

23 March 2018

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Amazing Super Hero costumes today as we prepare for **Earth Hour**—switch off and power down for the planet, Sat 24 March 8.30-9.30pm.

- Children have made lovely contributions to our Smiley Snail boards as part of this term's Values Assemblies on **Service**, sharing how we make people smile. We were talking about people who have been awarded the OBE, and wondered if children could receive this award. We have **written to The Queen** to see if she can tell us the answer...
- Thank you for joining us at our **Easter service**, and well done children for great singing and artwork. Special thanks to Foundation Governor, Sue Todd, and Canon David Truby for their support
- Fabulous **Easter Egg** designs arrived for the PTFA competition. Well done everyone who took part.
- Children have been getting active all week—singing, dancing, planting & running for **Sport Relief**.
- Congratulations **Mrs Chapman**, who received a long service award at a special service at County Hall. Mel has been a teaching assistant for 25 years—and is a true asset to our schools. Thank you, Mel!

Easy Fundraising: Please see the flier for details of how to add value to your online shop—at NO cost to you. FREE donations to school when you check out purchases from any one of 3,000 retailers. Go to easyfundraising.org.uk to sign up. Easy Peasy.

Keeping you informed—ParentHub

We work hard to ensure information from school is regular, accurate and easy to understand. We use the **ParentHub** messaging service to send you important updates and information about your child.

Instructions reminding you how to download the **ParentHub** app are over the page. Please take a look. Once you have installed **ParentHub** and verified your details, your messages will arrive through the **ParentHub** App on your phone instead of a text.

You will not receive a separate text message.

The App is effective, free and easy—you receive a clear notification whenever school sends messages—but you have to stay logged in to your account.

We can see that some parents are not accessing their messages. We will contact those people next term to see what we can do to help. If you no longer wish to use the **ParentHub** App, please speak to Mrs Rowlatt or Mrs Radley to change your details. Please, help us to help you keep in touch with school.

NB: If there is an emergency, teachers will telephone you or your notified emergency contact.

After Easter: (week ending 13 April)

Mon 9: Hawthorn Class last swimming lesson. Please bring pyjamas for fun skills session.

Tues 10: Toy Library—9.30-11.30am at WI

Thurs 12: After school: CreativiT Drama

Thurs 12: Wirksworth Junior School invite you to meet Mrs Webb, the new headteacher, who starts in post after Easter. Pop up to the junior school any time between 9-10am or from 3.30-4pm.

Fri 13: No Celebration Assembly—we have a whole school **Maypole Dancing** event with Maypole Movers

Further ahead:

6-8 April: Wirksworth Book Festival events—see local publicity for details

Sun 22 Apr: Wirksworth Incline Race—see flier

• **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

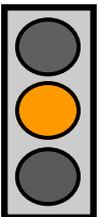
Wirksworth Wonders: **Oak class:** Ruby for super reading, using her phonics skills very well; **Hawthorn:** George and Evie-Mae for brilliant remembering of the months of the year, and accurately using before and after words, and Liam for his digital time skills in maths—great improvement during the week.

Ash: Molly for sharing her amazing duck facts, Jodie for great progress in number sequencing, and Poppi for her super-positive willingness to have a go and take part in everything; **Beech:** Toby and Savannah for excellent fraction work in maths finding half and quarter of a quantity, and Ellie for fantastic minibeast riddles, **Sycamore:** Scarlett for her amazing re-telling of the Water story, full of empathy and feeling, and Sam and Billy for WOWING us with their amazing fractions work. Well done, everybody.

Our School Council produced a wonderful poster encouraging us to **Get Moving on the Way to School**. Their work will be entered into the Modeshift STARS competition—a national award scheme recognising schools' efforts to increase levels of sustainable and active travel to improve the health and well-being of children. Well done Billy, Thea, Amy, Charlie, Reece, Finley, Ruby, Sam and Joe.

Attendance Matters! Excellent Attender certificates have been sent home today. Our joint school attendance for the year so far is **96.25%**, giving us an **AMBER** traffic light on our target of 96.5%

Make Wirksworth Clean Again: Litter pick (re-arranged again!) will take place on Sun 25 Mar. Meet 1pm meet rear of Town Hall for grabbers and bags.



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