

24 March 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Thanks very much for your support of **Red Nose Day**. We've had some groan-making jokes sent in and had fun icing cakes for our sale.

• It's been an 'egg-citing' week watching our **Living Eggs** hatch before our eyes. We've been incubating 12 eggs at each school, and a total of 18 chicks have hatched. What a wonderful way to bring spring into our classrooms. The children have been respectful and interested in the hatching process, and we look forward to charting the chicks' development throughout next week.

• We've enjoyed making **Mother's Day** cards in preparation for Mothering Sunday this weekend.

• Y2s had a rehearsal with AGS dance leaders for the dance festival coming up on 6 April. Their routines are coming together really nicely.

Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak: George for super independent writing about a ladybird, and Mr Fletcher for giving one of the chicks a careful and much needed helping hand out of its egg.

Hawthorn: Charlie for being so enthusiastic about her reading and making such great progress, Maya for trying so hard with her work on fractions and finding a half, quarter, third and two-thirds of a number, and Thomas, who received a Pot Of Gold coin for his fantastic work explaining the life cycle of a chicken—great cutting & ordering skills.

At CE: Ash: Gracie for an excellent ladybird fact and independent writing, Astrid for super writing and understanding of what makes her bad-tempered, and Mollie for her super PE balance; **Beech:** Billy for excellent mental maths, finding half of different numbers, Flo and Scarlett for drawing plants and animals that live in our fields, gardens and woodland; **Sycamore:** Florence for wonderful work on the life cycle of a hen, Ellie for her great RE work and understanding of key features of a church, and Freya for fantastic vocabulary & punctuation in her 'What a Day!' story.

Easter Coffee Afternoon Weds 5 April 2-4pm WCE school

We've got some fab stalls and activities planned for you and your family to enjoy. Take a look at the flier sent home today. We need your help...

☆ Please donate anything **GREEN** or **YELLOW** for our springtime bric-a-brac stall, and also anything **chocolate** for our **Chocolate Tombola**.

☆ Our PTFA's **Cake Decorating Competition** will be judged before the event—you don't even have to bake a cake, just send in your entry fee and get your decorating inspiration flowing. See the **Great Federation Cake Off** flier encl.

☆ Fill the **plastic pot** you've been sent with any prizes suitable for children & return to school.

☆ Please send in your contributions to all of the above by **Fri 31 March**. Many thanks. ☺

Next week (ending 31 Mar):

Mon 27 & Tues 28: NO Swimming. The pool is undergoing significant repairs to an underground pipe, so we do not expect to swim for the rest of term.

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

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

Weds 29: Drama club will be performing their production for the whole school this afternoon. We can also accommodate a maximum of two parents/carers of children who are taking part. Starts at 2.30pm at WI. Please tell your teacher if you intend to come.

• **After school club:** Basketball at WI

Fri 31: No Celebration Assembly today as we have PCSO Sue Lester in school for our Community Wonder Award assemblies. This time she'll be awarding stickers for the **Being Fit & Healthy** section.

More Spring 2 term dates...

Tues 4 Apr: Whole school Easter Activity Day

Weds 5: Easter Coffee Afternoon—see box below

Thurs 6: AGS primary cluster Dance Festival—Parents of Y2 children will receive a separate letter from Mrs Marriott with the details of this event.

Fri 7: Easter Service in St Mary's at 2pm. Please join us in church for our Easter celebration.

10-21 Apr: School closed for Easter

Good Friday, 14 Apr 11-12 noon: St Mary's family activities session—crafts, songs & stories.

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 10 March to Thurs 23 March: Oak: **98.88%**, Beech: **96.68%**, Ash: **92.76%**, Hawthorn: **94.23%** & Sycamore **95.01%** Well done **OAK class**—Top Attenders.

Bugs' life: Thanks to those attended the recent Dementia Awareness event. The organisers presented us a Bug Hotel made on the day by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust volunteers. It's in the top playground at WI school, ready for insects to take up lodgings.

Rainbow space: Please do not allow children to access our nurture area at WI before school. Mrs Wanford has a special place for all the Rainbow Group resources, but is finding them disturbed. Your child should be in their classroom for Morning Tasks or book changing between 8.40 and 8.55am.

Policies update: A number of school policies have recently been reviewed, including the Homework Policy and Behaviour Policy. You can download these from the School-Policies page of our website.

Parenting workshop: The Derbyshire MAT team (Multi-Agency Trust) is running a workshop to support parents and carers with parenting issues. If you sometimes think you could use some advice about any aspect of parenting, this session is for you. It will be held at WI **Weds 26 Apr** 3-5pm. Please see the flier & return the booking form or ask for more details.

Coffee morning: You're warmly invited to St Mary's church on Sat 25 Mar from 10-12 for coffee & cake.



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