

10 November 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: WI school had an Ofsted inspection. The inspector was *incredibly* positive about our school. She particularly enjoyed meeting the children & listening to them talk about school life, and was bowled over by all the conversations she had with parents, volunteers & governors during the day. The large number of Parent View submissions was amazing too. We're so grateful for all your support. The inspector's official feedback will be made available to you as soon as it's published in a week or so.

- Oak and Ash classes have been out on a Shape Walk, spotting triangles, squares and circles in the streets and buildings around our schools.

- AmPm Club is asking for small cars & construction toys like Lego and K-Nex to supplement after school activities. If you have any spare, pls send them in.

Wirksworth Wonders: *At WI:* Ash: Gracie-Mae for her amazing poppy picture using pastel crayons, and Joshua for super shape-spotting on our walk;

Hawthorn: Jimmy for trying really hard in maths and subtracting 1 digit from a two-digit number, Ezekiel for a beautiful Oriental poppy picture using pastels in the style of the artist Georgia O'Keefe, and Layla for great subtraction work and becoming so confident with her maths.

At CE: Ash: Oscar for knowing his 2D shapes, Thea-Beth for great labelling of a firefighter, working independently, and Jude for super blending of letter sounds; *Beech:* William for his re-telling of the Jack and the Beanstalk story, using and to join two sentences, Max for knowing his number bonds to 10 and Polly for working out calculations such as $4+3=?$; *Sycamore:*

Joe for creating a wonderful poppy wreath, George for amazing writing of a poppy poem and Olivia for brilliant writing out of numbers in words.

Remembrance—Poppy Pebbles

We have been thinking about those who have made sacrifices for others in wars around the world.

Every child has painted their own poppy motif onto a varnished pebble, and we will all visit the Memorial Gardens today to make a Poppy Pebble display and hold a short act of remembrance. On Sunday afternoon, after the Remembrance Services have taken place, you and your child might like to collect their own named pebble from the Memorial Gardens and hide it again in a special place around the town for someone else to find—this suggestion came from several children inspired by recent [#WirksworthRocks](#) Facebook activity. We hope you have fun.

Our Foundation Governor, Sue Todd, gave a lovely assembly on how Jelly Babies were first launched as 'Peace Babies' in 1918 to celebrate the end of WW1—as good an opportunity as any to taste a few!

Next week (ending 17 Nov)

Mon 13: Sycamore class swim

- *After school:* Football Club

Tues 14: Toy Library: Stay & Play 9.30-11.30am

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

Weds 15: Friendship Day—as part of National Anti-Bullying Week, we're celebrating our lovely friends.

- *After school:* Christmas Art Club—Y2

Thurs 16: Open Morning 9.30-11.30am. We're looking forward to welcoming parents with children due to start school in Sept 2018. Drop in anytime during the morning and have a look round both our schools. Please spread the word.

- *Don't forget!* Y2 children also need to apply for their junior school place. You'll be able to make your application online from 9am on Mon 13 Nov at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions

- *After school*—Drama Club & French Club

Fri 17: Children in Need Day Children can show their support for this wonderful cause by coming to school in fancy dress or wearing their own clothes—whichever they fancy—as long as it's suitable to wear all day (including outdoor play). Please send a £1 donation. We also need all your loose and spare change to fill our huge Pudsey boards, so please search under the sofa cushions, in coat pockets and car foot-wells and send those pennies in.

- PTFA meeting 2pm at WI. Please come along.

- No celebration assemblies this week.

- **Children in Need** cake sales after school. We're selling bakes we'll be making during the day. Come and buy your after-school snacks at 3.15pm.



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

Weds 15: Friendship Day

Sun 26: Wirksworth Christmas Market 10am-4pm

Thurs 30: Make sure you've downloaded the **Parent Hub App** by today to be in with a chance of winning a free coffee and cake voucher from Mercia. Please ask at the office if you need help or further info.

Mon 4 Dec: School trip to Peter Pan Panto—pls send your consent and payment to school by 24 Nov.

Sat 9: Christmas Fair 10-12 noon at CE school. We'll be raffling a big Christmas Hamper—if you can donate any Christmassy contributions to make up this prize (maybe crackers or chocs, soaps or decorations), please send them in as soon as you can.

w/c 11 Dec: Class Christmas performances week. All the details coming soon...

Tues 19: School closes for Christmas.

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