

# 31 March 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** Our families of chicks have been developing proper feathers in place of their downy fluff & are already stretching their newly-formed wings. They leave us today, but some are going on to live with Mrs Radley and Mrs Rapkin, so we'll be able to keep tabs on their progress.

- **Well done** to Miss Goldsmith's drama club who presented their interpretation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the whole school. Thanks to Steve for resurrecting the wonderful stage set! We all enjoyed watching their super production.
- Mrs Poyser introduced all Y1 children to a new **playground pals** scheme we will be running from September, as part of the Healthy Schools Community Award scheme. Please see the letter sent home today & return your slip if your child is interested in being part of the Peer Buddy training.
- **Mini-Leaders**—Y2 spent an afternoon learning skills to help them support and lead games and activities at lunchtimes. For several years we have run this scheme encouraging children to take responsibility and learn new skills. It's great to see them respond positively to the challenge.

**Wirksworth Community Wonder Awards:** PCSO Sue Lester joined us in school & awarded stickers to children who have completed the *Being Fit and Healthy* section of their Award booklet. We'll see her again next term for the *Environment* section.

## Easter Coffee Afternoon

**Weds 5 April 2-4pm, WCE school**

We're extending a warm welcome to all parents, carers, friends and families to our Spring event.

Remember we need your donations of anything **GREEN** or **YELLOW** for a bric-a-brac stall, and anything **chocolate** for our **Chocolate Tombola**.

Enter the **Cake Decorating Competition**—just return your 50p entry fee to school & we'll give you a cake to decorate in your most creative manner, and please fill your **plastic pot** with prizes suitable for children and return it to school.

Please send all your contributions for these stalls in on Monday. Thank you for your support.

We'll also have the **Scholastic Book Fair** open during the coffee afternoon—bring your World Book Day money off voucher (sent home today) and shop direct from the selection.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

**Next week (ending 7 April):**

**Mon 3 & Tues 4: NO swimming.** More information on the pool repairs as we have it...

**Tues 4:** Easter Activity Day. The whole school will be working together on activities celebrating new life and finding out about the Easter story

- Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

**Weds 5: Easter Coffee Afternoon—see box below.**

Please collect your child from their classroom and join us at CE school from 2pm for stalls, refreshments, activities, book fair and games. Don't forget to send in your donations in advance. Thank you.

- Reminder that there are no violin lessons this week.

• **After school club:** Drama club in hall at WI today.

**Thurs 6:** AGS primary cluster **Dance Festival**—Parents of Y2s are very welcome to come to this performance at Anthony Gell School, starting at **2.30pm**.

**Fri 7:** No Celebration Assembly

- **Easter Service in St Mary's at 2pm.** Please join us in church for our Easter celebration. You will be able to take your child home straight after the service.

- Deadline for Y1 Peer Buddy training slips to be returned. Please see separate letter home today.

**10–21 Apr:** School closed for Easter

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

**Mon 24 April:** Back to school

**Weds 26:** MAT team parenting workshop 3-5pm. Please contact school or return your booking form.

**Mon 1 May:** Bank Holiday—school closed

**29–2 Jun:** Half term holiday **Mon 5:** INSET day

**Every Day Counts:** Class attendance Fri 24 Mar to Thurs 30 March: Oak: **95.96%**, Beech: **97.02%**, Ash: **96.65%**, Hawthorn: **94.23%** & Sycamore **98.18%** Well done **WCE and SYCAMORE class**—Top Attenders.

**Sun Safe:** We have sent home a revised copy of our Sun Safety Policy. Please read it and talk to your child about keeping safe and healthy in the sunny weather. Sun strength at this time of year shouldn't be under-estimated—encourage your child to wear a hat and cover shoulders when they are out of doors. Please ask if you have questions.

**Lunch menu:** The lunchtime menu changes after Easter—take a look at the new choices on offer.

**After school clubs:** Details of next term's after school activities have been sent home today. Please return your booking form to secure your place. Mrs Radley will confirm places by text after the holidays.

**Active Kids:** We're collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Ask family and friends to pass them on, too.



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