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WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: More **Marvellous Maypoling!** We're hoping all this wonderful weather won't break and it will stay dry for our end of term celebration, so we can show off all the work we've been doing... See the super photos and leaflet about the project sent home today. Thanks to our PTFA group for running the cake stall and to everyone who donated bakes.

- Each child helped with petalling their class **Well Dressing** board—all ready to put together as the Federation display. The designs are based on the creative logos children suggested for decorating our Maypole. Come and see the well dressing over the weekend in St Mary's Churchyard.

- Reception teachers met with this year's external **EYFS moderator** to ensure our assessment judgements are standardised with those of other schools.

- **Y3 class teachers from WJS**, Miss Morrison, Mrs Robson and Mrs Taylor, visited our Y2 classes so children will recognise familiar faces when they visit the junior school after half term.

- **Staffing and classes for 2018-19** will be the same as we have currently, ie, at **CE**: Ash class—Mrs Emery (Reception), Beech—Mrs Birch & Mrs Essex (Y1), and Sycamore—Mrs Blenkinsop (Year 2). and at **WI**: Oak class—Mrs Waller and Miss Brooks (Reception), Hawthorn—Mrs Marriott (Y1 and Y2).

Maypole and Well Dressing celebrations

Maypole Dancing has been marvellous once again this week! We've had such a lovely term learning this traditional skill and working with Claire Butler, whose enthusiasm and knowledge has been inspirational.

Our refurbished maypole looks absolutely wonderful, and we've had so many lovely comments from people passing by who remember dancing in their school days, and who saw us on the TV.

Please come and watch the after school club's display in St Mary's church yard after the crowning of the Carnival Royalty on Saturday lunchtime and visit our well dressing. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks to everyone who has returned raffle ticket stubs and money in support of **Wirksworth Carnival**. If you still need to add yours in to the draw, there will be volunteers around town all weekend to take your donations.

See local town noticeboards and Facebook posts for all the event details. Join in and have fun!

After the holiday: (w/e 8 June)

Mon 4 June: **INSET** day. School closed to pupils.

Tues 5: Last day to return class photo orders.

- **Stay and Play**—9.30-11.30am at WI. Toy library have been having some lovely outdoor sessions in the playground this term and enjoying break-times with the older children. Please tell anyone with pre-school children about this weekly opportunity to visit school.

Fri 8: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am.

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

Tues 19 Jun: Federation Sports Morning at CE

Weds 20 /Thurs 21: Art Days

Weds 4 Jul: Summer Fair and Seaside Sculptures

Weds 18: Y2 Leavers' Performance 2pm, URC

Fri 20: School closes for summer!

See our website for all our summer term events.

Wirksworth Primary Partnership Family Walk

More than 60 children took part in our walk last weekend, following Mrs Poyser's latest **Making Tracks** trail booklet. Everyone has taken a copy home today so you can go round the route again whenever it suits you. We've already got a date in the diary for next year's event! If you'd like copies of any previous **Making Tracks** walks, please ask in school.

Thank you, Mrs Poyser, for the amazing efforts you put in to producing these booklets and for creating so many other lovely, thoughtful activities for the children in our schools to enjoy throughout the year. We are so lucky to have you!

Sunscreen: In sunny weather, please apply your child's sun cream before coming to school. If it's not a long lasting type, please supply a named bottle to keep in school so your child can reapply it themselves.

AMPM Club users: Staff will leave a notice on the main entrance door if children are playing outside. Please use the big playground gate to collect your child if this is the case.

Congratulations, Miss Brooks who completed the Liverpool half marathon in 2hrs 15mins and has raised more than £1,000 for the Air Ambulance Service.

INSET day: We are using this staff training day to work with trainers from the Educational Psychology service, looking at issues related to health & wellbeing in the work place, and development of strategies to build resilience, both as individuals and as a team.

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