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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: KS1 classes had three super trips to the Stone Centre in support of their topic on Dinosaurs. The children were shown how we know that ancient animal life became fossilised to make up the rocks under our feet today. They each came home with a replica fossil which they've painted in class, and have produced some lovely follow-up work.

- We're preparing for our sponsored **Harvest Walk and Treasure Hunt** this afternoon, which was re-scheduled slightly to avoid this morning's rain. Thanks to parents/carers who have volunteered to come along and walk with the children. Please send any sponsorship money into school by Fri 13 Oct.
- Huge thanks for the donations of tinned food, etc, in support of the Padley Centre. If you'd still like to contribute something, there will be a collection in St Mary's Church at the **Harvest Service** on Sunday 1 Oct, starting at 11am. All welcome.
- We're making a **Thankful** paper chain—children have been writing down things they feel thankful for onto strips of paper, which we'll join together and display to remind us of the wonderful things and people around us. Parent contributions are also welcome. Please look for the 'making box' in the entrance at each school—and give thanks too!
- Please read the letter about the Community Award scheme and keep your booklet safe.
- **Roof work:** The scaffolding has come down from around the CE school building and the new roof is complete. Should last us another 150 years...! Please use the playground gate and the brown doors to enter school in the morning from now on.

Thought for the Week

Look out for a new display board in each school of helpful hints to support your child's learning. The 'thought' on the board will change each week, and might be anything from supportive parenting ideas, crafty projects to try at home, tasty healthy eating recipes, or maybe online safety recommendations, great websites for children and inspirational research quotes.

Perhaps you'll have something to contribute, too? If your family does something at home that you enjoy together, please pass it on to the rest of us. If you see something in a magazine or on a website and would like to share the idea, please let us know. Mrs Repton will be looking after the display boards, but you can talk to your teacher to pass on any of your recommendations and tips. Thank you.

Next week (ending 6 Oct)

- Mon 2:** Sycamore class swim.
 - Tues 3:** Toy Library Stay & Play 9.30-11.30 at WI
 - Thurs 5:** After school—Drama Club. (see below)
 - Fri 6:** Celebration Assemblies 2.30pm at school
 - Sat 7 Oct:** Child car seat checking service—Sainsbury's Matlock 10-1pm and 2-4pm. Free!
- Further ahead (more details will follow...):**
- Tues/Weds 17/18 Oct:** Parents' evenings. Look out for a letter with next week's Update to book your meeting time with your class teacher. Please make sure you have read and signed your Home-School agreement in your Home-School Link book.
 - Thurs 19:** End of term—Dress Down Day
 - Fri 20 Oct:** INSET day—school closed to pupils.
 - Mon 23—Fri 27:** Half term break

Join us on **Parent Hub!** 

There's been a good uptake so far for our new Home-School Link app, but we'd like to see more of you join! ParentHub is safe, FREE to download and FREE to use. It'll help you keep up to date with what's going on in our schools. Download the app for iPhone or android from your regular app store, create an account, choose **Add a School** and enter the school handle:

@WirksworthInfants or **@WirksworthCofE**—or both!

- If you're a parent/carer and had problems verifying your phone number, this was caused by an internal issue which has now been resolved. Please try again, and encourage other family and friends to 'follow' us too.

Drama Club: This club was over-subscribed on the first day—thank you for your interest and support—and we're sorry some children have been disappointed this time. Numbers are limited to 15 as a requirement of CreativiT's company insurance, and the club is also not insured for children under 5 years old, which we hadn't initially been aware of.

As children move through the school, we hope everyone who wants to will have a chance to join in. Please look out for a letter coming soon about other activity clubs starting after half term.

Sickness reminder: If your child has a cold or cough, they will generally be ok to be in school. Please practise good hand-washing and nose-blowing techniques at home to keep infections and viruses at bay.

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, you should keep them off school for 48 hours after the last 'episode', to avoid the spread of infection. Always wash hands really well. A poster of exclusion periods for common illnesses is on display in each school.

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