

30 June 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park was brilliant! The children loved seeing the animals—polar bears and lemurs were the firm favourites. It was a long walk round, but a great day out. We're proud to report that lots of other visitors commented how beautifully behaved our children were and what interesting questions they thought up about the animals. We've done lovely work back in school writing recounts of the day.

- The children who learn violin gave a wonderful concert to the whole school on Weds. What accomplished musicians they are becoming! If your child is interested in taking up the violin in Y1 or Y2 or at the junior school, please return the expression of interest form sent home this week.
- Oak and Ash classes and their teachers are enjoying their music course with our visitors from the Derbyshire Music Partnership this term. Great to be singing and playing together and learning new skills to use in the classroom.
- KS1 have produced wonderful artwork based on the Romantic artist Friedrich's painting *Wanderer above the Sea of Fog*. They used chalks and charcoal to create amazing landscapes.
- Children have been writing poems and learning songs to perform at their class Pirate Parties over the next couple of weeks.
- PCSO Sue visited and awarded stickers to those children who have completed sections of their Wirksworth Community Wonder Award book. We're looking forward to our annual celebration service in St Mary's church when certificates will be presented to all who have completed their Award. If you forgot about today, don't worry—get your book in to school next week and Sue will make sure your child doesn't miss out.

PTFA Summer Disco

Monday 4 July—ends 4.30pm

Many thanks for your tremendous support of this party, organised by the parent fundraising group.

If your child is going to the disco, please send party clothes to school for them to change into at 3pm. School staff will walk the children to the Town Hall for 3.15pm. Please collect at 4.30pm.

At the Town Hall, **wait downstairs** and **listen** for details of where to collect your child so everyone can get out of the building safely. Please **do not** wait on the staircase.

If your child is not partying, please pick up from school at 3.15pm. Anyone booked in to AmPm Club will be taken there after the disco.

Next week (ending 7 July):

Mon 3: WCE Y1 swimming—morning only
☆PTFA summer disco—please see the red box below for details of this party.

Tues 4: NO WI swimming today.

• **Transition Day**—Y2s spend the whole day at WJS, new starters join us from 9.30-11.30am, and all our other children spend time in their new classroom with their teacher for next year. How exciting!

• **Oak class Pirate Party**—parents, carers and friends of children in Mrs Waller/Miss Brooks's class are welcome to come and see what we've been doing this term. Starts at 2.45pm. Please come to the top playground and wait to be let in. Thank you.

Weds 5: Hawthorn class Pirate Party—parents, carers and friends of children in Mrs Marriott's class come and join in the fun. Starts at 2.45pm. Please wait in the top playground. Thank you.

• **After school club:** Tennis at WCE

Thurs 6: Y1 & Y2s taking part in the annual AGS Cluster Schools Multi-skills sports festival. They will need their **PE kit and trainers** (not pumps) and will walk to AGS after lunch. Please see your teacher if you can help with walking. We'll be back for 3.30pm. Please collect from school at the end of the day.

• **After school:** Gardening club at WCE

• **Summer fair** at Wirksworth Junior School. All welcome—BBQ, stalls, crafts and games 3.35-5pm.

Fri 7: Celebration Assemblies at each school.

Sat 8: Stoney Wood Forest Fair 1-4pm Our Eco-Council and teachers are running an activity stall at this event. Come and have a go! See the GoWirksworth.com events website for details about all events and music taking place through the day.

Further ahead...

Mon 10: Y2 Leavers' performance AGS 2.30pm

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

Fri 21 July: 3.30pm School closes.

Every Day Counts: Class attendance Fri 23 to Thurs 29 June: Beech: 94.9%, Ash: 95.6%, Oak: 91.9%, Sycamore: 95.8% and Hawthorn: 96.2%.

Sycamore class—are this week's Top Attenders.

Sight tests: Has your child had their vision tested recently? Free eye tests are available at any opticians. Research shows that children with undiagnosed sight problems or out-of-date prescriptions struggle to fulfil their potential at school. Book in for a check up asap to be sure your child can see correctly.



Eco-Schools Silver Award

