14 July 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE

This week: We were in holiday mode on Friday, wearing our seaside gear to school in support of the catering section's seaside-theme menu.

- Pirate Parties in Ash, Beech & Sycamore classes.
 Many thanks to parents, carers and friends who
 came and joined in. We had such a lovely time
 seeing everyone in school that a similar classshow format is being considered instead of a big
 Christmas performance later in the year.
- Y2 can be really proud of their Leavers' Concert
 —so many smiley faces, well-rehearsed dancing and singing. We'll miss them all next year!
 Thanks also to the very enthusiastic audience, and to AGS, once again, for the use of their hall.
- Ash & Oak classes completed their course with the Music Partnership. Teachers will be working on embedding this learning in future years.
- Re-registration forms have been sent out to current users of <u>AMPM Club</u>. Please return your completed form asap. If you'd like to use our before and after school care service next year, please contact Mrs Brewell on 0771 6343455.
- Good Luck Mrs Marriott, who's cycling the Coast -to-Coast route across Britain this weekend with some tea shop diversions, no doubt!

Wirksworth Wonders: Oak: Ezekiel for excellent reading, writing and maths work, and for concentrating so well in our music sessions, Flynn for super independent writing on 'if I was a pirate...', and Evie-Mae for super postcard-writing; Hawthorn: Alfie for great number-words to 10, and Charlie for amazing number-words to 20.

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Ash: Ellie for super singing and dancing with Mel and Ju in our music workshop, Sylvie for throwing herself into the singing for our Pirate Party and William for his super code-cracking co-ordinate work; Beech: Olivia V for brilliant leading of the singing at our Pirate Party, Jem and Arthur for learning their lines so well, and Anya for a great pirate hat; Sycamore and Hawthorn: All of Year 2 for the most amazing end of year concert. Well done and congratulations. We will miss you!

Summer holidays

All the staff wish you a super summer break with lots of rest and lots of fun. Our new term starts **Tuesday 5 September**. Please see over the page for a run-down of next year's class groups. A reminder that the school day will end at 3.15pm in the new term. Keep checking the Federation website for details of what's coming up.

Thank you for all your support of our schools and the children's learning in the many different ways that you do. It's much appreciated ©

Next week (ending 21 July):

Mon 17 & Tues 18: No Y1/Y2 swimming. Please make sure you have paid for all this year's lessons. Next year there'll be a change to swim sessions, with class group swimming for part rather than the whole year. Full details provided in September.

Tues 18: Wirksworth Community Wonder Award Presentation Event! Please join us in St Mary's Church at 2pm as we celebrate all the wonderful things our children have done for their community and environment during the year. All welcome.

Thurs 20: Y2 Leavers have a party planned...!

Fri 21: Celebration Assemblies at each school.

Children are welcome to bring games from home to share during the day. Please—nothing valuable or that takes pictures. Make sure games are named!

School closes 3.30pm. No newsletter next week.

Every Day Counts: Class Attendance Fri 7 to Thurs 13 July: Beech: 89.7%, Ash: 90.5%, Oak: 76.0%, Sycamore: 97.5%, Hawthorn: 92.7%.

Some really rotten sickness bugs going round this week—hope all are now on the road to recovery.

Sycamore class—are this week's Top Attenders.

Scaffolding reminder: Roofing work starts at CE school on Mon 17 Jul. Please take care around the playground and respect building site boundaries.

Pharmacy First: You can get advice, treatment or medicines for common illnesses from your community pharmacy without going to a GP. If you don't normally pay prescription charges (ie children), then medicines supplied for listed ailments will be FREE. List includes constipation, diarrhoea, earache, hay fever, head lice, insect bites, threadworms, sore throat... Please ask at Payne's or collect a leaflet.

School library: Please return any books that belong in school, so we can sort and catalogue them ready for next year. Huge thanks to Mrs Hannant for volunteering her time with the library at WI this year, and agreeing to stay on into next year. If you are willing and able to help in school in any way, please ask your teacher to meet for a discussion on the possibilities.

Staff changes: We're delighted that Mrs Rigby will join the MDS team at CE school from Sept, with Mrs Derbyshire moving to WI for three days on the lunchtime shift. We're on the lookout for relief midday supervisors, so if you have an interest in working with us and are generally available during the day, phone Mrs Rowlatt on 01629 822496.



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Classes for 2017-18

Over the last few weeks, children have had chance to spend time in their new classroom getting to know their new teacher, and we're confident of a smooth transition into the next academic year.

There are never any great leaps or changes in how lessons are delivered or what is expected of the children—our Federation ethos remains the same in every classroom, and lessons and activities are always planned to include differentiation for children's individual needs and learning stage.

Our staff team remains the same for the coming year, but it may be helpful for you to know which class group is going to where in September. Staff will be on hand in the playground on the first morning back to ensure you get to the right place!

Current class / teacher Class for 2017-18

Ash (Rec): Mrs Emery Beech (Y1): Mrs Birch/Mrs Essex Beech (Y1): Mrs Birch/Mrs Essex Sycamore (Y2): Mrs Blenkinsop Oak (R/Y1): Miss Brooks/Mrs Waller. .Hawthorn (Y1/Y2): Mrs Marriott

Teaching assistants and support staff are timetabled to work in different classes on different days of the week, so you will often see other adults in class as well as your class teacher.

If you would like to volunteer some time in school, maybe to hear children read, share some special expertise or to help with walks locally, please let your teacher know.

You will receive your child's Home-School Link book early in the new term, packed with useful practical information about the school day, important policies and term dates reminders, as well as assessment and curriculum details.

If you have questions about the year ahead, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher for more information. Thank you.