

# 5 May 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** Mrs Bowler brought Snowy the new-born lamb from her farm to meet us, which was very exciting indeed. He was soft and friendly, did a lot of baaa-ing and wriggling about, and was happy to be stroked by lots of hands.

- Reception continue their project work on farm animals, and have been learning about sharing amounts in maths, using bees & beehives and pennies & purses to share out parts of a number.
- KS1 explored the Anansi story in greater depth—it's a traditional tale from Ghana about a trickster—making their own story books based on his adventures. They've also created spiders both using different regular shapes and out of wool.
- Everyone has made a moving picture to show the Bible story of Jesus calming the storm in RE.
- Angela Colmar, our School Advisor, has been working with the EYFS team on areas of strength and for development, resulting in some really good feedback and ideas for the future.

**All Stars cricket:** We're grateful to Tom from the Derbyshire Cricket Board who talked with the children about a programme of cricket skills sessions for infant-aged boys and girls. Starting at Wirksworth cricket pavilion on **Sat 20 May**, the sessions are aimed at developing a passion for the game in the very young—parents are welcome to join in the fun. Children have been given some freebies to take home. If you register online, you'll receive a cricket starter kit and shirt.

**School day change:** We've sent a letter to inform you of a change to the school end time coming into effect from the new school year in Sept 2017.

## Travel Smart Week

### Are you a Strider, a Rider or a Roller?

Derbyshire's annual travel awareness week takes place from 15-19 May. Please take a look at the leaflet sent home today, and send it back when you've completed it at the end of next week.

Think carefully about whether you need to make your journey by car, or if you could choose an option that's healthier for you, your community and the environment. It's been great to see so many scooters parked in our scooter pods this week with the sun coming out—keep it up! Remember to stay safe near roads and always wear a helmet.

**Drivers:** please keep away from the zigzag lines outside school—park away from school and walk.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

## Next week (ending 19 May):

**Mon 15 / Tues 16: No swimming**—the pool has re-opened (see below), but we have some projects planned this week which mean we're not swimming.

**Tues 16:** Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

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

**Weds 17:** *After school clubs:* Drama and Football.

**Thurs 18:** *After school club:* Football at WCE and Maypole Dancing at WI.

**Fri 19: No Celebration Assembly**—PCSO Sue Lester will be awarding stickers for the Wirksworth Community Wonder Awards. Please help your child think about the **Environment** section of the WCWA booklet... Have you planted seeds in your garden? Does your child help with your home recycling? Have you joined in with one of Wirksworth's community litter-picking days? Please tell Sue all about it.

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

**Every Day Counts:** Class attendance from Fri 5 May to Thurs 11 May: Oak: **92.0%**, Beech: **96.7%**, Ash: **98.0%**, Hawthorn: **93.1%** and Sycamore **93.75%**. Well done to **ASH class**—this week's Top Attenders.

**Parent Governor wanted:** There is a vacancy for a parent governor to join the Federation's Governing Body. The details and nomination papers have been sent home with this newsletter. If you would like to speak to a Governor about the role, please ask at the school office. Please return your nomination papers to either school by 12 noon on **Friday 26 May**.

**Wirksworth Swimming Pool:** The pool has re-opened after several weeks of enforced closure due to an underground leaking pipe. Whilst most of the extensive repair and replacement work is hidden from view, they have taken the opportunity to add a new liner and tiling, and to spruce up the decoration. Our school swimming lessons will start again on **Mon 22 May**—please make sure you've paid what you owe. Mrs Radley has sent reminders this week.

**Fairtrade products:** Continuing our work on the core value Justice this term, Mrs Poyser is still collecting wrappers from food and other products displaying the Fair Trade logo. Have a look through your shopping—or maybe try a new brand and test it out. Mrs Poyser would love to hear what the children think about Fair Trade and what Fair Trade choices you are making. Make sure your child's name is on the wrappers you send in, so she can identify who brought in what.



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