

# 19 May 2017

## WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** Years 1 and 2 have been busy with their Carnival topic, and have been learning what happens during major carnival events in Brazil. Hawthorn class made some brilliant masks and set up their own parade for Oak class to watch.

- We're collecting **Lego card packs** given away with Sainsbury's shopping. We have a collector book at each school and will be aiming for a full set. Please don't let your children bring their own collections to school—but *do* send in your spares.
- The **Healthy Schools Team** were back with us, and we had a great session at WI based on being a good friend. Children and staff all learned a great deal about themselves and each other, and we played some super new games.
- **PCSO Sue** awarded stickers for Wirksworth Community Wonder Awards. Next it's **Community**, so if you take part in the Carnival—or the pre-Carnival litter pick—fill in your Community page. There's still chance to catch up—complete missing sections before Sue's next visit on 30 June. Thank you for your support of this scheme.

**Farewells:** Mrs Lee leaves us next week after 14 years as a Teaching Assistant with our schools. We really appreciate all Kate has done with us and wish her all the best with her adventurous future plans. We're also saying goodbye to Hayley King, who has been with our Midday team since 2015. Hayley has secured a new role supporting students at another school. Good luck, and thank you both.

**All Stars Cricket** Coaching at Wirksworth cricket pavilion 9.30-10.30am, starting on Sat 20 May.

### Well Dressing Week

All next week, the children will be helping with the production of our Federation Well Dressing. This year, the design is on the theme of Justice, which links to our summer term Core Value and the British Value focus, Rule of Law.

If you can supply any of the resources teachers have asked for, they will be very pleased! The list included curly parsley, egg shell, alder cones, coconut, coal, brown sheep wool, banana skins, buttercups, red, pink, blue and white geraniums chrysanthemum or carnations, and seaside shells. Please send in any of these items early next week. If you'd like to help with the pricking out and petalling process, speak with your class teacher. The well will be in St Mary's Church from 27 May.

### Next week (ending 26 May):

**Mon 22 & Tues 23: Y1&Y2 Swimming.** Remember to pack your child's swim kit and swim hat! Times are the same as usual—**Monday:** CE Y1 swim morning, CE Y2 afternoon, and **Tuesday:** WI Y1 swim morning, WI Y2 afternoon. Please make sure you're at the pool to drop off/collect your child at the right time.

- Please also pay any outstanding lesson fees due—you were sent a reminder last week and we will be chasing for payment before half term. Thank you.

**Tues 23:** Toy Library Stay & Play WI 9.30-11.30am.

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

**Weds 24:** **After school clubs:** Drama and Football.

- **Keep Wirksworth Clean** Litter pick—meet on Church Walk at the back of the Town Hall at 5pm

**Thurs 25:** **After school club:** Football & Maypole Dancing. Come and watch our dancers perform after the Crowning of Carnival Royalty in St Mary's Church community space, 12.30, Saturday 27 May.

**Fri 26:** Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am

- Last day to return class group photo orders. Please get them to the office at 9am, latest!
- Deadline to return your nomination papers if you would like to become a Parent Governor.

**29 May-2 Jun:** Half term holiday.

**Further ahead: (more details will follow...)**

**Mon 5 June:** INSET day—school closed to pupils.

**Tues 6:** Back to school—WI Swimming as usual

**Fri 9:** Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am

**Mon 12:** Federation Sports Morning on AGS field

**Mon 10 July:** 2.30pm Y2 Leavers' Performance—to be held in AGS hall. Y2 parents—save the date!

**Every Day Counts:** Attendance Fri 12—Thurs 18 May: Sycamore: 96.7%, Oak: 93.0%, Beech: 93.8%, Ash: 99.4% and Hawthorn: 89.2%. (Three children absent for the whole week made a huge difference here). Well done **ASH class**—Top Attenders again!

**Transition programme:** Children starting in Reception in Sept have been invited to come and visit their new classrooms soon. We're looking forward to meeting them all. Our existing classes will move to be with their new teachers at the same time. This will happen during the school day, and will not affect pick ups and drop offs. The junior school will contact Y2 parents about preparations for Y3. If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.

**Register to Vote:** To vote in the General Election on 8 June, you need to register by 11:59pm on 22 May. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

