



School News

Friday 8th September 2023



Our School Value this half term is Hope

'Be kind to each other' Ephesians 4:32'

Welcome back and a huge welcome to our new reception families. The children have had a fantastic week, settled in brilliantly and it's lovely to see everyone. Our new value for this half term is Hope, please see the activity sheet sent home today.

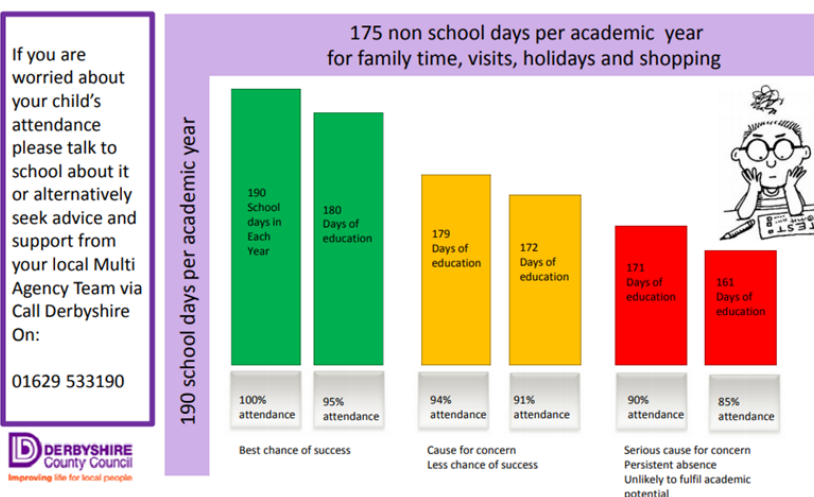
Thank you to everyone who has returned a leaf picture of something the children enjoyed on their school holiday, look at our beautiful prayer tree. There is still time to bring the decorated leaf in should you wish to do so. Mrs Poyser would love to see them and will reward the children with a small prize.



ATTENDANCE

Good Attendance Means

being in school at least 95% of the time (between 180 & 190 days)



Research has proven that if a child is to have the best chance of success, it is essential that they maintain a high school attendance record. It is our goal to have as many children as possible achieve our school attendance target of 96.5% and above, therefore giving them the best start in life.

Alongside regular attendance, it is essential that children arrive on time and are ready to start learning, after the register has been taken at 9am. Arriving after this time, means your child misses the start of learning which can hinder academic progress. Additionally, they are marked as late on the register which will impact their attendance record.

Please remember we are unable to authorise term time holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and you may receive a penalty notice from Derbyshire County Council. Any absence request should be made in writing at least 20 working days in advance of the intended leave using a leave of absence request form obtained from the school office. Late applications for any leave of absence will not be accepted/considered unless there are highly exceptional circumstances.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th September	- Non-cooking cooking club with Mrs Waller
Tuesday 12th September	- French club with Lingotots
Wednesday 13th September	- Multisports club with Mrs Mitchell
Thursday 14th September	- Biscuits and Books club with Miss Brooks
Friday 15th September	- Art and Craft club with Mrs Poyser - Welcome to the new year assembly 2pm at St. Mary's Church
Friday 29th September	- Inset day. No children in school
Friday 6th October	- Individual and sibling school photos
Thursday 19th October	- Flu Vaccinations in school
Friday 27th October	- Harvest Service at St Mary's Church Last day of Term

School Updates

Sense of Adventure - Federation time challenge

This is an initiative run by Mrs Poyser where the children are invited to send in a picture of their favourite place, view, plant or tree each month. It can be the same place each time or different, it's up to you! If anyone would like to join in please send in a picture for September. If you are already participating in this initiative, please carry on sending in your wonderful photos. Please email your picture to headteacher@wirksworthcofe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Wirksworth Art Festival

As part of this weekends art festival Mrs Poyser has been working hard co-ordinating an art project with our cluster schools. Each infant, junior and Y7 child in our school (with the exception of our current reception children as the artwork was completed last year) and the local cluster schools has created a piece of artwork inspired by the Japanese artist called Yayoi Kusama. One of her most famous works is 'The Obliteration Room'. Anthony Gell School will be open 10-5, with refreshments along with arts and crafts between 12-2pm, as part of the festival so why not pop down and see if you can see your child's beautiful art. They all look amazing together!



Messy Church

The next messy church will be on Friday 22nd September, 3.30-5pm at The Maltings, St.Marys's Gate. Please register at the school office or email the Team Office by Thursday 21st September on teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk

Welcome to the new year assembly

Reverend Neil Griffiths will be leading an assembly in St Mary's Church, at 2pm on Friday 15th September to welcome everyone in to the new school year. Parents are welcome to attend and children are able to go straight home afterwards. Any children not collected will be walked back to school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Author of the term

Our new author of the term is Tom Fletcher. Please see the sheet sent home today.

Communication

We will continue to do our best to send letters home on a Friday along with our weekly newsletter, please check your child's bag. We also use Class Dojo to communicate with you regarding what is happening in class. Class Dojo invites for Reception parents will be sent today. Please note, we do not use the message function on Class Dojo.

If at anytime you have any worries, concerns, need more information or are not sure about anything please get in touch with the school office on 822453 or drop us an email to info@wirksworthcofe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Celebration assembly

We hold a weekly Celebration Assembly on a Friday starting at 2.40pm. As part of this, children are picked each week to receive a Wirksworth Wonder ribbon to celebrate the fantastic things they have done in school. This can be an academic achievement but we also love to celebrate when our children have been kind, a fantastic friend or demonstrated our school rules and values. Children are welcome to bring in certificates from out of school activities to celebrate too. If your child has been selected to receive a Wirksworth Wonder ribbon, you will be invited to attend assembly via email on the Wednesday. Due to the church service next Friday, the first Celebration Assembly will be Friday 22nd September.

Website

We have been working hard behind the scenes developing our new website. We hope to be able to share it with you next week.