

# 27 January 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** We've been finding out about different sources of light in preparation for our Christingle service. Many thanks to Sue Todd and all who joined us in church. A photo of your class with their Christingles has been sent home.

You've been sent a *Be Food Smart* pack, designed to help families make healthier food choices. Our midday staff were very pleased to see so many children trying a new special Chinese sweet 'n' sour menu this week, and demonstrated how easy it is to make your own tasty sauce. We've been learning about Chinese New Year in class, too, with children enacting the ancient story of the animals crossing the river one by one to meet the Emperor. This year is the Year of the Rooster.

**Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak:** Bethan for doing some brilliant maths, Jimmy for his wonderful re-telling of the story of Chinese New Year and Kai for putting his greatest effort into everything he does and being a super Emperor;

**Hawthorn:** Tyler for being a really good helper with Mrs Poyser all morning, and Arthur and Alyssa for overcoming their nerves and reading their prayer so clearly in our Christingle service.

**At CE: Ash:** Savannah for her super robot dance moves in PE with Mrs Kay, Sophia for her fantastic lighthouse tracing and Logan for super sounding out and reading with Mrs Chapman;

**Beech:** Arthur and Finley for their brilliant bi-plane creations, & Tegan for super singing during our Christingle service; **Sycamore:** Harriet and Jasmine for their very entertaining enactment explaining the relationship between God and Jesus, and Jamie for his light-bulb moment, sudden realisation that six square faces make a cube.

## Dementia Awareness project

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Hannage Brook is working with other organisations to raise awareness around dementia and to launch a collection of reminiscence resources. These are carefully selected to encourage family, friends and carers to actively engage with people living with dementia. They trigger treasured memories and encourage reminiscence, making communication easier and reducing boredom and depression.

One resource box will be of [school days memories](#). We are asking you to **please donate** old-fashioned games, toys, pictures, clothes and books from the 1940s, 50s & 60s, to help people with dementia remember and talk about their childhood. Please send in your donations as soon as possible, and ask in school if you would like any further details.

The Dementia Community Event will take place in the Memorial Hall on Sat 11 March from 9-12.00 involving both our schools. We hope you can come.

**Next week (ending 3 Feb):**

**Mon 30 and Tues 31:** Year 1&2 swimming

**Tues 31:** Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30am.

**Weds 1 Feb:** After school clubs: Drama (at CE) and Cheerleading (at WI) 3.30-4.45pm

**Thurs 2:** After school: Ballroom Dancing (at CE)

**Fri 3:** No Celebration Assemblies. Instead, it's our **Community Wonder Award Assemblies**. This time we're looking at **Achievements**, so if your child has been awarded a certificate, 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. We'll also be catching up on the **Friends** section which was postponed from before Christmas. Thank you.

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

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

**Thurs 2 March:** World Book Day

**Tues 7 & Weds 8:** Parents Evenings

**Fri 17:** INSET day—school closed to pupils

**Weds 5 April:** Easter Coffee Afternoon

**Fri 7 Apr:** Easter Service in St Mary's 2pm

**10–21 Apr:** School closed for Easter

Please remember, these dates are also advertised on our school website. Please keep your newsletter safe so you know what's going on during the week ahead.

**Every Day Counts:** Class attendance from Fri 20 to Thurs 26 Jan: Oak: **93.43%**, Ash: **95.52%**, Beech: **95.83%**, Hawthorn: **98.08%**, and Sycamore: **95.37%**. Well done **Hawthorn**—this week's Top Attenders.

**Head lice:** PLEASE take action to tackle lice in your family. Check every head, wash, condition, comb using an (inexpensive) fine-toothed nit comb. Ask at the chemist for help—you may be able to get treatment free on prescription—or go to [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice) for info and video advice.

**Lego/Stickle Bricks/Duplo wanted:** We're starting a project soon involving construction. Do you have any bricks just sitting unloved in your cupboards? We'd love to give them a new home. Please have a sort out and send in your spares. Thank you.

**Storage Trunk needed:** does anyone have an outdoor box/storage unit we could have for CE Ash class? The wind has blown the top off theirs and they really could do with a replacement. Please see Mrs Emery or Mrs Radley if you can help.

**Relief Midday Staff:** If you think you may sometimes be available to work over lunchtime in school, supervising in the lunch hall and in the playground, please leave your details at the office.

**Crossing Patrol:** DCC are advertising for a crossing patrol person for the North End/Coldwell Street junction. Please contact Bridey on 01629 538063, [bridey.greenway@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:bridey.greenway@derbyshire.gov.uk)



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We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please bring them in to either school. Thank you.



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