

28 September 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We've been thinking about autumn and harvest. Children created loads of art and writing to share during our **Harvest Service**. Many thanks for all your donations in support of homeless and vulnerable people in the Derby area. Mrs Poyser is delivering your gifts to the Padley Centre today.

- Our **garden and playground** projects are underway. We have new trees and planters ready to position, and a much-needed overhaul of the Secret Garden at CE has begun. Big thanks to Jo Stanistreet for her expertise and for taming our willow dome. Look out for the opening of the **Potting Shed** which will be a lovely small group teaching space, coming soon...
- Read all about our '**Sense of Adventure**' activities on the separate letter. Linked to the five senses, these outdoor learning sessions will take place right through the year. We'd love you to join in too—please **Adopt a Planter** to look after yourself in our school grounds. We think this could result in some super colourful and varied displays, and enable our whole community to be involved in the care of local nature and wildlife. Please return the slip to register your interest. We're really looking forward to this!

Staff news: Sadly, we have to tell you that Mrs Radley will be leaving us at the end of this term. Clare joined us in 2013 as our Business Assistant based in the school office at CE, working with Mrs Rowlatt to provide support across the Federation. It's been a varied role—amongst the banking and the record-keeping and the day-to-day, Clare kept tabs on progress during the 'new' Reception classroom build and the CE re-roofing project, has co-ordinated our After School Clubs programme, and also covered midday supervisor and classroom support roles. There's always a welcome for visitors and a tissue for noses—Clare has shown she can root out a solution to pretty much any problem. We will certainly miss her, and wish her the very best of luck with her new business venture.

Enquiries about the job are welcome. The post has been advertised at www.jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk, reference JOB/18/00726. The closing date is 7 Oct, and we are looking for someone to start as soon as possible. Please speak to Clare Radley or Cath Rowlatt if you have any questions.

Next week and further ahead:

- **Tues 2 Oct:** Sycamore class swimming
- **Fri 5:** Celebration Assembly 9.10am each school
- **Mon 8:** Y1&2 trip to Cromford Mills.
- **Fri 12:** INSET day—school closed to pupils

Introducing... the Cubeez!

A new friend has joined each class this week. Every weekend, the **Class Cubeez** will need somewhere to stay and something to do. Teachers will give the 'hosting' child a sheet to write about and draw pictures of what you get up to, this might be what you had for tea, where you went to play, what you read together, or who you visited. The sheet will be shared with the class on Monday mornings, and kept in a Cubeez folder in the classroom, where we can review their adventures...!



Please remember: Look at our **Twitter** feed and see all the things we get up to. Please follow us @WFIS2 and like and retweet! Check out our cluster schools, too.

- ☆ You've received a summary today of the details we hold about your child. Please check the sheet carefully, make any changes necessary, sign & return. We have extended the number of parental consents we ask for, in line with GDPR. Please see the explanatory letter enclosed and visit our website for further definitions & information. Please ask if anything is not clear. A copy of our Home-School agreement is printed overleaf.
- ☆ **Head lice** are still rampaging. Please check the whole family for lice/nits. Ask at a chemist for advice and use a nit comb and conditioner thoroughly every hair wash.
- ☆ Send in your children's drawings of their friends and favourite places. See the **Welcome** sheet sent home last week—or use any piece of paper. Any aspect of school life they would like to draw would be wonderful.