

3 March 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Thank you to all the parents and carers who turned out for our pancake day races on **Shrove Tuesday**. Lots of fun! We enjoyed a cooking demonstration together in the morning and later taste-tasted lots of different toppings.

We've learnt a lot about **St David**, the patron saint of Wales, in our classes this week. Children have made lovely leek and daffodil badges and there's been some super imaginative writing completed about dragons.

What amazing costume ideas appeared on **World Book Day**! Thank you for your efforts & support. Everyone looked fab and we had an exciting day of parades, sharing favourite stories and book-mark making, as you'll see from the pictures sent home today. We wondered **Where's Wally?**, then managed to find him hiding in lots of different places around our schools.



Wirksworth Wonders: **At WI:** Oak: Liam and Madeline for excellent work in maths, halving and quartering amounts of objects, Hawthorn: Erin for writing an amazing retelling of a Winnie the Witch story, using lots of detail and lovely vocabulary, Ben for his super detailed writing, beautiful handwriting and for checking his work for spelling mistakes, and Haydn for fantastic fraction work all week.

At CE: Ash: Astrid and Louis for being brave and showing us their lovely costumes in our World Book Day parade, and William for amazing writing of The Pancake story; Beech: Scarlett for doing really well finding half of a quantity in maths, and Ava and Billy for their fabulous writing about the *Rainbow Fish*; Sycamore: Toby for settling in well to his new class, despite being poorly in his first week, Alfie for great RE work on what is holy and respectful, and Katie for her wonderful St David's day work. Well done.

Be a Hero on Saturday 4 March Join the Great British Spring Clean

How do you fancy getting together with family and friends and talking rubbish for the day?

Here's your perfect excuse!

The Great British Spring Clean aims to get half a million of us outside this weekend, picking up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and coastline. Join the ever-growing band of people who have had enough of other people's litter, and donate some of your time to help clear it up, and see an end to littering for good. Whether you join in with one of the groups out and about in Wirksworth, or can see that the road outside your house needs some attention, grab a pair of gloves and take action.

<http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk/>

Next week (ending 10 March):

Mon 6 & Tues 7: Y1 and 2 Swimming lessons

Tues 7: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

- **After school club:** Singing at CE with Mrs Birch
- **Parents evenings** at both schools Tues and Weds. You'll have received confirmation of your time from your class teacher. If you haven't booked, please see your teacher on Mon. Please help us keep to time by arriving a few minutes before your appointment. (After school clubs will continue as normal.)

Weds 8: Y2s will begin working with AGS students on preparing dance routines for this year's Primary Dance Festival. Save the date: Thurs 6 April.

After school club: Drama at CE. Basketball at WI

Fri 3: Celebration Assemblies each school 9.10am.

Sat 11: **Community Dementia Awareness** launch event at Memorial Hall, 9-12noon. Our Eco Councillors will be helping to run one of the stalls so please drop in and support them. A flier advertising the event has been sent home today with all the details.

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

Fri 24 Mar: Comic Relief Day

Fri 31: WCWA Assemblies with PC Sue. This time we're looking at the *Being Fit & Healthy* section.

Tues 4 Apr: Whole school Easter Activity Day

Weds 5 Apr: Easter Coffee Afternoon and Scholastic Book Fair. You will be able to spend your World Book Day tokens at this event and grab yourself a bargain new addition to your home library. Further details—and your WDB voucher—will follow soon.

Thurs 6: AGS primary cluster **Dance Festival**—Y2s

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

10—21 Apr: School closed for Easter

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 24 Feb to Thurs 2 Mar: Oak: 96.97%, Ash: 97.77%, Beech: 99.40%, Hawthorn: 99.23% and Sycamore 96.90%.

Well done to **BEECH class**—Top Attenders, in a very close finish this week. Great to see every class making it into the **GREEN** category, signifying attendance greater than our target of 96.5%.

Boosts for funds: Many thanks all who purchased school photographs before Christmas. The commission donation has arrived, totalling £386. Additionally, Christmas card purchases from APFS made £280. Thank you for your support.

Wirksworth Book Festival: Look for posters and on the internet for details of many events taking place around town from Thurs 30 Mar—Sun 2 April. All related to books, writing and story telling, there's lots for children and families, including *The BFG* at a family film session Saturday morning, family fun and poetry with John Hegley, and Fabulous Fairy-tales for pre-schoolers in the library. Plenty for adults too! See <https://gb.eventbu.com/wirksworth/wirksworth-book-festival/391396>



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