

# 9 February 2018

## WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** Reception classes went walking with their friends to see what beautiful things they could see, even on a damp windy winter's morning. They also made some rather delicious-looking Dinosaur Dung cakes!

- KS1 have been talking about the story *Aliens in Underpants* as part of their space exploration work, and have made some super Moon pictures to go with their fact finding on Neil Armstrong.

- **Safer Internet Day.** Learning how to use the internet safely and with confidence is a crucial life skill for our children. This week we've worked with *Smartie the Penguin* and *KidSMART* to learn about the internet safety code. We have reviewed our SMART rules for children, which you can find on the [Staying Safe in Cyberspace](#) leaflet sent home today. Please take some time to examine the filtering and parental controls on your devices at home—there's advice in the leaflet. How many of the featured social network and app logos do you recognise?

- Staff and Governors from WFIS and WJS met this week to talk about our plans for collaborative working as the [Wirksworth Primary Partnership](#). The Partnership Project is gathering speed—the logo designed by the children is currently in development, and plans are underway for a school song. We need your ideas! Please see the letter sent home today for how you can contribute.

- New [after school club activities](#) for next term are detailed on the letter home tonight. Please return your booking form and payment to reserve a place.

**Next week: (ending 16 Feb)**

**Mon 12:** We're looking forward to welcoming work experience students from Anthony Gell School.

- **Hawthorn Class** swimming.

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

**Tues 13:** Toy Library—9.30-11.30am at WI

- Pancake races 2pm each school (see box below)

**Fri 16:** Last day of term—**Dress Down Day**. Please send a £1 donation

- **Chinese New Year.** We'll be learning about and celebrating the Year of the Dog.

- **Celebration Assemblies** 2.30pm. Please join us if you can. Remember from next term, our Celebration Assemblies will start at 9.10am.

**Further ahead:**

**Mon 26:** Back to school. Hawthorn class swim.

**Thurs 1 Mar:** World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite character from a story book. Inventive, simple costumes are welcome—please don't go to any expense. This is just for fun and the love of reading.

**Fri 2 Mar:** [Celebration Assemblies](#) 9.10am.

**Great British Spring Clean:** 2-4 March 2018

The Great British Spring Clean is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches.

They want to inspire 500,000 people to get outdoors, get active and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us. Join the growing army of

[#LitterHeroes](#)

who have had enough of other people's litter and are willing to do something about it.

Together we can make a difference and clean up the environment on our doorstep.

Join the Wirksworth campaign on Facebook.



### Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Races

Shrove Tuesday (Tues 12 Feb) is traditionally a feast day in the Christian calendar, being the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent and forty days of fasting.

These days, Shrove Tuesday is more commonly known in the UK as Pancake Day. During the morning, children will take part in an assembly and demonstration of pancake making, before holding tasting sessions with different toppings.

We'd love you to come and join in the fun in the afternoon, as we hold our own races and try to run while flipping pancakes without dropping them. Please meet in your school playground at 2pm. Bring toddlers, friends and other family members, ready to join in and cheer! If you can also bring along a small, light frying pan, you'll be even more welcome!

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