

9 March 2018

WEEKLY UPDATE

This week: Reception have been looking at pigs in their Farmyard topic and came up with some wonderful piggy facts and stories. They went out for a walk to see what changes are coming with Spring. KS1 classes started their Minibeast Fact Files and have been investigating differences between minibeasts we might see on the ground or in the air.

• **World Book Day**—thank you all for dressing up so beautifully and helping your child take part in this special day. We shared lots of our favourite stories. Use your £1 book token to order from the new Scholastic Book Club leaflet, sent home this week.

• It was lovely to see everyone in school for **parents evenings**. Don't forget, if you ever have a worry or concern, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with your class teacher at any time.

Wirksworth Wonders: *Oak class:* Cameron for his fantastic independent writing, and Millie for her super pig fact and great writing; *Hawthorn:* Bethan for her super-quick recall of number bonds to 10, Sophie for really confident adding skills and Charlie for her amazing butterfly collage and for being such a good friend to everyone.

At CE: *Ash:* Erin for her wonderful reading, Thea Beth for her super craft activities and Isaac for always behaving with such lovely manners;

Beech: Scarlett for her super fact file about ladybirds, Astrid for her impressive narrative about *Room on the Broom*, and Sonny for producing great independent sentences to describe a picture from the *Room on the Broom* story; *Sycamore:* Flo for wonderful work on rhyming words, Maisie for fantastic sorting of different types of minibeasts, and Olivia for brilliant work on arrays in maths.

Save your plastic lids: Mount Cook Centre is coordinating a special event for Earth Day 2018 (see over page). Please send in any plastic bottle tops from milk or drinks bottles for use in an art activity project they are planning. Please leave them in the collecting box. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** your waste.

Cursive handwriting practice

Our handwriting policy is to teach using the cursive approach, adding flicks and joins to each letter to help when children start joining up.

There's a great website to support children's learning which you can log into from home.

Go to www.LetterJoin.co.uk and enter the user name **ak9067** and password **home**.

Next week: (ending 16 March)

Mon 12: Donna Scott and Ben Brailsford join us in Sycamore and Beech classes on their final 8-week PGCE course placement.

• **Hawthorn Class** swim. Reminders were sent via **ParentHub** to parents with payment outstanding—please stay logged in to receive messages.

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

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

• **After school:** Easter Art & Sing and Dance Clubs

Weds 14: Road Safety Awareness Day

• **After school:** Football club

Thurs 15: **After school:** CreativiT Drama

Fri 16: **Community Wonder Assembly** with PC Pat. (No Celebration Assembly this week.) Please send your Community Wonder booklets back to school with the **Walking to School** page filled in. You child could use some of the activities we do on our Road Safety Day to help with this section.

Further ahead:

19-23 Mar: Sport Relief Week—challenges galore!

Tues 20: Easter Service, 2pm St Mary's Church

Fri 23: Earth Hour Day. Be a Super Hero for the Planet. Come dressed up as a super-hero, or as your super-self! End of term.

Mon 9 Apr—Fri 25 May: Summer Term 1

• **Mon 7 May:** Bank Holiday, School closed

• **Mon 4 June:** INSET day—school closed to pupils

Assembly time: Children gather each day for a period of collective thought, reflection and singing on a theme: Celebration, visiting clergy, Core Value, Spiritual Moral Social & Cultural (SMSC), and Birthdays, when we look at the lives of famous or influential people born that week, and celebrate birthdays within our school community. If a child's birthday falls in a holiday, their birthday is included in the assembly just before or just after the break.

Primary Partnership song: Thanks for your contributions to our new Wirksworth Partnership school song. Keep watching here for news as it develops!

Great British Spring Clean: Rescheduled Town Tidy event is now Sun 18 March. Meet rear of Town Hall on Church Walk at 1pm to collect grabbers and bags. See Facebook Group for updates.

Carnival Disco: New date is Fri 16 Mar, Town Hall 6-7.30pm. £1 entry, must be accompanied by an adult. Enter the Carnival Royalty draw on the night!

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EARTH DAY 2018



SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

10am - 5pm

End Plastic Pollution

Join us at Mount Cook Adventure Centre for:

- Innovative ways to recycle and reuse your plastic
- Activities, guided walks and train rides
- Taster workshops at Derbyshire Eco Centre (pre-booking essential)
- Food and refreshments

Free to attend! A small fee will be charged for activities, guided walks and train rides.

To book a Derbyshire Eco Centre course, call: 01629 533 038.

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