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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: What an exciting week it's been!

☆ Every child took part in a brilliant **Bikeability** or **Balanceability** session with Melanie Flude from *Cycling for Kids*. We had a lovely time and learnt loads of clever new control skills and road safety facts. Massive thanks to Mrs Radley for organising it all.

☆ **Enterprise Week**. Each class was busy designing, making, marketing and selling their own products. Many thanks to everyone who came along to our markets on Thursday—and to Mrs B for adding her beautiful crocheted hats and blankets to the sale. The £130 generated will be spent on new resources the children will choose for their classrooms. Mrs Essex gets a special mention for organising this fab project. See our work on Twitter—follow @WFIS2

☆ **Maypole Movers**—we've designed motifs to be painted onto our newly re-conditioned Maypole, and been practising dances ready for our big celebration on Fri 25 May. Don't forget to come along!

Wirksworth Wonders: **Ash class:** Charlotte for her terrific time-telling, Isaac for his super caterpillar fact, and Riley for splendid sorting of items by day and night; **Beech:** Jobe for thinking of and writing his own sentence using an exclamation mark, Astrid for her marvellous efforts in maths with subtraction, & Louis for fantastic maths subtracting a 1-digit from a 2-digit number; **Sycamore:** Oliver, who worked extremely hard subtracting 2-digit numbers, Zachary for his amazing Creation booklet in our RE work, and Woody for thinking logically about what beans need in order to grow.

Oak: Joseph and Joshua for their really super reading and excellent work in phonics finding tricky words; **Hawthorn:** Kayleigh for lovely confident reading with her group in our guided reading session, Freddie for super improvements in his reading, and Amy V for her wonderful problem-solving skills in our division and multiplication work. Well done.

KS1 Farming Day

Next week, supporting our topic this term, we're delighted to have Mrs Matkin coming to talk with our KS1 classes all about life on a farm.

We'll be learning how farmers look after the animals we rely on for our everyday foods, and will look in detail at the story of milk—from the grassy field to the white stuff we pour on our morning cereal.

It'll be a lovely opportunity to all work together, and we're looking forward to hearing first-hand experiences of those of us who keep 'working' pets and have tractors parked outside their front door.

Next week: (ending 4 May)

Mon 30: Beech Class swimming—pm.

After school club: Girls Football

Tues 1 May: Toy Library Stay&Play—9.30-11.30 at WI. You can borrow toys for older children too.

After school: French club and Art club

Weds 2: Y1 & Y2—Farming Day—see box below.

After school: Football club

Thurs 3: *After school:* Maypole Dancing and Creativity Drama clubs

Fri 4: Celebration Assembly—9.10am each school.

Further ahead: (Look out for further details)

Mon 7: Bank Holiday, School closed

Sun 20: Wirksworth Primary Partnership Family Walk. Please return your reply slip by next Friday, 4 May so goodie bags can be made up for your walking party. Please ask if you need an extra letter.

21-25 May: Well Dressing. Don't forget, we need volunteers in school to prepare our well dressing, and your support over Well Dressing Weekend. Please speak to your teacher if you can volunteer any time, or leave your name at the school office.

Fri 25: Maypole celebration. Be sure to make a date to join us as we celebrate the traditional art of Maypole dancing. Did you do this at your school?

28 May—1 Jun: Well Dressing & Carnival

Mon 4 June: INSET day—school closed to pupils

Moving up: We welcomed Mrs Webb, the new Head teacher at Ww Junior School. One of the many things she and Mrs Poyser discussed was the preparation programme for our Y2s moving into Y3 in September. Please look out for all the dates and details coming soon. If you have any questions about your child's school move, please do speak with your class teacher.

Wirksworth Primary schools: Have you seen the Matlock Mercury report on DCC's consultation on the future of primary education, which took place over the winter? Cabinet has decided to de-notify the existing site earmarked for educational development (on Cromford Road) and release it for housing development. A new site (NE Middle Peak quarry) has been 'notified', but there are **no** immediate plans to develop a new school and further alternative sites are being sought.

Unfortunately, the Mercury report contained some inaccuracies—there are, as we know, *two* infant schools in Wirksworth, there are no plans to extend WJS, and they published a lovely picture of AGS, the *secondary* school... Their reporter is very welcome to come and visit our Federation, for research purposes!

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