

# 3 November 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** We're thinking about fire, bonfire night and the Gunpowder Plot. Karl Dumelow and Dani Heathcote visited from the Fire Station to talk with all the children about how to enjoy Bonfire Night safely. Please read the leaflets your child has brought home and always follow the Fireworks Code.

- Oak and Ash classes visited the fire station on Friday to learn about a firefighter's job and how they help us. Huge thanks again to the staff for granting us access to the engines and hoses.

- Our Core Value this term is **Respect**. Please take a look at the family activity sheet sent home today.

**Wirksworth Wonders:** At WI: Reception, Daisy for trying hard in phonics when playing tricky words. Elodie for working hard in phonics, blending to read words. Year 1, Red for amazing work in RE about a celebration that was special for him. Kai for outstanding work all week in maths. Year 2, Kieran for amazing work in maths, learning to write number words and always challenging himself. At CE: Reception, William for independently making his rocket, what a brilliant effort. Riley-Jai for working hard to colour in his numicon shapes and Ellie for super independent writing, drawing family and adding labels with no help. Year 1, Acer for super maths, writing numbers 1-5 in words. Sonny for writing capitals A through to K in Jolly Grammar and Obi for a super firework safety rules poster. Year 2, Livvy for her continued and wonderful progression in reading. Thea for brilliant role play as Thomas Win-tour and Guy Fawkes. And Ruby for amazing understanding of money and adding notes and coins.

## Parent Hub—FREE prize draw!

Last term, we launched a mobile app to help you stay in touch with school while you're on the move. Thank you to all 50 parents who have already joined and downloaded the app to their smartphones.

We want to encourage more of you to sign up, and are offering a voucher for **FREE Coffee and Cake**, kindly donated by Mercia in the Market Place.

Names of all parents who have downloaded the **ParentHub** app by 30 November will be entered into a draw to win this treat—you could share it with your child, or keep it all for yourself... 😊

It's easy and free to join. Go to your App Store (there'll be an icon for this on your smartphone or iPhone), search **ParentHub** and Install. Create an account in easy steps and add your school handle **@WirksworthInfant** or **@WirksworthCofE**. Make sure you stay logged in to receive our notifications.

## Next week (ending 10 Nov)

**Mon 6:** Sycamore class swim

*After school:* Football Club

**Tues 7:** Recyclables collection for the Starlight charity. Return filled bags to either school by 9am.

*Toy Library:* Stay & Play 9.30-11.30am at WI

*After school:* Christmas Art Club—R & Y1

**Weds 8:** *After school:* Christmas Art Club—Y2

**Thurs 9:** *After school*—Drama Club & French Club

**Fri 10:** All children will walk to the Memorial Garden to take part in an act of Remembrance.

Celebration assemblies in both schools at 2.30pm. Please join us if you can.

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

**Weds 15:** Friendship Day

**Thurs 16:** 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

**Mon 4 Dec:** Whole school trip to Peter Pan Panto—please see the separate letter sent home today

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

**New DCC Consultation:** You may have seen a public consultation has been announced on the future of primary education in Wirksworth. This has been a surprise to us all and we are trying to ascertain the details. Please keep a look out for news from school and follow Wirksworth's Facebook pages—it's a developing story, related to Tarmac's housing development proposals. These will affect our whole community, so do take a look at the plans and make your views known to the Councils.

**Mrs Blenkinsop's fire walk:** Liz survived her fire walk and is very proud of herself. With much bravery and gumption, she made four passes over the hot coals and live fire. DO NOT try this at home!! She has raised nearly £200 for Air Ambulance and Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools combined.

**Bonfire Night:** Wirksworth Scouts fireworks from 7pm, Sun 5 Nov Wash Green. Bring a home-made Guy for the bonfire—prizes for the most creative! Advance tickets at TraidLinks £4/£12 family or £5/£15 on night.

**Cromford Moor:** If you're out walking locally, take a detour over Cromford Moor—opposite the Black Rocks entrance behind the industrial estate. The land there is a wonderful nature reserve, and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have added a lovely bench to the network of footpaths. Why not bring in a picture of you sitting on it?

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