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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: KS1 are looking at units of measure to record length in centimetres & metres. Perhaps you could find out lengths of things at home?

Reception have been using our Numicon resources for the first time, exploring the shaped pieces which represent numbers in a very visual way.

- **Christmas Cards** Look out for sample cards coming home & return your orders to school by Fri 13 Oct.

- The new **end-of-day** time of 3.15pm is working well for most people. Governors have agreed that parents/carers who struggle with earlier collection may book children in at AM PM club until 3.45pm. There'll be a charge of £2 per session for this service, rising to the full cost if your child is collected later than 3.45pm. Places **MUST** be booked in advance with Mrs Brewell on 0771 6343455.

Wirksworth Wonders: **A+ CE:** **Ash:** Lily for her splendid role play retelling the Goldilocks story; Isla for super cutting out and ordering of the three bears, Molly for great reading of the Ugly Duckling story and totalling the number of eggs in the nest, and Florence for super quick changing for PE all by herself; **Beech:** William for fantastic sentences about Winnie the Witch & her dinosaur day, Scarlett for super work learning about Buddha, and Max for his measuring using ruler and cubes; **Sycamore:** Marnie for her amazing dinosaur adventure story, Sam for his wonderful computer picture of fossils, and Deacon for fabulous measuring with a ruler.

A+ WI: **Oak:** Charlie P for excellent work writing his name and super letter formations, and Joseph for super story telling when we shared the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'; **Hawthorn:** Sophia for great listening in music, following the beat and clapping a rhythm, Leo for super measuring work using pictures and rulers, and William for his confident measuring skills and really focussing in all activities.

Next week (ending 13 Oct)

Mon 9: Sycamore class swim.

Tues 10: Toy Library Stay&Play 9.30-11.30 at WI

Weds 11: The school photographer is coming! A day for tidy hair, clean jumpers and bright smiles. The photographer will be set up from 8.15am at the CE school to take any family photographs with siblings from other schools—if you have a child at the juniors, bring them along before school starts.

Thurs 12: NEW Cluster Parliament —we're looking forward to seeing lots of visitors —see box below.

- After school—Drama Club at CE.

Fri 13: PCSO Sue—WCWA assembly (**No Celebration Assemblies** today). Please work with your child to complete the first section of their Community Award booklet (Respect for others), and return the booklet to school before Friday.

- Deadline to return your Christmas card orders

- Last day to send your sponsor money for the Harvest Treasure Hunt musical instruments fund.

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 at each school from 3.40pm. See separate letter today.

Thurs 19: End of term—Dress Down Day

- PTFA AGM at CE school 7.30pm Please come along.

Fri 20 Oct: INSET day—school closed to pupils.

Mon 23—Fri 27: Half term break

Parents evenings will be held on 17 and 18 Oct. Please read the letter and leaflet sent home today and return your booking form to your teacher.

Don't forget—sign Pages 18 and 19 in your Home-School Link book before parents evening. Thank you.

Bungee jump: Donty's mum, Zowie Boden, is taking one terrifying step off a 43m high crane on the end of a bungee rope today to raise money and awareness for Ashgate Hospice. If you can sponsor her, any donation is appreciated. Please leave money at the WI school office, or see Zowie in the playground.

ParentHub: Are you on the App yet? Please visit your app store and add ParentHub to your phone.

Easy Fundraising: If you do your shopping online, please take a look at www.easyfundraising.org.uk Sign up for an account, choose our school to support and visit their page before you do your grocery, clothing or holiday shopping. Thousands of companies give a percentage of the spend back to registered organisations like ourselves—and it doesn't cost you a penny. Thank you for your support.

Cluster Pupil Parliament

An exciting new development in our cluster of schools is the launch of a Pupil Parliament.

The group met for the first time just before the summer break at Cromford Primary and talked about their different schools, and how they felt we could work together in the future. This time it's our turn to host the Parliament, and more than 40 children will be at Wirksworth Infants on Thurs, including two Y2 children from each of our schools.

This project has come about through the Cluster of Gell Schools (CoGS) collaboration, a working partnership between all 12 Heads & Governors of local primaries and AGS. More details coming soon...!

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