

# 20 January 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** Reception classes have been outside doing some birdwatching as they think about our Up and Away topic, whilst Y1 & 2 have been discovering facts about flying machines.

Mrs Poyser has sent home a page today for a project supporting work on our Core Value of **Peace**. Please help your child to draw a picture or stick on a photo of their favourite **peaceful place** and return their sheet to school next week.

**Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak:** Aimee D for excellent work ordering Numicon pieces in maths and making pairs of numbers add to 6, and Donty for super sounding out and writing lovely facts about ducks; **Hawthorn:** Kieran for beautiful reading and sharing facts with his guided reading group, Taylor D for super confident, fluent reading of a book he'd never read before, and Alyssa S for such enthusiastic sharing of her BFG book from home. Fantastic reading and great sounding out of tricky words. Well done all Hawthorn class for their reading this week.

**At CE: Ash:** Acer for his lovely clay hedgehog, Francesca for independently drawing a hedgehog using the '2Paint' application, and Mollie for being rightly proud of perfecting her 'e' letter formation; **Beech:** Emi for her fabulous hot air balloon design and super knowledge, Isaac for great computer skills and Marnie for her lovely imaginative hot air balloon ideas; **Sycamore:** Lotta for her wonderful hot air balloon adventure story, Orla for amazing work in music and drama with Mrs Urquhart, and Joshua for his very good and well thought out fact file about the first hot air balloon.

## Christingle Service

Thursday 26 Jan 2.30pm

Our annual Christingle service will be led by Sue Todd in St Mary's Church next week. Christingle is a celebration that takes place in thousands of churches and schools across the country, usually in the winter period between Advent (four weeks before Christmas) and Candlemas (2 February).

These services raise funds for *The Children's Society's* vital work supporting children and young people in need. We hope you'll be able to join us in church to enjoy this beautiful, peaceful service and make a donation to the charity too. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets and a candle, each piece holding a symbolism to help children understand Jesus and the Gospel. Our children have been busy learning poems and songs, making special artwork and, of course, their own Christingle to carry and be lit during the service.

**Next week (ending 27 Jan):**

**Mon 23 and Tues 24:** Year 1&2 swimming

**Tues 24:** Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30am.

**Weds 25:** After school clubs: Drama (at CE) and Cheerleading (at WI) 3.30-4.45pm

**Thurs 26:** Christingle Service 2.30pm St Mary's

- Special menu at lunchtime—Chinese New Year

- After school: Ballroom Dancing (at CE)

**Fri 27:** Celebration Assemblies both schools. Please join us as we celebrate with the children.

**Spring 1 term dates... (more details will follow)**

**Fri 3 Feb: Community Wonder Award Assemblies.**

This time we're looking at **Achievements**, so if your child has been awarded a certificate or medal or other recognition for something they take part in out of school, please help them to write and draw about it in their WCWA booklet. Thank you.

- PTFA meeting 2pm at WI school. All welcome

**Fri 10:** School closes **Mon 20:** INSET day

**Every Day Counts:** Class attendance from Fri 13 to Thurs 19 Jan: Oak: **89.39%**, Ash: **95.25%**, Beech: **97.92%**, Hawthorn: **92.69%**, and Sycamore: **96.30%** Well done **Beech class**—this week's Top Attenders.

**Modelling:** Please send in any kitchen roll middles and small cardboard boxes (Lemsip/Cup-a-Soup size) for some making projects next week. Thank you.

**Homework Policy:** Please visit our website to see our revised Homework Policy. It details our approach to creating opportunities to learn out of school and how we look to your support to enhance your child's learning experiences at home. If you have questions about any homework set for your child, please do not hesitate to talk to your teacher.

**Photos and phones:** Please do not use your mobile phone in school if you can help it, and you are especially reminded *not* to take photographs in school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**Spare clothes:** We are very short of boys' trousers to use in case of accidents. If you have any outgrown pairs, age 5-8, they'd be very useful! If you've borrowed any recently, please return them.

**Uniform:** You can order new uniform through school (please ask for a form or see our website), or through Tesco at [www.ff-ues.com](http://www.ff-ues.com) Look for our school logo and follow the ordering instructions for speedy delivery, and earn cash for school too!

**Hatha Yoga:** Starting on Mon 27 February, we are pleased to be able to offer a yoga class for interested parents, carers and friends. The class will run at WI in the hall from 2.15-3.15pm and costs £6 per session. For further information, please contact Holly on 07917 102121 or email her at [holly@align-bodyandmind.com](mailto:holly@align-bodyandmind.com)



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