

10 February 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: A massive THANK YOU to the three AGS students who have been with us for their **work experience week**. Izzie, Abbie & Isaac have been so courteous, kind, helpful and willing to learn—we're sure they'll go on to great things. We also say farewell to Phoebe Matthewman, who's been on a long placement from Chesterfield College. Again, she's been absolutely brilliant in the classroom and we'll miss her. Good luck!

WI Y2s went on a lunchtime trip to **Fanny Shaw's park** with Mrs Poyser and Mrs Waller. They greatly enjoyed making use of the space and the equipment, and we will be repeating this with other year groups as we go through the spring.

Rainbow Boards: Congratulations to Sycamore and Oak classes who have both managed to fill up their class **Pot of Gold** by displaying great behaviour over the last few weeks. They have earned themselves a special class treat as a reward.

Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak: Kitten for excellent independent writing of instructions for making Dinosaur Biscuits, and Ezekiel for super writing, sounding out and good concentration; Hawthorn: William for great scientific knowledge when sorting objects of different materials, Isaac for amazing adding skills using the column method, and Megan for confident addition maths work without a number line.

At CE: Ash: Acer for super number work, Bea for amazing static balancing in PE, & Sylvie, who has been such a delight all week! Beech: Ruby, Oliver and Finley each for their super writing about the story Castle Adventure. What wonderful punctuation! Sycamore: Theo for his work in RE talking about and drawing the things that matter most to him, Sophie for fantastic column addition in maths, and Ellie for twisting and shaping metal foil to create wonderful jewellery.

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After half term (ending 24 Feb):

Mon 20: INSET day—school closed to pupils. Staff will be developing maths teaching skills using the specialist Numicon resource. We introduced this method last year with Reception children and have been seeing great results, so will be continuing to use the system as children move through KS1.

Tues 21: Back to school

• Toy library at WI 9.30-11.30am.

Weds 22: *After school club:* Drama continues at CE. Our new after school clubs start next week.

Fri 24: Celebration Assemblies at each school. Come and join us as we celebrate what the children have been up to this week. Remember, if you have any out-of-school achievements to share, speak to your class teacher and bring in your certificates.

Spring 2 term dates... (more details will follow)

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

The Return of Harry-the-Dog: Focus of many a literacy lesson over several years, Harry has been assigned to the dog house lately. Now he's back—collar polished, fur clean, eyes shining—ready to be part of the team again. Every Friday someone from each class will take Harry home for the weekend. You don't have to feed him, but he does come with his own special diary. Please help your child record what they get up to together, whether it's visiting friends, playing sport, cooking something special for dinner, going to a party, or snuggling up on the sofa.

Write, draw, stick in a picture—anything goes. We'll share their adventures together in class on Mondays. Thank you for your support.

Every Day Counts: Class attendance from Fri 3 to Thurs 9 Feb : Oak: **97.47%**, Ash: **93.30%**, Beech: **94.64%**, Hawthorn: **97.31%**, and Sycamore, a super **100%**. Congratulations **Sycamore**—this week's Top Attenders. Whole school attendance for the academic year so far is **96.03%** - just a smidge under our 96.5% target.

Memory loss support: Over half term, ask family and friends to dig out games, toys, books, pictures or a memento that could go into the childhood memories support box to help people with dementia.

Most of us know someone battling with memory loss, and this resource will be available to support people from across our community. The project launch is Sat 11 Mar, Memorial Hall, 9-12 noon.



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