

07 December 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: Thank you everyone who came to watch our Christmas Tree lights switch on. Every child made a lovely decoration for the tree and displayed their painted Mandala pebble. The trees look very cheery in the darker mornings and evenings.

- Christmas card post boxes are in action at both schools. If your child would like to send cards to their friends, please address the envelope clearly with the name and class of the child and their school (WI or CE) and pop them in the box in the entrance hall. The Y2 Posting Elves will sort and deliver the mail.
- Big thank you to all who came to the Christmas Fair last Saturday. We banked nearly £540 for school funds, supporting curriculum activities for the children.
- We're very excited about our Christmas shows coming up next week. Thank you for all your help with costumes and preparation. Please **take note** of drop off and pick up changes for Sycamore and Ash classes.

Wirksworth Wonders: *Ash:* Safire for super concentrating making her tree decoration, and Becca for great sounding out in her reading and lovely singing of our Christmas songs; *Hawthorn:* Corey for amazing number skills, Charlie P for being brilliant all week, especially with his number work, Freddie for being a superstar in our play and helping others, and Niilo for excellent work on numbers to 100; *Ash:* Ruby for fab work in maths, Melisa for excellent phonics and Charlie J for working really hard all week in everything; *Beech:* Florence for her beautiful wool wreath decoration, Poppi for her letter to Santa, and Harriet for her lovely singing at the lights switch on event; *Sycamore:* jointly to Sophia, Ted and Rory for all understanding how knowledge of the 5 times table helps us to be able to tell the time. Brilliant work!

After School Clubs

Please see the separate letter about next term's after school clubs and return your booking form and payment as soon as possible. A sports coach from Derby County in visited this week to tell the children about the Basketball club they're running—ask your child about it.

Payment for Swimming—Sycamore parents: if you still owe for any swim sessions, please send your money in to the school office next week. Mrs Haynes is sending home reminders, so please check in your book bags. Please send any cash securely in a named envelope, or make cheques payable to DCC. Thank you.

Coming up: *Christmas Performances week, 10am and 2pm in Wirksworth Infant School Hall.*

- **Mon 10:** Sycamore class. **Please note!** Mrs B's class will be at WI school ALL DAY as the decorator needs access to their classroom again. Please bring your child to the top playground at Wirksworth Infants in the morning, and collect from the lower playground after the show. Thank you
- **Tues 11:** Ash & Oak class show—NB: Mrs Emery's class will be at WI school ALL DAY. Please drop off and pick up as above.
 - (No Stay and Play session today).
 - after school Debi Dance movement class
- **Thurs 13:** Beech class performances
 - after school DramaWirks club. Children will be presenting their group work to parents at the session tonight.
- **Fri 14:** Hawthorn class performances
 - No Celebration Assembly today

Last week of term: (week ending 21 Dec)

- **Tues 18 Dec: Reindeer Ramble** Our whole school will be going out together in the morning on a fun and festive local walk. Your child will need strong shoes/boots and weather-proof clothing.
- **Weds 19: Christmas lunch** day in school. All the traditional trimmings will be on offer, along with crackers and really bad jokes...! If you've got a Christmas jumper or a party top, feel free to wear it today.
- **Fri 21:** School closes at 3.15, then please bring your families and join us in St Mary's Church for a **Carol Service**, starting at 3.45pm. This is a really lovely, atmospheric opportunity to celebrate Christmas in a traditional way. We hope you can come along.
- **Enjoy your Christmas break, and remember Mon 7 Jan is an INSET day. We return to school on Tuesday 8 January.**