

13 October 2017

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We were delighted to host our **Cluster Parliament** at WI on Thurs, with representatives from each of the 11 primary schools and support from Y9 young leaders from AGS. Children enjoyed being in a different school and working with new people. They designed and voted on a logo for the CoGS Group and thought about how they will develop priorities they can tackle together.

- The **School photographer** took lots of smiley, happy pictures. Proof copies will be with you shortly.
- **After School activities:** A letter and booking form have been sent home today with details of the activities we're offering next half term. Please send back payment with your booking form. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis. Please note, most of the clubs will start the *second week* back.
- **Headlice:** Please do your bit to combat the spread of these pests. Wash, condition, and comb your child's hair with a nit comb. Ask at the chemist for help and advice on treatment regimes.
- **Mrs Blenkinsop and her Fleeting Feet of Fire!** On Sat 28 Oct, Sycamore class teacher, Liz Blenkinsop, will walk over hot coals (yes, really!) to raise money for both the Air Ambulance and our schools. If you would like to sponsor her in this wondrous feat (no pun intended), please ask at either school office, or see Liz herself for more details. You can even go and watch—5pm at the Stepping Stones, Ashbourne on 28 Oct. Thanks for your support.

Parents Evenings

You will have received confirmation of the time of your parents evening consultation from your class teacher this week. If you haven't heard, please speak to your teacher on Monday.

Please arrive at the main entrance of your child's school five minutes before your appointment. There will be signs directing you to a place to wait. Your teacher will send for you at your appointed time.

Please remember, appointments are 10 mins long. If you are over-running, please think of others and wrap up your discussion or arrange to meet again if necessary. Everyone wants to get home on time!

If you are bringing children with you, you are reminded that they are your responsibility and you should keep them with you at all times. Please don't allow them to roam around the school.

Don't forget—please sign Pages 18 & 19 of your Home-School Link book before parents evening, and download the **ParentHub App!** Thank you.

Next week (ending 20 Oct)

Walk to School week: Take a look at the leaflet sent home today. Could you and your family make some healthy lifestyle changes?

Mon 16: We're celebrating **World Food Day** with tastings of different foods from around the globe.

- Sycamore class swim

Tues 17: Mrs Poyser is meeting with all our Y2 children to introduce our **School Council** and what it means to be a School Councillor. All of the Y2s will have opportunity in turn to be a School Councillor and a Break-time Buddy during this year.

- Toy Library Stay and Play 9.30-11.30 at WI

Tues/Weds 17/18 Oct: Parents' evenings at each school from 3.40pm. See box below.

Thurs 19: Dress Down Day. On the last day of each half term we are having a non-uniform day. Please send £1 for school funds if you can, and come dressed up or dressed down—whatever takes your fancy! Don't forget, we will still be having outdoor play, so proper shoes and a coat will be needed.

- We'll all be learning about **Diwali** together today—the five-day festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world.
- After school—Drama Club at CE
- **PTFA AGM** at CE school 7.30pm All parents, carers and friends are invited to come and make plans for fundraising and support over the year ahead.

Fri 20: INSET day—school closed. Staff will join teams across the Cluster at Mount Cook Adventure Centre for a training day linked to positive psychology, well-being and emotional cognition—we'll be back 'Being (even more) Brilliant' after half term!

Mon 23—Fri 27: Half term break

Further ahead (more details will follow...):

Mon 30: Back to school. Sycamore class swim

Tues 31: Hearing screening - Reception children. Did you return your school health consent forms?

Thurs 16 Nov: Open Morning 9.30-11.30am. Do you know someone with a child who will start school Sept 2018? Please let them know they can drop in anytime during the morning to have a look round both our schools. Parents & children very welcome.

Fri 17 Nov: Children in Need Day

Sat 9 Dec: Christmas Fair 10-12 noon CE school

Tues 19: School closes for Christmas

Wirksworth Market consultation: Add your views to Town Council proposals to re-design the Memorial Gardens to accommodate the Tuesday market. Go to <http://www.wirksworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/consultation.html>

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