

2 March 2018

WEEKLY UPDATE



This term: A rather disrupted start thanks to the snow! We hope you've have all had a go at making a snowman or two, and remained warm and safe. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor clothing with them at school, whatever the weather.

- Our Core Value this term is **Service**. The linked family activity sheet accompanies this newsletter.
- **World Book Day**—postponed from this week—will now take place on Thursday 8 March. Please come to school dressed as a favourite story book character.
- Contributions to the new Wirksworth Primary Partnership **school song** are still welcome—the deadline is extended to Friday 9 March. Please have a think about what Togetherness and community mean to you, and jot down a few ideas
- **Adverse weather:** A reminder of the procedure we follow in case school is forced to close in bad weather. As soon as practicable after the decision is taken, a message will be posted on the Derbyshire County Council School Closures webpage, and an App or Text message will be sent to parents/carers via **ParentHub**. Please check that your emergency contact phone number is up to date.
- The Carnival Committee's children's disco has been cancelled from Fri 2 March. We will advertise the new date when we know it.
- Friday's PTFA meeting will also be rescheduled.

How do we assess your child?

Children's learning and progression is continually monitored and assessed by teaching staff. Learning goals are set for every lesson and children actively work towards individual targets set with them by their teacher. You are already aware of how you can support your child with their regular maths and English targets in their Home-School Link Books. We have produced a series of leaflets to help explain assessment in the Early Years Foundation Stage, the Year 1 Phonics testing programme and SATs at the end of Key Stage 1, including advice on supporting your child at home. The relevant booklet will be sent home to you on Mon 5 Mar. You will find more information in the back of your H-S Link book.

We hope to see you at **Parents Evening** next week. Please use your appointment to ask about the assessment process and your own child's progression. You might like to write down questions beforehand to make best use of your time with your teacher. You will find our Assessment Policy and Marking and Feedback Policy on the Federation's website.

Next week: (ending 9 March)

Mon 5: Hawthorn Class swimming

- *After school:* Girls' Football Club

Tues 6: Toy Library—9.30-11.30am at WI

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

• **Parents Evening**—please see the letter sent home last week and make an appointment to see your child's teacher to talk about their progress in class

Weds 7: *After school:* Football club

- **Parents Evening**—as above

Thurs 8: **World Book Day**—rescheduled

- *After school:* CreativiT Drama

Fri 9: Celebration Assembly **9.10am** each school

- *After school:* French Club

Further ahead:

Weds 14 Mar: Road Safety Day

Fri 16: Community Wonder Assembly.

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

Tues 5 Jun—Fri 20 July: Summer Term 2

We've loads of exciting activities planned through the spring and summer terms. Please keep watching this newsletter for new dates. See the full calendar at www.wirksworth-infant-federation.co.uk

Term dates and INSET days: Term dates are always published several years in advance on DCC's website. INSET days have been agreed with Wirksworth Junior School. A calendar sheet for 2018/19 will come home in book bags on Monday.

Please do not book family holidays during term time. If you wish to request term time absence for your child, please ask for a form from the office, or download one from the website. Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy is also on our website.

Great British Spring Clean: Get out in the fresh air this Sunday and join in the community action. Spruce up the town ready for when spring finally arrives! Meet at the back of the Town Hall on Church Walk at 2pm to collect grabbers and bags.

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