

28 April 2017

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our topic this term is **Carnival**, and we're looking forward to some bright and noisy learning activities! Our Core Value is **Justice**—please look at the activity sheet sent home today, as well as your copy of our **British Values** policy.

• We bade fond farewell to Mrs Clay in a lovely Friends assembly with David Truby. Myra has been a valued part of our team for more than 18 years and will be much missed. We wish her many happy times ahead exploring the country in her new caravan and hope she'll send lots of postcards! Thank you, Myra, for all you have done for our schools, and enjoy your well-earned retirement.

• **Peer Buddies.** Two Y1 groups received Playground Pals training with the NHS Healthy Living team. We learned some lovely new games & children responded very positively to the training messages.

Wirksworth Wonders: At WI: Oak: Evie-Mae for working really hard when writing, sounding out words and using finger spaces, and Kai for super independent writing about the 'Pig in the Pond'; Hawthorn: Rose for being thoughtful and sensible during Playground Pals training, and *always* in class, Megan for amazing subtraction skills & Alicia for super confident work subtracting multiples of 10. At CE: Ash: Scarlett for amazing story writing and sentence structure, and Max & Logan for super maths work, taking pigs from Farmer Jones's farm; Beech: Jem for fantastic subtraction finding the missing number, Natasha for writing super questions about carnivals and Olivia V for her great African mask; Sycamore: Toby for excellent subtraction and trying really hard, Florence for thinking up super questions about Carnivals, and Caitlin for making a wonderful African mask.

Next week (ending 5 May):

Mon 1 May: Bank Holiday—school closed.

Tues 2: NO swimming. Repairs to the swimming pool are going well and we hear they hope to be able to reopen in a couple of weeks. Watch this space!

Tues 2: Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

• **After school club:** Art club, held at WCE.

Weds 3: **After school club:** Drama club and Football club, both held at WCE.

Thurs 4: **After school club:** Football at WCE and Maypole Dancing at WI. If your child would like to join in any of the after school activities, please ask at the office about availability.

Fri 5: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am.

Tues 9 May: PTFA meeting 8pm Red Lion

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

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 7 April
Thurs 27 April: Oak: **94.5%**, Beech: **98.8%**, Ash: **96.1%**, Hawthorn: **98.5%** and Sycamore **98.8%**. Well done **Beech and Sycamore classes**—Top Attenders.

Well Dressing: Wirksworth's Well Dressings will be on display around the town during Whit Bank Holiday. Our Federation well will be on the theme of Justice, linking with our Core Value. Please, if you fancy helping with clay preparation, pricking out the design and petalling, speak to your teacher as soon as possible. We will also need resources for each class section, and helpers over the Bank Holiday weekend—look out for more details and a rota coming soon!

Capturing moments: Photographer Mathias Graf, an old friend of the school, took lots of pictures in the classrooms and playgrounds this week to help us update our website and school brochure. We're very grateful to him for his time and expertise.

Swimming pool raffle: Please return any raffle ticket stubs and money by 2 May, in time to be entered for the draw on Sat 6 May at the swimming pool's stall on the Farmers Market.

Coffee tins: If you buy coffee in tins such as the Azera brand, please send your empties in to school for Ms Crompton. She is preparing a project for the summer holiday club and needs resources!

Sainsbury's Active Kids: This is the last weekend to collect Active Kids vouchers with your shopping. Please drop them in to school as soon as you can—we have a couple of weeks to have them all collected and counted and get our claim in for free kit. Please dig around in bags and wallets for any hidden tokens.

Attendance Matters

We work hard to encourage high attendance rates for every child, as research clearly shows that just a few sessions absence from school can result in a big impact on a child's attainment.

Children have been given an **Amazing Attender** certificate today if their attendance was greater than **96.5%** during the year so far.

Whole school attendance to 7 April was **96.12%**, not quite at our 96.5% target. We know there are sometimes reasons why children need to stay off school—please ring us before 9.30am if your child is poorly, and ensure your child is in school on time every day.

