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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Reception found out about dinosaur eating habits—from carnivores such as T-Rex to plant-eating herbivores like Stegosaurus. KS1 classes made some brilliant Space Junk models, designed their own space suits (some with built-in toilets) and made yummy planet pizzas. Our **Christingle** service was lovely in St Mary's—the children made their teachers proud with some really great singing. Thank you everyone who joined us.

- **Students:** Thanks to our super-helpful PGCE students over the last couple of weeks, who've been getting a taste of teaching in an infant setting.
- Jenny Richards has provided a questionnaire about a **research project** she is working on. Please return your form to school if you can help.
- **AMPM Club**—our before and after school care service—is available to all families with children at WI, CE and Wirksworth Junior schools. Please ask for a registration pack. For further information about funding support for wrap-around care, please ask to speak with Mrs Poyser.

Wirksworth Wonders: **Oak class:** Elodie for super writing—sounding out and applying her phonics skills, and Gracie-May for her detailed dinosaur picture and wonderful writing; **Hawthorn:** Jimmy for his amazing work in phonics, Bethan for working hard all the time, trying her best and thinking of others, and Kieran for great sportsmanship, ensuring his team worked well together in PE; **Ash:** Stanley for his fantastic attitude to his work and super shape colouring and Katie for really trying to blend sounds when reading; **Beech:** Rory for fantastic maths, finding one more and one less, Esme for her creative moon buggy model and Louis for great facts about Yuri Gagarin; **Sycamore:** Zachary for brilliant work with < and > signs between numbers, Flo for writing wonderful Yuri Gagarin facts and Finley for great work placing numbers using a number line.

Be informed... ParentHub

If you downloaded the **ParentHub** app last term you will already be regularly receiving our newsletters and reminders direct to your smart phone. Make sure you stay **logged in** to receive the notifications. It's free and easy to set up—search for **ParentHub** in your regular App Store, install, and register your phone number to be linked with your child. Grandparents and friends can also download the app and receive news from our schools, but they won't be linked with a child. Please ask if you have any problems or would like a demonstration. Thank you.

Next week: (ending 2 Feb)

Sat 27: Litter Pick event, 2-4pm. Use your weekend to do something positive together. Help rid our town and open spaces of dropped and blown litter. Meet on Church Walk (rear of Town Hall) at 2pm to collect a litter picker and bin bags.

Mon 29: Hawthorn Class swimming.

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

Tues 30: Toy Library—9.30-11.30am at WI

- **After school:** Y2 Writing Club with Mrs Poyser

Weds 31: If you haven't checked and returned your Student Update Form, please do so by today.

- **After school:** Basketball club

Thurs 1 Feb: **After school:** CreativiT Drama

Fri 2: Celebration Assemblies 2.30pm

- **After school:** French Club

Further ahead:

Fri 9 Feb: Wirksworth Community Wonder Award (WCWA) with PCSO Spencer—this time it's the **Environment** section. Helping out on the litter pick this Saturday counts towards this.

Tues 13 Feb: Pancake Races—each school

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

Footpath closure notice: Due to a wall collapse, the concessionary footpath from Station Yard to the CE school will be **closed** until further notice. Please take care crossing/walking along North End.

Junior School: We're happy to share news that Mrs Isabel Webb has been appointed Headteacher at Wirksworth Junior School. She currently has a leadership role at another Derbyshire school and will join WJS after the Easter holiday.

PE Kit: Is your child's PE kit languishing at home? Please make sure they have a T-shirt, shorts and pumps (all with names in) on their peg at school every day so we can make the most of our PE time.

Help! Do you have any spare outgrown girls' tights or socks? We often need spares and stocks are low. Please send them in to the school office.

Relief lunchtime staff: If you might be interested in some occasional work at lunchtime, either with our midday supervisor teams or with catering, please get in touch via the school office.

Fundraising thanks: Commission from school photograph orders raised £320 for school funds. ☺

Half term cricket: Please see the flier enclosed for details of a coaching course for girls and boys interested in beginning to play cricket.

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