

24 February 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We've started this half term by introducing **Truthfulness** as our Core Value. The children have begun by looking at different true and false statements.

Our whole school topic is **How does your Garden Grow?** which links to the changing season. KS1 classes are planting cress, and Oak and Ash are planning their Spring Walk next week. Take a look at our garden borders where the spring bulbs are coming along very nicely.

Harry-the-Dog has been enjoying his first few nights away from school. Many thanks to everyone who has looked after him already and filled in his diary. We have had fun talking about his adventures back in class and hope his future hosts will continue to be creative and inventive when he comes to stay!

Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak: Freddie for excellent work in PE moving with confidence and imagination, and Donty for super maths, explaining which cup was 'half full'; Hawthorn: Emily and Amy V for wonderful thoughtful work in RE thinking about special places and things which are important to them, and James for writing fantastic questions about our new term topic—can't wait to find out the answers!

At CE: Ash: Gracie for fabulous phonics work and reading, Scarlett for fantastic independent writing and Sonny Wi for super dot-to-dot joining up and colouring in; Beech: Edie for her super plant knowledge and lovely flower drawing, Deacon for answering a question about capacity in front of everybody, and Flo for her really detailed plant drawing; Sycamore: Caitlin for great labelling of her plant picture, Freya for settling in so well on her first week in her new school, and Theo for his fantastic maths work measuring capacity in ml, l and weight. Well done everybody!

Pancake Day—Shrove Tuesday

Tues 28 Feb, 2.30pm

Please join us in the playground at your child's own school for our annual pancake races to mark Shrove Tuesday. We will have races for children and one for toddlers—if you have any younger children to bring along. If you're feeling brave, we can probably stretch to an adults race, too...

We hope you'll be able to make it! During the morning, the whole school will have pancake making demonstrations, followed by some tasting sessions. Which will be the most popular topping—savoury or sweet? Perhaps you'd like to send in your own personal favourite suggestions. If you have any free time and would like to help, please speak to your class teacher. Thank you.

After half term (ending 3 March):

Mon 27 & Tues 28: Y1 and 2 Swimming lessons

Tues 28: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

• Shrove Tuesday activities—see Red Box below

• **After school club:** Singing at CE with Mrs Birch

Weds 1 Mar: St David's Day—activities marking this Saint's day will be taking place in class all week.

After school club: Drama at CE. Basketball at WI

Thurs 2: We'll be celebrating books and stories of all kinds today—on the 20th annual **World Book Day**.

Please help your child to come to school dressed up as their favourite story book character. Don't go to any stress or expense—keep costumes simple, and remember it's all just for fun! Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions, or go to www.WorldBookDay.com for more info and ideas.

Fri 3: Celebration Assemblies each school 9.10am. After assembly, Oak and Ash classes will be going out for a Spring walk. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and strong footwear, ready for whatever the weather might bring...!

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

Tues 7 & Weds 8 Mar: Parents Evenings. Please fill in and return your booking form sent home today.

Sat 11: Community Dementia Awareness launch event at Memorial Hall, 9-12noon. Please come along.

Fri 17 Mar: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Fri 24 Mar: Comic Relief Day

Weds 5 Apr: Easter Coffee Afternoon & Book Fair

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

10–21 Apr: School closed for Easter

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 10 Feb to Thurs 23 Feb : Oak: **95.63%**, Ash: **95.32%**, Beech: **98.57%**, Hawthorn: **96.15%**, and Sycamore **97.55%**. Well done **BEECH class**—this week's Top Attenders.

Be prepared: We notice some children coming to school in thin coats or without jumpers. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We spend every break time outdoors, including in drizzly & chilly conditions, and advise that you provide at least a good coat, well-fitting shoes and tights/vest. Several layers are best.

We do have some spare uniform in school—please feel free to speak to your teacher if you would like to arrange to borrow this.

NEW Lego Club: Sat 25 Feb in the Memorial Hall 10-12noon. £2/30mins/child. Drop in, or see the Wirksworth Facebook page for more details.

Glasses in PE: If your child wears spectacles, they will be asked to remove them during PE lessons, as per our Health and Safety Policy. If your child cannot manage without their glasses, please provide a head strap to avoid them becoming dislodged and/or broken. Please see your class teacher to discuss this further. Thank you.



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