

08 December 2017 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Our *Christmas Fair* raised £342. Congratulations to all winners: Will F—number of sweets in jar, Sonny W—weight of the cake, Claire Butler won the ParentHub draw, and all raffle prizes have now been sent home. Thanks to the bakers, donators and stall-holders, to Mrs Radley and Mrs Poyser for setting it all up, and Steve 'Master Elf' Maskrey for sorting out the tree lights.

- We had a lovely trip to see *Peter Pan* at Derby Theatre. Children were beautifully behaved and really enjoyed the drama and magic of the live show.
- Children have been working super hard preparing their class *Christmas shows*. We're looking forward to performing for parents and friends next week.
- Our *Christmas Posting Boxes* are open and Y2s have been sorting and delivering greetings cards. Remember to add the name, class and WI / CE on the envelope so we can get them to the right child. Bring in any *used stamps* from your cards at home—we collect them for the RNIB's fundraising efforts.
- PCSO Pat joined us on Friday to present stickers for this term's *Community Wonder Award* section.
- *After school clubs*—please see the letter enclosed about activities we're offering for Spring Term 1.
- *Town Litter Pick: Sun 10 Dec*. Meet at rear of Town Hall at 2pm to collect bags and pickers. Keep an eye on *Keep Wirksworth Clean's* Facebook page for more updates, in case the forecast snow arrives. Brrrrrr!

Home-School communication

Our agreement with the Teachers2Parents text service is coming to an end. We will be moving all our messaging across to **ParentHub** in January.

Those of you who have downloaded the **ParentHub** app to your smart phone will receive messages and attachments through the app. These are instant, unlimited and are free to send and receive.

Please make sure you stay logged in to your Parent Hub account in order to receive alerts & messages.

Parents/carers without the app will continue to receive text messages which will contain embedded links to any attachments. Text messages carry a cost to school, so messages may be shortened.

Please go to your AppStore and search **ParentHub**. Install and use the handle **@WirksworthInfants** or **@WirksworthCofE**. Add your phone number and child's date of birth to match your identity to the school's database. There's a reminder over the page.

If you have questions or would like help with the app, please ask. Thank you for your support.

Up to the end of term (19 Dec)

Mon 11: Sycamore class performances 10am/2pm. NB: All shows this week are in **WI School Hall**.

After school: Football Club

Tues 12: Oak & Ash class performance 10am/2pm

After school: Christmas Art Club—R & Y1

Weds 13: Hawthorn class performances 10am/2pm

After school: Christmas Art Club—Y2

Thurs 14: PTFA Christmas Disco. Please see the flier sent home earlier this week. To reserve a place for your child, send £4.50 to school by **Weds 13 Dec**. Please put your money into a named, securely sealed envelope and place in your classroom collection box.

Children will change at school into their party clothes and will be walked to the disco by school staff. Please collect from the Town Hall at 5pm—wait downstairs for them to be dismissed. If you can offer to help with arrangements, please let your teacher know.

- *No After school clubs tonight*

Fri 15: Beech class performances 10am/2pm.

- Christmas dinner—hats, crackers, all the trimmings!

Mon 18: Santa's going to be making a special trip today, and all the classes will spend the afternoon together at CE school **Please collect ALL children from the CE school at 3.15pm today**. Thank you.

- *After school:* last Christmas Art Club—Y2

Tues 19: Christmas Jumper / Dress Down Day.

No need to wear uniform today—dress in something fun or in a Christmas outfit (just make sure you remember your coats and hats for outdoor play). Send £1 donation for school funds if you can.

- School closes at 3.15pm. Everyone is invited to a short **family carol service** in St Mary's Church, led by David Truby, from 3.30-4pm. Please do come along and sing your way into the Christmas mood!

Into the New Year:

Tues 2 & Weds 3 Jan: INSET days—school closed to pupils. Staff will be undertaking statutory training related to safeguarding and e-safety. Remember: protect your children by respecting age restrictions on films and games at home and on mobile devices.

Thurs 4: School re-opens.

Mon 8 Jan: Hawthorn class swimming. Your child needs a costume, swim hat and towel every week. You should collect them from the pool at 3.15pm. You will be asked to contribute £2 per session.

Sycamore swimmers—Mrs Radley has sent reminders if you still owe for your lessons. Please pay promptly.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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