

# 12 January 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE

**This week:** Oak and Ash classes went walking in the murky January fog looking for signs of **Winter**. Meanwhile, KS1 children have been out of this world—beginning their topic on **Space** this term with a look at each of the planets in our solar system. They've made some super fact files and posters.

- **Purple Mash**—with support from our PTFA group, we've invested in a subscription to this amazing software package which we'll be using in all our classrooms. You can access the resources from home as well, to support learning in all kinds of different areas. Look out for your child's password in their Home-School Link Books. More details soon...

**Wirksworth Wonders:** **Oak class:** Lillie-Mae for super writing, sounding out and using finger spaces, and Ruby for great phonics work and finding letters on the alphabet mat; **Hawthorn:** Freddie and Evie-Mae for their maths, confidently working out  $\frac{1}{2}$  of objects, and Amy V for excellent teamwork and helping her group create a lovely planet poster;

**Ash:** Lily for fantastic independent writing, Jodie for super sorting of hot and cold colours, and Jude for really impressive agility in PE; **Beech:** Grace for her super explanation of a consonant blend in Jolly Grammar, William for his planet mnemonic to remember the order from the sun, and Ted for finding  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a quantity in maths; **Sycamore:** Deacon for trying really hard in phonics, Arthur for sharing his wonderful way to remember the planets' order, and Hollie for asking a super question about space.

**Next week: (ending 19 Jan)**

**Mon 15:** Hawthorn Class swim. Please remember to send your payment to school in a named, sealed envelope—cost is £2 each week or £22 for the whole term. Do you have any spare time on Monday afternoons? Could you help us walk to the swimming pool? It doesn't have to be every week—one or two sessions would be a tremendous help. Please see Mrs Marriott or ask at school asap.

- **After school:** Girls' Football Club

**Tues 16:** Toy Library—Stay and Play at Wirksworth Infant School hall from 9.30-11.30am.

**Weds 17:** After school: Basketball club

**Thurs 18:** After school: CreativiT Drama Club

**Fri 19:** Celebration Assemblies 2.30pm

- **After school:** French Club

**20 Jan:** Deadline to respond to the DCC Consultation paper on the Future of Primary Education in Wirksworth. See box below and form home today.

**Further ahead:**

**Thurs 25:** Christingle Service, 2pm in St Mary's Church. Please come along.

**Fri 9 Feb:** Wirksworth Community Wonder Award (WCWA) Assembly with PCSO Spencer—this time it's the **Environment** section.

**Tues 13 Feb:** Pancake Races—each school

**Fri 16 Feb:** Dress Down day—last day of term.

## Consultation—What will the future look like for primary education in Wirksworth?

DCC's public consultation on Primary Education Provision in Wirksworth closes on **Saturday, 20 January**. You were sent the full document by email this week, and it's also linked from the Home page of our Federation website.

As the town grows and large proposed housing developments are completed, the County Council has to plan to be able to provide school places in the future. Whilst there are no plans to build a new school imminently, the consultation asks for responses now on **two issues**—in summary, a) whether you think any new school should service all Wirksworth children or just the additional children generated by the growth of the town, and b) your preferred location for any future new school. School leaders and DCC officers had a most informative meeting this week—schools will be making requests for more time to explore the first issue in much more detail, but agreed Option A as currently the most suitable site to retain for possible school development. Please, please make your own representation before next weekend. Ask in school for more information.

**Attendance Matters:** Our whole Federation attendance for the year to 31 December was **96.7%**. This is just above our target of 96.5% and gives us a **GREEN** traffic light. Thank you for your support.

- We have had a flurry of requests for absences during term time. Please remember that absence will be authorised for exceptional circumstances **ONLY**. This does **not** include family holidays. Please make an appointment to come and talk to us in school if you intend to ask for any absence.
- You are reminded that unauthorised leave may be referred by school to the Education Welfare Officer, and can incur a Penalty Notice and a fine.

**Personal information:** Please find a Student Update Form in your child's bag tonight. Under GDPR rules, we are obliged to regularly check that all data held by school is correct. Please check the form carefully, make any alterations and change any permissions as necessary, then sign and return it to school by 31 Jan. A privacy notice is printed over the page, detailing how our school and the local authority use information provided by you.

## Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools

### Privacy Notice

#### Information about pupils in schools and children in early years settings

##### Data Protection Act 1998: How we use pupil information

We collect and hold personal information relating to our pupils and may also receive information about them from their previous school, local authority and/or the Department for Education (DfE). We use this personal data to:

- support our pupils' learning
- monitor and report on their progress
- provide appropriate pastoral care; and
- assess the quality of our services
- protect public monies against fraud

This information will include their contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, any exclusion information, where they go after they leave us and personal characteristics such as their ethnic group, any special educational needs they may have as well as relevant medical information. For pupils enrolling for post 14 qualifications, the Learning Records Service will give us the unique learner number (ULN) and may also give us details about your learning or qualifications.

To ensure your son or daughter's information is kept safe we have the following controls/limitations in place:

- a) the information will not be used for any purpose other than those stated in this notice
  - b) the information will be held within secure systems/locations, with appropriate levels of security, that comply with relevant data protection legislation
  - c) the information will only be shared for lawful purposes and with an appropriate level of security that complies with relevant data protection legislation
  - d) the information will only be held for the periods agreed in our school's Record Retention Policy and Schedule, after which it will be destroyed.
- Our school's Record Retention and Schedule can be found on the School Policies page of the Federation's website at [www.wirksworth-infant-federation.co.uk](http://www.wirksworth-infant-federation.co.uk)
- e) the information will be held, used and shared in accordance with Data Protection Act 1998 legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on 25 May 2018.

We will not give information about our pupils to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so. When you give your consent for your son or daughter's information to be held and/or shared for any purpose you can withdraw that consent at any time by contacting Mrs Cath Rowlatt or Mrs Clare Radley, School Business Team.

You can also contact the person named above if you wish to:

- access any records we hold about your son or daughter
- have any information we hold about your son or daughter corrected
- have any information we hold about your son or daughter erased
- restrict how information we hold about your son or daughter can be used or shared

- object to information about your son or daughter being held
- have any information we hold about your son or daughter transferred to a third party
- challenge decisions relating to your son or daughter made using automated decision making and profiling

We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to our local authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

DfE may also share pupil level personal data that we supply to them, with third parties. This will only take place where legislation allows it to do so and it is in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Decisions on whether DfE releases this personal data to third parties are subject to a robust approval process and are based on a detailed assessment of who is requesting the data, the purpose for which it is required, the level and sensitivity of data requested and the arrangements in place to store and handle the data. To be granted access to pupil level data, requestors must comply with strict terms and conditions covering the confidentiality and handling of data, security arrangements and retention and use of the data.

For more information on how this sharing process works, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-pupil-database-apply-for-a-data-extract>

For information on which third party organisations (and for which project) pupil level data has been provided to, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-pupil-database-requests-received>

if you need more information about how our local authority and/or DfE collect and use your information, please visit:

- our local authority at <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/privacy/privacy-notice> ; or
- DfE website at <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-how-we-collect-and-share-research-data>

If you are unable to access these websites, please contact:

For Derbyshire County Council:

Information Governance Officer

Children's Services Department, Derbyshire

County Council

Room 361

County Hall

Matlock

Derbyshire

DE4 3AG

Email: [sg.dbandfoi@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:sg.dbandfoi@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01629 532011

For DfE:

Public Communications Unit,

Department for Education,

Sanctuary Buildings,

Great Smith Street,

London, SW1P 3BT

Website: [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)

Email: [help@www.education.gov.uk](mailto:help@www.education.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0370 000 2288

Should you have any concerns or complaints relating to your son or daughter about how we, as a school, obtain, use, store or share their personal data please contact Mrs Cath Rowlatt or Mrs Clare Radley, School Business Team

If however you are dissatisfied with our response to your concerns you can of course contact the Information Commissioners Office

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if you prefer to use a national rate number

Fax: 01625 524 510

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

\* The Information Commissioners Office deals with concerns and complaints relating to data protection and freedom of information legislation.