

1 March 2019

WEEKLY UPDATE



This week: This term our Core Value is Hope. We'll be linking our activities and assemblies to issues of climate change, protecting marine wildlife and working together to look after the environment.

Our new Values Team met for the first time, creating ideas and planning for an assembly later in the term. Reception class topics are farms and farm animals and they will be visiting White Post Farm before Easter.

Years 1 and 2 will be exploring how things grow, and have already been planting beans, and tidying and weeding our outdoor areas ready for the spring. They will be visiting the Leonardo da Vinci and Florence Nightingale exhibitions at Derby Museum this term.

- The design for our RHS planter has been submitted. Jo Stanistreet has been really busy helping all the children to plant seeds this week, which will grow into plants for use in the design. Fingers crossed we get accepted to display! *Don't forget*, we need lots of clean, empty tin cans and any old keys you can spare. Send them in to school.

- Y2s had a great *Mini-Leader training* session with our midday supervisors and Mrs Marriott.

- As part of World Book Day activities, each child will write a special page for a book we're creating on what we think is special about Wirksworth. Launch date is 28 March.

- Please return your booking form to see your teacher at your class Parents Evening.

- 2019/20 INSET days agreed with AGS and WJS are on the calendar over the page. See our website for all term dates and events.

Save the Date! Our 7th annual Family Walk will take place on Sun 19 May. Don't miss it!

Federation Tea Towels to Order

You'll remember that last term, each child drew a picture of themselves which we have collated and had printed onto a tea towel.

These are now available to buy from school, priced **£4 each or £10 for 3 towels**. They are white with green print and would make lovely Easter or Mother's Day gifts, or just a fine addition to your own kitchen. Treat yourself!

Please return your order form and payment to school. *Limited stock—first come first served.*

Coming up: (week ending 8 March)

- **Mon 4:** After school: Art club
- **Tues 5:** Hawthorn class swimming
 - Stay and Play, toy library WI 9.30-11.30
 - **Pancake races** at each school at 2pm. Everyone welcome to join in! Please bring along a small frying pan, if possible. You'll be able to take your child home after racing finishes
- After school—Dance club (Reception)
- **Thurs 7: World Book Day**—see below.
 - Social/Walk group meet outside WI, 9am
 - After school: DramaWirks club
- **Fri 8:** Celebration Assemblies 9.05am

World Book Day—Thurs 7 March

Please come to school dressed as any one of your favourite story book characters. Please don't go to any expense—just use your imagination and what you already have at home. Try to choose a book character rather than a super hero or film star!

Our focus in school will be on *The Gingerbread Man*. Children will take part in activities linked to the story, and will bake their own gingerbread men using Fairtrade ingredients. Please also see our information leaflet *Helping your child learn to read*, and find your *World Book Day* voucher in your child's bag today.

Messages: The automatic entrance door at WCE school has broken again as the handle has been forced. *Parents*—please **always** use the brown door from the playground for drop offs in the morning.

☆ Any budding **Carnival Royalty** candidates, please return your application form to school on Monday.

☆ The Churches Together **Summer Holiday Club** will run at St Mary's from Mon 22–Fri 26 July, 10am–12. Save the date now and look out for booking forms.

☆ Fancy a dance this weekend? Take a look at the **Barn Dance** flier, in support of Aquabox & St Mary's.

☆ What changes can you make to your family's grocery shopping that would be friendlier for the planet? Take a look at these tips from the BBC at

www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-47278822

Holiday Pattern 2019/2020 academic year

September (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

October (19 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November (20 days)

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December (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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January (20 days)

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February (15 days)

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March (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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April (12 days)

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May (15 days)

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June (22 days)


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29	30					


July (15 days)


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August

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 Denotes School Holiday Dates

 Denotes Bank Holidays

 INSET DAYS

195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken