

7 April 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We enjoyed a super **Easter Activity Day**, packed with learning and making linked to the Easter story and the coming of new life.

- Wednesday was our **Easter Coffee Afternoon**. Congratulations to all the wonderfully creative cake decorating entrants and winners, Liam T who guessed the Easter Bunny's name, and Jimmy's grandma who was top bid for the gorgeous food hamper in the secret raffle. Many thanks to everyone who helped or came along, especially Nicky Crompton and the Eco Council, Mrs Radley for sorting out the Book Fair, and Emily Joyce and the PTFA for organising the cake competition. It all raised around £400 for school funds.
- **AGS Dance Festival**. It was wonderful to be invited once again to take part in this afternoon of inspirational dance by students of all ages from across our cluster of schools. Very well done to our Year 2 groups who performed their routines so confidently in front of such a large audience.
- **Transition planning**. Mrs Poyser has been working with Mrs Taylor at Wirksworth Junior School on our plans to help Y2s move smoothly into Y3.
- **National Offer Day** is 18 April, when parents of new Reception starters will learn the outcome of their application for a school place. We'll be writing to them all shortly after Easter with invitations to spend some time with us here in school.
- We've been writing some lovely spring poems this week—some of which you might hear this afternoon at our **Easter service**. The children have been practising their singing and speaking, and can be very proud of how hard they've worked.

Rally for the Leisure Centre

Thurs 27 April, 6-7pm Wirksworth Town Hall

There is to be a public meeting for all parties interested in the future of Wirksworth Leisure Centre. Derbyshire Dales District Council is looking for a new operator to manage its four leisure centres. This meeting will include discussion of the timetable of changes, the role of Wirksworth and District Community Sports Group, priorities for the future development of the centre, the use of the centre by Anthony Gell School, and impact on users, individuals and groups. What are your concerns? Make sure you've taken part in the online survey, and come along to the meeting.

New term (ending 28 April):

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

Mon 24 & Tues 25: NO swimming

Tues 25: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

Weds 26: Year 1 Peer Buddy training session with the visiting Healthy Schools team.

• Parenting workshop from 3-5pm at WI school.

Please contact Mrs Waller at school or return your booking form for more information.

• **After school club:** Drama club at WCE school.

Thurs 27: 6-7pm Rally for the Leisure Centre - in the Town Hall. Take part in the consultation before 16 Apr at <http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/things-to-do/leisure-centres/leisure-review> See box below.

Fri 28: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am

• Visits to Wirksworth library for Ash & Oak classes.

Mon 1 May: Bank Holiday—school closed

Tues 9 May: PTFA meeting 8pm Red Lion

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

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 31 March to Thurs 6 April: Oak: **91.92%**, Beech: **95.36%**, Ash: **97.32%**, Hawthorn: **97.69%** and Sycamore **96.00%**. Well done **Ash & Hawthorn classes**—Top Attenders.

Tapestry Early Years Learning Journey: We hope parents of Reception children have managed to access their online learning journeys. If you have yet to do this, please log on over the holidays—see your teacher if you need any help or a new password.

Playgroup supervisor job opportunity: Wirksworth pre-school is advertising for a new setting manager. See over page for the details. Closing date 30 April.

Swimming pool raffle tickets: Please find a book of raffle tickets enclosed with this letter. If you can sell them, please return the stubs and money to school by 2 May, in time for the draw on 6 May.

Charity Race Night for Wirksworth Pre-school Playgroup, Friday 28 April, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Tickets adults £5, children £3 available from Playgroup. Price includes pizzas and chip cobs!

NEW All Stars Cricket: This new initiative from the England Cricket Board gives children aged 5-8 chance to play, learn great skills & meet new friends. Sessions will run at Wirksworth & Middleton Cricket Club pavilion each Saturday from 9.30-10.30am from 20 May to 8 July. Email wmccallstars@gmail.com or register online at allstarscricket.co.uk

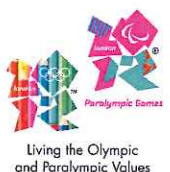
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WIRKSWORTH PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

VACANCY FOR A LEAD SETTING COORDINATOR.

Require a Lead Setting Coordinator to join an established staff team. Set hours Monday Wednesday Friday 22 hours per week, but must be flexible when needed. Competitive hourly rate.

NVQ Level 4 (or equivalent) preferred but Level 3 considered with suitable experience. Must have knowledge of staff management safeguarding and SENCO.

For further details refer to our website;
<http://wirksworthplaygroup.wixsite.com>; Send your CV & covering letter for the attention of Michelle Matkin by post; Wirksworth Pre-School Playgroup, Cemetery Lane, DE4 4FZ

*** CLOSING DATE: 30 APRIL 2017. ***