

4 May 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Y1&2 enjoyed a fabulous **Farming Day**, learning all about cows and where milk comes from. Huge thanks to Michelle Matkin for sharing her expert knowledge and bringing her 'cow' so we could all have a go at (pretend) milking. Thanks also to Jimmy's dad for bringing one of his hens and her chicks—they ran riot round the classrooms!

- Happy 65th birthday to **Neville**, our star Caretaker and Midday Supervisor at WI. Congratulations!
- Important changes to General Data Protection Regulation (**GDPR**) will be in force from 25 May which affect every organisation and business across Europe and the UK. We are working with partners towards compliance with the new law. More information on our website on the *Key Information* page.
- Reception children each have an **Early Years Online Learning Journal**. These build into a lovely record of what we get up to in class. Parents—please log in and see! If you need a new password, please leave your name with your class teacher.

Wirksworth Wonders: **Oak:** Corey for super sounding out when writing and Charlie for wonderful writing and great ideas about how to keep healthy; **Hawthorn:** Jimmy for super fast and accurate adding money amounts, Niilo for amazing progress in his reading, phonics and maths, and Layla for wonderful writing in RE about caring for the world; **Ash:** Owen for super addition skills, Florence for super use of phonics writing a list of the foods that the Hungry Caterpillar ate, and Isla for great planning and then making of her caterpillar kebab; **Beech:** Keira and Amelia for their pictures of God's wonderful creations, and Rory for great work adding coins in maths, **Sycamore:** Joe for his amazing Creation art work of a snow-topped mountain, and Isaac and Edie for their brilliant flow-chart of milk production.

Maypole Movers on the BBC

Working with Claire Butler, our *Maypole Movers* have a super-exciting week in prospect. BBC East Midlands Today will be making a TV film about our Heritage Lottery Funded Maypole Project—how the pole has been brought back to life and why the children are learning the traditional dances. It's due to be broadcast on **10 May** in the EMT evening bulletin.

Mrs Poyser and some of our Y2s are painting logos and symbols inspired by the children onto our refurbished Maypole. Steve has made a new metal base, and we're looking forward to adding its new ribbons. Each class will also be practising their dances ready for our **celebration event** in school on **25 May**.

Next week: (ending 11 May)

Mon 7: Bank Holiday—school closed

- Why not get out and visit the Bolehill & Steeple Grange Grand Garage Sale Trail—9am-1pm Mon 7th.

Tues 8: Toy Library Stay&Play—9.30-11.30am WI

- **2pm** rearranged PTFA meeting WI school hall. Please come along - All welcome

- *After school:* French club and Art club

Weds 9: Class group photographs will be taken today. Bring your happy smiles and clean uniform!

After school: Football club

Thurs 10: Maypole Dancing—see box below

After school: Maypole Movers and Creativiti Drama

Fri 11: Celebration Assembly—9.10am both schools

- **SLIP, SLAP, SLOP—Sun Awareness day**

Further ahead: (*further details will follow...*)

W/c 14 May: Look out for Healthy Living days, Walk to School week and even more Maypole-ing..!

Fri 18: Wirksworth Community Wonder Award assembly—please return your child's booklet to school with the **Road Safety** section completed.

Sun 20: Wirksworth Primary Partnership Family Walk. Thanks to everyone who's said they are taking part. Please contact the office asap if you would still like to come along. See website for the letter.

21-25 May: Well Dressing week. 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. Come dressed in bright clothing today for the last day of term (send a £1 donation for school funds if you can). Be sure to join us in the afternoon as we celebrate the traditional art of Maypole dancing. Details next week...

28 May—1 Jun: Half term break

Mon 4 June: INSET day—school closed to pupils

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Uniform orders: If want uniform for the new school year, please return your order form and money by 25 May. Ask at the office for a form, or see the **Parents** page of our website. Orders received after 25 May are unlikely to be delivered before the long summer break. You can also order Federation uniform from Tesco online at www.tesco.com/direct/ues

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