

# 21 September 2018

## WEEKLY UPDATE



**This week:** KS1 went on a fact-finding walk around Wirksworth, taking pictures as they went, then recounting their adventures back in school. Reception children explored the outside of St Mary's Church. What a lot of lovely places we have in our town.

- **Wirksworth Wonders:** **Oak:** Mason for playing a great game of football, sharing, taking turns & being kind, and Zak for super story telling, sharing his book and using lovely expression; **Hawthorn:** Red for amazing number bond skills, Flynn for listening carefully and concentrating hard, and Macy for her independent work in maths and labelling pictures of buildings around Wirksworth; **Ash:** Charlotte and Abbie for fabulous phonics and maths and always working hard, and Logan for being an all-round busy beaver this week; **Beech:** Owen for his super drawing of Wirksworth's cinema, Molly for her detailed drawing of St Mary's church, and Oscar for labelling the key features of his house ; **Sycamore:** Grace for a wonderful list poem about what she would buy from Ken's, Obi for his enthusiastic approach to maths all week and for thanking Mrs B for all the nice activities, and Polly for a fantastic piece of artwork in the style of Lowry. Great work everyone.
- Mrs Poyser is creating a display for our entrance areas based upon a **WELCOME** poem we looked at together in assembly. Please look at the sheet enclosed and encourage your child to draw a picture in the box and send the sheet back to school. Thank you.
- Please find enclosed our updated **Handwriting Policy** information sheet. This, along with all our other policies, is available to download from our website.

**Staff news:** From the catering team—Mariea Watson, is retiring on 28 September. Mariea works alongside Anne-Marie in the WI kitchen preparing all our school meals. We will miss her loads and wish her lots of relaxation time and theatre-going adventures in the future.

We hope to have a new catering assistant join us shortly.

### **Next week:** (week ending 28 Sept)

- **Tues 25:** Sycamore class swimming
- **Thurs 27:** *DramaWirks* at CE school 3.30-4.30.
- **Fri 28:** *Harvest Festival* 10am in St Mary's Church. See box below. Please join us in church.

### **Harvest Festival - Donations**

Children are practising songs and poems for our Harvest Festival on Friday. Please do come along and listen.

We are collecting items for the Padley Centre in Derby, supporting homeless and vulnerable people. Can you spare any of the following?

Please send them in and the children will take them to church on Friday:

*The Padley Centre ask for donations of cheese; cooking oil; margarine/butter; vegetables; fruit; potatoes; long life milk; coffee; fruit squash; drinking chocolate; tea; instant mash; breakfast cereals; biscuits; cook-in sauces; jam; gravy granules; sugar; pasta; flour; rice; soup, baked beans, and tins of meatballs, ravioli, rice pudding, custard, fish, meat, casserole, vegetables and tomatoes. Thank you.*

**Please remember:** This week we've really noticed the changing seasons—please make sure your child has an outdoor coat with them every day.

- ☆ Please check your children for head lice. Ask in school or at any chemists for advice and invest in a cheap nit comb and hair conditioner, and use them religiously. Lice are not nice —please help keep them under control in our schools.
- ☆ If you ring school and don't get an answer, please do leave a message so we can return your call. The offices aren't staffed all the time, and we may have been called away. If you send an email but don't hear back within a day or so, please pop in or phone to ask about it. We've recently been made aware of incoming messages going straight to Junk or Clutter boxes. We will always try to answer your queries in a timely manner.
- ☆ **Wirksworth Festival Community Celebration** Sun 23 Sept, from 1pm-5pm in St Mary's Churchyard and 5.15-6.30 in the Memorial Gardens. See the flier enclosed for all the details.

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