

8 June 2018

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: All the children seem to have grown a few inches in the lovely sunny half term weather!

• Our Core Value this term is **Responsibility**, and we will visit this in our assemblies and lessons. Please take a look at the worksheet sent home today.

• Our new topic is **At the Seaside**, and we have started by thinking about the geographical features we might see there, such as beaches and cliffs.

• Four children from the Federation took part in the **CoGS Cluster Parliament** at Willersley Castle, working together with 30 others in a lively session. At the same time, Mrs Poyser & Mrs Rowlatt met with Heads and Governors from the cluster schools for our regular CoGS (**Cluster of Gell Schools**) update, looking at issues affecting our school communities.

Wirksworth Wonders: *Oak class:* Millie for fantastic independent writing of a list of things to take on holiday, and Charlie for super work in phonics;

Hawthorn: Red for wonderful independent working in both maths and writing, Sophia for amazing work in maths and becoming confident with multiplication,

and Madeline, who earned two Gold Stars for her efforts in maths this week; *Ash:* Katie and Owen for their super-neat colouring, and Isaac for solving maths word problems using subtraction;

Beech: Sophia for her fabulous postcard about her holiday in Kos, Ethan for great throwing of the javelin in PE and Francesca for terrific work in maths on division;

Sycamore: Oliver for his amazing division work, and Ava and Hollie for their marvellous maps of the seaside and labelling of geographical features.

Next week: (w/e 15 June)

Mon 11 June: Beech class swimming lessons.

• *After school:* Girls' football club

Tues 12: *Stay and Play*—9.30-11.30am at WI.

Thurs 14: *After school:* Puppet making club and Creativiti Drama

Fri 15: Celebration Assembly both schools 9.10am.

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

Tues 19: **Federation Sports Morning** at CE school. Please join us from 9.30 and cheer on the teams!

Weds 20 /Thurs 21: **Federation Art Days**. Each class is exploring a different theme. Come and see our classroom exhibitions on Thurs 21 from 2.45pm

Fri 29: 2pm PTFA meeting at WI school

Weds 4 Jul: Federation Summer Fair and Seaside Sculptures trail 2-4pm at CE school. Please come!

Fri 6: WCWA assembly— Achievements section

Weds 18: Y2 Leavers' Performance 2pm, URC

Fri 20: School closes for summer!

[See our website for all our summer term events.](#)

Attendance Matters! In the year to 25 May, attendance across our two schools was **96.3%** - only a smidge short of our target figure of 96.5%. Beech and Oak classes achieved **>96.5%**, so well done there.

Attendance continues to be adversely affected by families taking holidays in term time. Please avoid doing this where at all possible. Thank you.



Our Community Prayer

Alison Brown (Deputy Director & Schools Adviser for Derby Diocese) has asked schools to contribute a prayer to a book she is compiling recognising the importance of communities. We wanted to share with you the prayer our children created by themselves in our collective worship session:

Dear God, Thank you for all the lovely people in our Federation and in Wirksworth. Thank you for all our friends who make us feel happy in our heart. Thank you for the peace we feel in our churches. Thank you for the market full of yummy food to buy.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers bursting in to bloom. Thank you for our families and everyone who loves and cares for us. Thank you for our special place in the big wide world. Amen

Seaside Sculptures: This term we'll be creating giant sculptures for you to come and see at our Summer Fair on Weds 4 July. Mrs B has already asked for any blue cellophane to be saved for Sycamore class's project.

After School Clubs: Puppet club & Girls' football are completely full this term, but unfortunately we have not been able to run either French or Tennis Club due to the small numbers booking. Look out for your annual Parent/Carer survey coming soon—we'd love to hear your feedback about our extra-curricular activities.

Be in the know: Please keep reading newsletters and make a note of new dates—this term will be busy! If you haven't yet downloaded the **ParentHub App** to your phone, please do so—it's brilliant for keeping up with school news. It's free to download and free for school to use, whereas texting costs us money and is restricted to short messages. Please ask for help if you're not sure how to sign up. Thank you for your support.

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