

19 January 2018

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: KS1 have been doing lots of work on half and quarters of objects. What better excuse to have pizza and cake than to practise fractions?!

- Oak and Ash classes have begun looking at their term topic on Dinosaurs—Rrrrooooooarr!
- **Purple Mash update**—Your child's password and log in details have been stuck into their Home-School Link Books this week. Fire up your laptop or tablet together at home and take a look at what this super software can do to support your child's learning.
- Mrs Essex needs milk bottle tops and small, variety pack cereal boxes—please collect and send in!

20 Jan: Deadline to respond to DCCs Consultation on Primary Education Provision in Wirksworth.

An email was sent home this week with a summary of the detail behind this proposal. Please also take a look at <http://www.wirksworthtowncouncil.gov.uk/news/16-january-18/school-consultation.html> and return your response form to planning.policy@derbyshire.gov.uk **Thank you.**

Wirksworth Wonders: *Oak class:* Alissa for working really hard on writing her name, and Daisy for always remembering to apply her phonics knowledge; *Hawthorn:* Red for super confident quarter-ing, Sophie for working really hard and concentrating all week, and Charlie for great work in Jolly Grammar; *Ash:* Isla for super Stegosaurus training, Charlotte for her great drawing of a Stegosaurus, and Poppi for great independent writing of numbers and pairing with Numicon shapes; *Beech:* Logan for working hard and following instructions, Gracie for her super storyboard about Back to Earth with a Bump, & Savannah for trying really hard in phonics sessions; *Sycamore:* Ferren and Jem for their parts in our class debate about sending animals into space, and Billy for amazing work finding half and a quarter of a group of objects. Well done everyone.

Cluster of Gell Schools—CoGS

We're very pleased to be able to tell you about our Federation's involvement with the CoGS group. You'll find a leaflet with this newsletter outlining the Group's aims and listing all 12 schools involved. Head teachers and Governors from each school meet three times a year and have already collaborated on many projects which support children in all the schools, such as establishing a Pupil Parliament, participating in joint training events, and making improvements to transition as children move between Key Stages. You can find more information on our website: look for CoGS under the School menu.

Next week: (ending 26 Jan)

Mon 22: Hawthorn Class swim. Another reminder to please pay every week, or £22 for the term. We're also still looking for parents/grandparents to help us walk to the pool. Please help if you can.

• *After school:* Girls' Football Club

Tues 23: Toy Library—Stay and Play at Wirksworth Infant School hall from 9.30-11.30am.

Weds 24: *After school:* Basketball club

Thurs 25: Our **Christingle Service** starts 2pm in St Mary's Church. Children will be making their Christingles to celebrate Epiphany and practising poems and songs to share. Please come along.

• *After school:* CreativiT Drama Club

Fri 26: Celebration Assemblies 2.30pm

• *After school:* French Club

Further ahead:

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.

Governor News: We have a vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Body. Please contact Mrs Poyser through the school office to find out more. We also have a vacancy for a staff governor—open to any member of Federation staff. Please get in touch if you are interested yourself, or would like to nominate someone for either post.

• We said a fond farewell to Betty Brown at Christmas. Betty has been Clerk to Governors at both WFIS and WJS for many years, and is now settling gradually into life with less paper to organise! Kim Meakin joins us as new Clerk to both Governing Bodies, bringing a wealth of experience from her work with other schools in the area. We're looking forward to getting to know her.

Personal information: Please remember to check and return your Pupil Update Form sent home last Friday. It's important to keep your personal and emergency contact details up to date. We increasingly send communications by email, so please make sure we have your most appropriate address.

No Car Zone: Once again—please leave your car safely in a car park AWAY from school entrances and walk your child into school. A vehicle was damaged this week moving onto the pavement outside WI. What if that had been a child...? Keep off the zig-zags and drive with everyone's safety in mind.

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