

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024



I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the end of another busy week at Wittersham

This week, children in Oxney and Vikings classes have produced beautiful learning in their recent art lessons. They have truly excelled in creating magnificent sculptures out of soap. The attention to detail and the imagination displayed in their pieces is truly commendable. Well done to all the budding artists!

Well done to all the who have been actively engaging with online learning platforms such as TT Rockstars, Maths Shed, and Spelling Shed. It is heartening to see our children taking responsibility for their own learning and making the most of these resources. Keep up the fantastic work! If you are having any issues accessing these, please do let us know.

In sports news, our Key Stage Two students produced fantastic performances in this week's Sports Hall Athletics competitions finishing 5th (Year 3&4) and 8th (Year 5&6) in fields of twenty competitive schools. The courage and teamwork displayed by our athletes was fantastic. Congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and determination.

On Tuesday, our Key Stage One students had the opportunity to attend a water safety talk delivered by Puddle Ducks. It was an engaging and informative session, teaching our children important skills and knowledge to stay safe around water. Thank you to Puddle Ducks for their valuable contribution.

Looking ahead, I would like to inform you about two exciting events organized by our fantastic WSA. On Saturday, 10th February, we will be hosting a quiz night. Get your thinking caps on and join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition. Additionally, on Friday, 9th February, we will be hosting a disco. It promises to be a night filled with music, dancing, and laughter. Further details of these events can be found later in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend.

Whole School: **96%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

| Class | Windmills | Oast | Smugglers | Vikings | Oxney | Rother |
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| Attendance | 97.4% | 95.2% | 95.8% | 96.9% | 95.9% | 95.3% |

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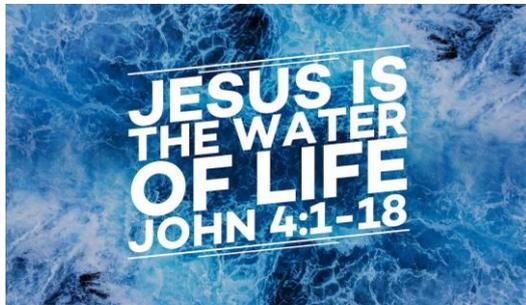
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This week in Worship:

This week we have continued thinking about the Good News that Jesus brought. We heard the story of how Jesus helped the woman at the well and the idea of 'living water' referring to the unending and life-giving love of God.

In line with this we have considered how we can use the Jesus as the 'water of life' to breath energy into our own outlooks and to ensure that our 'buckets are full' and we are approaching life with a 'glass half full' optimistic outlook. To celebrate this, children have brought home a plastic bottle, which they are encouraged to write on and fill with all the things which make them feel happy and they are grateful for; it has been great to see so many of these coming into school already!



Dear God,
Give us a better understanding of how to love others because we are all your children no matter where in the world we live and no matter what our life experiences are day by day.

AMEN

St John the Baptist Church



Just a friendly reminder that the church is open for families anytime, including after pickup and drop-off. There are a range of books and small toys for children to enjoy. Please ensure children are supervised.

Please ensure we keep our sacred space respectful and tidy. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Heart of Kent Show Choir
Presents
WINTERSONG 24
2nd February 7pm
St Mildreds Church **£10**

Songs by:

Billie Eilish

Tori Amos

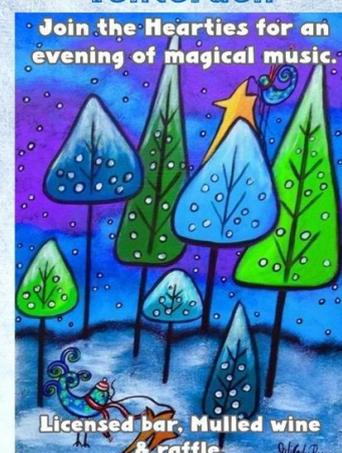
Sia

Sam Ryder

Celine Dion

Bocelli

Abba



Labrinth

Marisha Wallace

Sara Bareilles

Adele

Leonard Cohen

Ennio Morricone

Sarah McLachlan

Raising vital funds for Cancer Research uk

Tickets available from:
Webbs Ironmongers, High St, Tenterden
Box office. heartofkentshowchoir.co.uk

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WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, due to some unexpected extra work commitments for me we had to reschedule the AGM. The new date is Tuesday 20th February – 1.45 - 3pm in the school hall. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to help shape the future of the WSA. We particularly need someone to join the committee who can take on the role of treasurer. Looking forward to 2025 there will also be the need to identify a new Chairperson so if there was someone who would be interested in joining as Vice Chair this year that would be fantastic. At the AGM we will also be proposing an update to the constitution in that we adopt one developed by Parentkind, an association for PTS's which the WSA is a member of. A copy this will be available to you all in advance of the AGM.

Tables at the quiz night are filling but there are still spaces available. Please contact Karen Rivers or Racheal Cooper to book a place.

Thank you also for booking places for the Disco on Friday 9th February. The first cake sale of 2024 is Oxney Cake Sale on Wednesday 7th February. The theme is Valentines. A flyer will be coming home in the bags next week.

I have been asked about Bags2School, we do have one booked but not until 30th April. This was the first slot available.

As always if anyone has any questions or ideas, please contact me on annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (Chair WSA)

RSPB THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Join the world's largest garden wildlife survey over the weekend (26th-28th January).

Take a look at the RSPB's website (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>) for more information.



We are thrilled to share exciting news with you! Our Breakfast Club will be back up and running starting Tuesday, February 20th, catering to all age groups. The club will run from 7:45 am to 8:30 am, providing a great start to the day for our young members.

Next week, we'll be sharing further details, including information on booking slots and the exciting activities that children will have the opportunity to enjoy. We can't wait to kick off this new chapter with your children!

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Wednesday 7th February | Oxney Class Cake Sale |
| Friday 9th February | WSA School Disco |
| Friday 9th February | End of Term 3 |
| Saturday 10th February | WSA Quiz night |
| Monday 19th February | School INSET Day (Closed to children) |
| Tuesday 20th February | Start of Term 4 |
| Tuesday 20th February | WSA AGM 1:45-3pm |
| Tuesday 5th March | SEND/Wellbeing Coffee Morning |
| Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March | Parents Consultation Evenings |
| Wednesday 27th March | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Thursday 28th March | School INSET Day (School Closed to Children) |
| Monday 15th April | Start of Term 5 |

Quiz NIGHT

TEAMS OF 8 MAX
£5 PER PERSON
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS/SNACKS
PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM AND RAFFLE

10TH FEB

7PM FOR 7.30 START
WITTERSHAM VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME

IN AID OF WITTERSHAM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION- CHARITY NUMBER 1059824

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