

10 March 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



24 March



This week: Great to see everyone at parents evenings. Remember—if you have a query about your child's progress or well-being, don't wait—bring it up with your teacher as soon as you can. We know mornings are busy in the classroom, but you are welcome to phone or drop in at the office to make a convenient appointment.

- Thanks to Camilla Veitch for welcoming our KS1 children to the [United Reformed Church](#) for an amazing guided tour, explaining the significance of the religious artefacts used by worshippers. Camilla treated us by playing the pipe organ—something we don't hear every day! The children were curious about the [Food Bank collection](#) in church, supporting families in Derbyshire who don't have enough to eat. If you'd like to donate tins, packets or cereal to the Food Bank, please bring items to school and we will pass them on.

- Welcome back to Catering Supervisor Anne-Marie after her shoulder operation—it's great to see her. Huge thanks to Ruth Walker who's managed the kitchen admirably in her absence.

Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak: Niilo for working hard in a group making Numicon sandwiches to the amount 4, and Rohan for super number work finding pairs and taking away to make 4, Hawthorn: Amiee for doing everything with a smile, working well with everyone and listening carefully, Reece for amazing work on turns and direction, and Arthur for being a good friend, thinking of others and putting them first.

At CE: Ash: Esme for making a wonderful maths sentence, Sonny Wi for finding 4 using combinations of the Hungry Caterpillar's fruit, & Acer for recording & forming his 4s beautifully; Beech: Marnie and Arthur for fantastic sentences using and, Emi for her understanding of living, never lived and dead in our work on objects; Sycamore: Matthew for outstanding understanding of clockwise and anti-clockwise turns, Autumn for wonderful recording of right-angle turns through dance moves, & Joshua for extreme kindness, complimenting others on their reading.

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day Friday 24 March 2017

Comic Relief is back and we're getting involved! Come to school with a donation for the cause and **wear red**, or dress up however you like.

We're going to be baking and decorating cakes for an **after school cake sale** at each school. If you can do some baking at home too, please do so and send them in—all very welcome on the stall.

We're collecting your jokes to make a **Feast of Federation Funnies**—see the separate letter and send in your family favourites. The collection will be available to buy at the end-of-day sale.

Next week (ending 17 Mar):

Mon 13 & Tues 14: NO Swimming Unfortunately, the pool has ongoing problems with the heating and pipework and will definitely be closed again all week, so no swimming lessons. We will let you know as soon as we hear about re-opening. Please pay any debts for your child's swimming as soon as possible, as we are approaching the financial year end. Any money you have paid in advance will be carried forward.

Tues 14: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

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

Weds 15: **After school club:** Drama at CE and Basketball at WI

Fri 17: INSET day—school closed to pupils. There will be no Friday newsletter, but keep an eye on book bags and our website for any updates.

Week ending 24 Mar:

Mon 20 & Tues 21: Y1&Y2 swimming—to be confirmed when we know if the pool is operational

Tues 21: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

- **After school clubs:** Singing at CE with Mrs Birch, and also remember Drama club is in **WI hall on Tues** this week, in preparation for next week's show!

Weds 22: **After school club:** Basketball at WI

Fri 24: RED NOSE DAY—see red box below

More Spring 2 term dates...

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. Further details 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 3 Mar to Thurs 9 Mar: Oak: **95.51%**, Ash: **95.81%**, Beech: **95.24%**, Hawthorn: **96.92%** and Sycamore **98.75%**.

Well done **SYCAMORE class**—Top Attenders.

Easy Peasy Fundraising: Come on, all you online shoppers! We sent a leaflet home to every family before half term asking you to register at easy-fundraising.org.uk, click through to do your usual shop and *instantly* raise funds for our schools.

Very, very simple, but **only three** people are currently signed up. Have we any more supporters out there...?

Sat 11—Dementia Awareness event Memorial Hall, 9-12noon. Join our Eco Councillors on their stall and learn more about memory loss support.

We'll be planting forget-me-nots—the special symbol flower of Alzheimer's Society.

Community Directory: Derbyshire Dales Community Voluntary Service has circulated a What's On guide, listing many of the hundreds of organisation and groups regularly meeting in the Wirksworth, Matlock, Bakewell area. We have added the directory to our website—see the Useful Links page.



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