraging wider reading and introducing the concept of borrowing. We are very grateful to the library staff for making us so welcome and hope you'll take your child in your own time, too.

You will receive a note today to let you know if your child will need a simple costume item for our **Christmas Services**. Please don't go to any great trouble or expense to provide this—ask your teacher if you're stuck for ideas. Tickets for the services will be sent home next week—please note these are strictly limited to two per family.

Wirksworth Wonders: at WI: Oak: Kitten for super sounding out when writing about Jack and the Beanstalk, Evie-Mae for great writing linked to Jack's story, and Rohan for fantastic number work identifying 'one more than...'; Hawthorn: Alicia for amazing confidence in maths—times tables and fractions, Taylor W for really good focusing in RE listening to the story of Rana and Sita, and Erin for her wonderful letter based on the story 'The Rabbit who Stole the Fire'.

At CE: Ash: Toby for his super sentence writing independently, Astrid for fantastic sentence writing about Jack and the Beanstalk, Ryley for great sounding out and writing in phonics;

Beech: Joe and Maisie for super writing based on 'The Rabbit who Stole the Fire', Hollie for her lovely message about how to be a good friend;

Sycamore: Jasmine for thoughtful ideas during our drama sessions, Eloise for acting as a super rabbit during drama and Joshua for a great effort making a headdress in our D&T session.

Christmas Tree lights

2.15pm Friday 2 Dec, WCE garden

Next week we start our Christmas preparations in earnest! We'd love you to join us for the switching on of our Christmas tree lights.

Each class has a tree, but before they go up in the classrooms, we gather all five together in the CE garden and have a lighting celebration.

Children are making decorations, and practising their singing and poems, and we have one or two special guests coming along. Please do come too and help make a special atmosphere.

Thank you for your support.

Next week (ending 2 Dec):

Mon 28 & Tues 29: Y1 & Y2 swimming.

Tues 29: Toy library WI 9.30-11.30. Stay & play with your baby or pre-school child. All welcome.

• WI Reception children visit Wirksworth library

Weds 30: After school: Drama and Basketball

Thurs 1 Dec: After school: Christmas Art clubs

Fri 2: PCSO Chloe Community Wonder assembly (note: **No Celebration Assembly** today). This time, PCSO Chloe will be awarding stickers to children who have completed the **Friends** section of their Award booklet. Please help your child to describe and draw a picture of a time when they have helped or been kind to someone else, or maybe have taken part in a charity project. Return your Award booklet to school next week. Thank you.

Fri 2, afternoon: Join us in CE school garden for our Federation pre-Christmas celebration at 2.15pm. Switching on tree lights, songs and poems.

Further ahead: (further details will follow)

Fri 9: School trip to watch **The Snowman**.

Please see consent letter sent home last week

Tues 13: PTFA disco at the Town Hall from 3.45-5pm—please see flier sent home today.

Tickets £5. Please send money to the school office by 9 Dec. Children who wish to attend will be taken to the town hall by school staff after school.

Fri 16: Federation Christmas service 10am&2pm

Sat 17: Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's church. We have a 'spot' booked to sing some Christmas songs in church from 10.30 to 10.50am. If your child would like to join in, please let the school office know. Thank you for your support.

Tues 20: 3.30pm School closes for Christmas

Every Day Counts: Class attendance for Fri 11—Thurs 17 Nov: Oak—**92.93%**, Hawthorn—**97.31%**, Ash—**96.91%** Beech—**96.73%**, Sycamore—**95.37%**. Well done **Hawthorn**—this week's Top Attenders!

Midday Supervisors: We're pleased to let you know that Amy Haynes and Sally Gratton will be joining our regular midday team at CE school, working three and two days respectively. Each already knows the children well, as they've been covering for absence in recent months, so it's nice to be able to formally welcome them as staff.

The Snowman trip: Please remember to return your consent and payment as soon as possible for your child to go on this Christmas outing to the Arc.

This weekend... Take a look at your new copy of **Community Fayre for Christmas** activities in town.

Sat 26: Wirksworth Playgroup's Christmas Fair Memorial Hall 10-12noon. Come along & meet Santa!

Sun 27: Traders' Christmas market & shopping in Wirksworth 10-4pm. Keep it local this Christmas.



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