

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: learning and growing together in the light of God'

Weekly Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023



As our school vision states, at Wittersham, we are preparing children to become compassionate citizens within our rural community and the wider world. This was particularly evident on Tuesday, as we launched our school foodbank with an offering of provisions in the village hall. These are now outside the front of the school building for anyone to access. It has been great to see that this has been made use of by our community already. If it can be of use to you, please do take anything which will be of use.

This week, we look forward to celebrating World Mental Health Day on Wednesday 11th October. This will be with a visit from chef Daren, from Roots to Food, who will support the children in cooking a Greek inspired meal to support health and well-being. Elsewhere, children will also take part in an interactive wellbeing workshop and performance from Captain Fantastic in the village hall. When not engaging with the sessions, children will explore lessons designed to promote their knowledge and skills of supporting children's own wellbeing and that of those around them. It should be a great day full of purposeful and enriching experiences for our children.

We finish our week with 'Break the Rules Day'. This event is being coordinated by our headboy and headgirl. Please take time to read the rules which children are allowed to break on this day; we will be sharing this with them in school also.

I hope you all have a good weekend – especially those attending the WSA dinner dance: I am sure it will be a fantastic night!

This week in worship...

Throughout our acts of worship this week we have been exploring one of our new Christian Values: compassion; considering how we can show 'compassion together'. We have explored the thoughts of individuals such as Madame Teresa and Marcus Rashford, alongside Jesus' acts of compassion as noted by James 2:14-17 and John 6:5-13.

'Don't tell someone to get over it, help them get through it'.

Lord, I want to be aware of those in need. I want to have the means to help. Let me give to those who are not as privileged as I am. Give me confidence in my actions so that I can give back. Let me be what others need. Use me as a vessel of compassion to a world in need. AMEN



Whole School: **97.7%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

| Class | Windmills | Oast | Smugglers | Vikings | Oxney | Rother |
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| Attendance | 97.3% | 97.5% | 97.1% | 98.5% | 97.6% | 98.3% |

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OPEN DAYS

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you are looking for a wonderful school for your children to learn and grow, Wittersham could be the school for you! We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school. Dates are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.
We look forward to meeting you and your child.



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Mental Health Awareness Day

On the 11th October, we will be celebrating world mental health awareness day in school.

As part of the day we are welcoming back Chef Darren from Roots To Food, who will instruct children how to prepare and cook a mentally nutritious meal, as well as Mentally Healthy Schools who will perform a short show and workshop for each of our classes designed to support children in gaining further understanding of their own mental health.



Secondary School Places



A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the deadline for selecting secondary school places is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Further information regarding this process can be found here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

As always if you have any questions about this process please do let us know.

Parent Consultation Evenings



A date for your diaries!

Our parent consultation evenings will be held 3:30-6:30pm on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November.

Details of how to book your appointment with class teachers will be shared this week. .

ARE YOU IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY AND STRUGGLING TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN?

IF YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR NURSERIES IN TENTERDEN, ST MICHAELS, ROLVENDEN, BIDDENDEN, HIGH HALDEN, BETHERSDEN, WOODCHURCH OR WITTERSHAM, THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE LARDER IS HERE TO HELP

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE A SMALL SELECTION OF BASIC GROCERIES, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR WHOSE FAMILIES DO NOT RECEIVE STATE BENEFITS.

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE LARDER

OPEN AT EC30, RECREATION GROUND ROAD, TENTERDEN TN30 6RA - FRIDAYS 9-12



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers



We are looking forward to the Dinner Dance tomorrow (Saturday 7th). I hope to be able to share some photo's next week and will share with you how much is raised.

Attention is now turning to getting the Christmas Fayre organised. We are particularly looking for Raffle Prizes and companies to sponsor games at the event eg to cover a cash prize in an 'Open the Box' type game, or cover the cost of a giant soft toy for another game. There will be a non-uniform day on 10th November to gather donations for tombola prizes, sweets etc. Watch out for more information in the coming weeks.

Rother's Cake sale is on Thursday 19th October – the theme is the army and military which links to activities the class have been involved with this term. Look out for more information on dojo, the newsletter and on the WSA Facebook page. We will send a flyer home too nearer the time.

Finally, we are excited to be able to confirm that we will be holding a Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 30th November 7pm – 9.30pm in Wittersham Village Hall, £35 per person. This has become a regular event in the WSA calendar and is a really fun night where you go home with a fabulous wreath. Details on how to book coming soon.

If you are new to Wittersham School and want to know more about what volunteering might involve before committing to anything just drop me an email

annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (Chair WSA)

Break The Rules Day! Friday 13th October

This Friday (13th October) our Headboy and Headgirl are hosting a 'break the rules' day at school. This is a day where children can choose to 'break' any of the following rules for the day:



1. Own Clothes
2. Funky Hair
3. Own Shoes
4. Face paint



Children WILL still follow all other rules in school, such as no mobile devices, and follow our Wittersham Way.

If your child would like to break one, or all, of the above rules, Brody and Sophie would like to invite children to bring in a donation of sweets or chocolate, which can be used for tombola events later in the year.

Thank you

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Wellbeing and SEND Coffee (and cake!) Morning

As you may be aware, on Tuesday 31st October (9-11am) we will be holding a Wellbeing and SEND coffee morning for our families and carers.

The purpose of this is to discuss any wellbeing or SEND concerns or questions you may have in a relaxed and informal environment.

We would love you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and cake so if you would like to come along, just pop into school between 9 am and 11 am.

Please do not worry if you cannot attend this session as there will be many more to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Monday 9th October | School Photographs |
| Wednesday 11th October | Mental Health Awareness Day in School |
| Friday 13th October | Break the Rules Day! |
| Thursday 19th October | Rother Class Cake Sale |
| Friday 20th October | End of Term 1 |
| Monday 30th October | Start of Term 2 |
| Tuesday 31st October 9-11am | Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning |
| Wednesday 1st November | Parents Consultation Evening |
| Thursday 2nd November | Parent Consultation Evening |

Further WSA Events for your diaries!

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| Saturday 25th November | WSA Christmas Fayre |
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