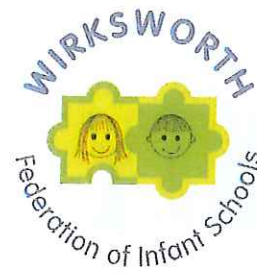


19 October 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: We had a brilliant time with our **Sponsored Circuits** today, smashing our target of 800. All the children have been presented with a certificate to bring home tonight. Big thanks go to Mrs Marriott for organising the day. Please send any sponsor money in to school before half term—we'll be using it to extend our range of outdoor learning resources. Thank you for your support.

- Marlene Reddish, one of our Governors, has donated a set of three children's garden tools for our **Sense of Adventure** project, beautifully engraved with the words *touch the soil, smell the flowers* and *sense of adventure*. You can see Marlene's work at her business address ShopReddish.com.
- Our adopted planters are already full of growing things. We're looking forward to watching them bloom.
- **Round the World day—Spain**. We learnt lots of fun facts, tried Spanish foods, danced the flamenco and replicated work in the style of Spanish artists. What a super day. Thanks to Mrs Birch for organising it all.
- Reception continued their topic on **Bears** with the *Goldilocks* story. They all wolfed down their bowls of porridge—it must have been *just right!* Definitely one to try at home for breakfast.
- It seems a long time ago already, but we must say a massive well done to Beech, Hawthorn and Sycamore classes who were beautifully behaved on their trip to Cromford Mills last week. Teachers said it was one of the best, most informative trips they've led—well worth a visit with your family.
- There are still spaces for *Christmas Art* (Reception only) and *Cheerleading* after school clubs next term. Phone 01629 822453 to book.

Staff news: We're very pleased to announce that **Amy Haynes** has been appointed as School Business Assistant. Based primarily at the CE school, she will work with Mrs Rowlatt to provide administrative support across the Federation. Amy will spend next week shadowing Clare Radley, before Clare leaves us at half term.

Stepping into Amy's shoes at lunchtimes is **Michelle McCabe**, who has helped us out on a relief basis for some time. We're looking forward to seeing her more regularly. All change!

Next week: (week ending 26 Oct)

- **Tues 23:** Sycamore class swimming
 - Flu Vaccs with the Immunisation team. Please see their useful advice over the page.
- **Tues & Thurs:** Parents evenings, both schools
- **Thurs 25:** Messy Church (see separate letter)
 - *DramaWirks* at CE school 3.30-4.30.
- **Fri 26:** *Celebration Assembly* each school 9.10
 - Cake sale 3.15 each school—see flier enclosed
 - **Break up for half term holiday**

Messages: We are collecting plastic bottles for a project linked to Remembrance Day, and we need lots. Please send them in to school as soon as possible.

☆ Take a look at your **Travel Smart** leaflet, and do what you can to take a more active route to school next week. Please make every effort to keep cars off North End at school drop off times. Please park sensibly.

☆ See the separate letter about **Messy Church** activities after school on Thursday 25 Oct. Please return your booking slip on Monday.

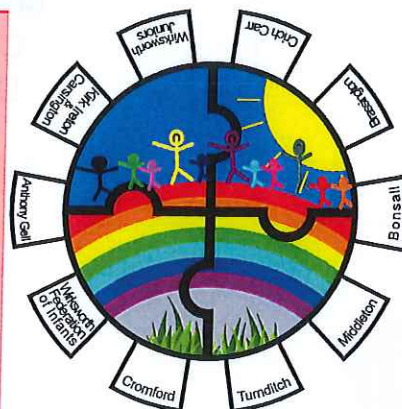
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☆ Our **PTFA AGM** is at 2pm on Mon 12 Nov, WI School. Please come along. All welcome!

☆ Keep your broomstick handy for **Wirksworth Wizzarding Day** on Sat 20 Oct. There'll be masses to see and do. Check local posters & Facebook for details. Have you spotted anything interesting yet in shop windows...?

Cluster of Gell Schools Logo

Anthony Gell School students have designed this splendid logo encapsulating the CoGS group. This formal collaboration between our local schools has already achieved many positive outcomes for children, and helped establish strong support networks between staff and governors.





If you have consented to your child being vaccinated in school, you may find the following advice useful. Please keep this so you can refer to it on the day of vaccination. This will replace the slip your child has received previously. Your child will still receive a stamp or a sticker after vaccination.

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE FLU NASAL SPRAY:

Very common

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Reduced appetite
- Tiredness

Common

- Rash
- Temperature

Uncommon

- Heavy nose bleed
- Allergic reaction

If your child does have a fever you can help reduce it by:

- Keeping them cool, remove clothing, turn heating off
- Giving them children's Paracetamol OR Ibuprofen (following the instructions on the box)

If you are concerned contact your GP or NHS 111

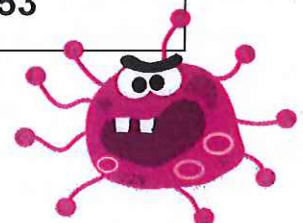
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