

23 June 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our Pirate topic is really exciting. We've been learning about Blackbeard, the notorious English pirate who ruled the Caribbean seas 300 years ago. Images of pirates today are based on records of him with his tricorn hat and sword. Ash and Oak classes have been thinking about lighthouses and enjoying the story of the Lighthouse-Keeper's Lunch. Has anyone else lost their dinner to a greedy seagull?!

- The Fire Service visited to talk with Y2 about causes of fire and what to do if fire breaks out. They discussed fire plans and planning evacuation routes, and the importance of having a working smoke alarm. Have you tested yours recently? Perhaps you could do this together.
- Year 2s enjoyed another morning at the junior school and stayed for lunch with some of their parents/carers. Our new Reception starters all seemed very calm & happy on their second visit.

Wirsworth Wonders: CE: Ash: Ellie for doing so well with the Lego challenge, writing her name and labelling, and Ruby and Obi for their super use of 2D shapes to make a lighthouse, and for writing a lighthouse fact; *Beech:* Edward for great division work in maths and Edie for super sentences using the suffixes 's' and 'es'; *Sycamore:* Theo, Jasmine and Autumn for making some amazing famous pirate fact files.

At WI: *Oak:* Layla for amazing orienteering, listening and following instructions carefully, and George for always being beautifully behaved, listening sensibly and trying his best; *Hawthorn:* Amy V for super confident reading with lovely expression, James for gaining three Gold stars in three maths lessons this week, and Emily for being a fantastic role model for others at lunchtime.

Next week (ending 30 June):

Mon 26: School Trip day! You need to have your child in school **early by 8.30am** so the bus can leave on time. Your child should wear school uniform and have sun cream applied. They need a **backpack** to carry all their own belongings for the whole day, a waterproof coat and sensible shoes, plus their **packed lunch** (either food from home or to carry their lunch from school if you have pre-ordered one)—and **plenty of drinks** (water please, nothing fizzy). We will be back at school for the end of the school day.

Tues 27: WI Y1&Y2 swimming

Weds 28: After school club: Tennis at WCE

Thurs 29: After school: Gardening club at WCE

Fri 30: PCSO Sue's Community Wonder Award assemblies—don't forget to return your child's booklet. You can fill in any sections you previously missed.

- PTFA meeting 2pm at WI postponed from last week

Further ahead...

Mon 3 Jul: PTFA disco after school—please see flier sent home today. Send your money to the school office before Friday 30th if your child wants to go.

W/c 3 & 10 July: Pirate Parties—See box below. Dates again are: Oak class Tues 4, Hawthorn Weds 5 Jul, Beech Weds 12, Sycamore Thurs 13, & Ash Fri 14 Jul. Please see your teacher if you have questions.

Sat 8: Stoney Wood Forest Fair Come and have a go at the activities our Eco-Council is running. See the GoWirsworth.com events website for more information about events on this day.

Mon 10: Y2 Leavers' performance at AGS 2.30pm

Tues 18: WCWA presentation, St Mary's 2pm. Parents and carers are very welcome.

Fri 21 July: 3.30pm School closes.

Pirate parties

Our whole school topic is all about pirates. We thought it would be fun to invite everyone's parents, carers and friends to join their child's class for an afternoon of songs, poems and frivolity!

Children have come up with lots of lovely ideas and have been practising hard. Please come along and see what we've been up to. Bring other family members with you—the more the merrier. We promise that no-one will be walking the plank...

Tickets (for visiting adult ship-mates only) are £1 from the school office—there's no charge for shark-bait toddlers. 'Pirate punch' and a snack are included. Each party will start at 2.45pm and finish by 3.30pm. See you there, me hearties!

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 16 to Thurs 22 June: Beech: **91.7%**, Ash: **97.8%**, Oak: **88.9%**, Sycamore: **97.5%** and Hawthorn: **98.5%**. Well done **Hawthorn class**—Top Attenders.

We are collecting: Please send in any small, clean, margarine tubs, cardboard egg boxes and spare wooden spoons for a project Beech class is working on. Eco Council is collecting newspapers and coffee tins—please send to either school.

Relief catering staff: Required to work at local primary schools, term time. £8.45 per hour. Previous experience not necessary. Please ring Catering Area Office on 01629 533891 for more information & quote job reference DCC/17/3817.



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