

3 February 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Years 1&2 have been researching Leonardo da Vinci and have created some wonderful portraits in the style of the Mona Lisa.

In our *Up and Away* topic work, we all packed our flight bags and 'virtually' boarded a plane to a far off land, experiencing the departure lounge, take off procedures and in-flight entertainment, and making great use of our imaginations!

Reception children have turned their attention to **dinosaurs**, learning which were carnivores and which were herbivores, exploring their habitat in their classroom dinosaur discovery centres, and making descriptive posters using speech bubbles.

Mrs Poyser is grateful for all the lovely pictures of your favourite **peaceful places**. Children have been explaining the significance of these places with great confidence and understanding.

Wirksworth Community Wonders: Due to some re-deployment within the local police, we were pleased to welcome PCSO Sue Lester back to school for assemblies about the **Friends** and **Achievements** sections of the Community Wonder Award. She was very pleased to hear about the many and varied activities children enjoy out of school. Thanks for your support of this Award. The next section is **Being Fit and Healthy**, and Sue will be back at the end of March to award stickers. If you have any questions about the Award, please speak to your class teacher.

Need more news? If one copy of our newsletter is not enough for your family's needs, please ask for another. We can add you to our email list if you prefer, or you can download the latest copy from our website. Don't be without it!

Verrucae and swimming: The pool have advised that if your child has a verruca on their foot, they can still swim, but should cover the affected area with a plaster and wear an ordinary sock over the top, to stop the plaster floating away. If your child is at school but is not able to swim for any reason, they will still walk with their class to the pool and wait on the side with their teacher, following the swim lesson.

Eco Council

Our Eco Council have asked if you could send in any old newspapers to help them with their next project. Each term, a group of Year 2 children chosen from each school work together with Mrs Crompton on an environmental project focussing on reducing consumption, reusing resources and recycling waste.

Watch this space for more news of what they'll be up to next half term...

Next week (ending 3 Feb):

Mon 6 and Tues 7: Year 1&2 swimming.

Tues 7: Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30am.

Weds 8: After school clubs: Drama (at CE) and Cheerleading (at WI) 3.30-4.45pm

Thurs 9: After school: Ballroom Dancing (at CE)

Fri 10: Celebration Assemblies at each school.

• **Special lunchtime menu:** 'Friendship Wraps'

• School closes 3.30pm

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

Mon 20: INSET day—Staff training. School closed

Thurs 2 March: **World Book Day.** Time to celebrate books of all kinds! Please start to think about creating a dressing up outfit to represent a story character from one of your best-loved books. Please don't go to any expense, it's all just for fun.

Tues 7 & Weds 8: Parents Evenings

Fri 17 March: 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

Every Day Counts: Class attendance from Fri 27 to Thurs 2 Feb : Oak: **96.50%**, Ash: **93.85%**, Beech: **93.13%**, Hawthorn: **98.46%**, and Sycamore: **99.07%**. Well done **Sycamore**—this week's Top Attenders.

Stomach bug exclusions: If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea you *must* keep them off school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. We have to be strict about this—no matter how 'well' your child seems to be. Sickness spreads very rapidly between children and can be extremely serious.

We teach good hand washing practice in school and ask that you reinforce this at home—use lots of soap, work into a lather between the fingers and all over the hands, then wash off thoroughly. Wash hands at least every time you go to the toilet and before meals. Thank you for your support.

Memory ticklers: Remember, we are collecting mementos and games from 1940s, 50s and 60s to help evoke childhood and school days memories in people with dementia. Most of us will know someone battling with memory loss, and this resource will be available to support people from across our community. Please help, or contact the PPG at Hanage Brook Medical Centre for more information.

Paying for Swimming: Unfortunately, many swimming payments are still outstanding from last term. We ask for parent contributions of only £1.50 per week towards swimming lessons, and they are subsidised by the school budget. Please pay your share promptly. Many thanks to those who paid on time.

Crossing Patrol: Vacancy for crossing patrol person for North End/Coldwell Street junction. Please contact Bridey on 01629 538063.



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