

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024



Welcome back to Term 4 at Wittersham Church of England Primary School! We hope you had a great break and are ready for the new term. Despite the gloomy weather, we're starting to see lighter mornings, which is always a positive sign.

We're excited to share that our school hall has been newly decorated to provide a fresh and inviting space for our students. The children have started the term with enthusiasm and determination in their learning.

In mathematics, the students in the Rother class have been working hard on algebra, showing remarkable courage and perseverance. It has great to see their dedication to mastering this challenging subject. We also had our first lunchtime football game on Tuesday, which was enjoyed by all and showed great cooperation.

Each class has begun their new topics, exploring exciting areas of enquiry. Vikings and Oxney are learning about the Victorians and the Industrial Revolution. Smugglers and Oast are delving into the impact of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Rother is set to learn about WWII and the Blitz, while Windmills are discovering how transport has evolved over time.

Thank you to all those who joined us for the WSA quiz night during the half-term break. Thanks to your support, the event raised an impressive £650. Together with the funds raised from our end-of-term disco and the Oxney cake sale, the WSA managed to raise over £1200 in just one week of events! Keep an eye out for more exciting events coming up this term.

Lastly, a friendly reminder to keep an eye on class dojo regularly for important dates, upcoming events, and school news. It's a valuable resource to stay in the loop and ensure you have the latest information.

Have a good weekend

Whole School: **95.4%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	96.1%	94.7%	95.1%	95.8%	95.2%	95.6%

Regular attendance is important for your child's education at Wittersham Church of England Primary School. Attending school every day and arriving on time establishes a solid foundation for learning and personal growth. It ensures that your child doesn't miss out on valuable instruction and opportunities to engage with their peers. If you face any challenges, please reach out for support.

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This week in Worship:

This week in worship, we reflect on the theme of Lent: Light and Energy. In Genesis 1:1-3, we read about God's creation of the sky and the earth. Darkness covered the ocean, but then God spoke, saying, "Let there be light!" And there was light.

As we enter the season of Lent, we are encouraged to think about positive actions we can take up to make small differences that will help ourselves and others. Lent is a time for reflection, growth, and renewal.

Let us consider the importance of light as the first thing that was needed in our world. Light brings clarity, warmth, and guidance. It symbolizes God's presence and truth.

Why not take a moment to discuss: What do you think is the most important word in the first few sentences of the Bible? How can we bring light into our lives and the lives of those around us? How can our actions reflect God's light and love during this Lenten season?

May this reflection inspire us to seek ways to bring light and energy into our lives and the lives of others, as we journey through Lent together.

Creator God

Thank you for making this amazing world. Thank you for making it so beautiful. Thank you for loving every person you have made in the whole world. Please help us to look after the world. Please help us to look after each other. Please stop climate change hurting people and all your creatures. Please help us not to be greedy, and to trust you to give us enough. Please help us to share what you have given us. AMEN

KCC Wraparound Care Survey

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents/carers and expectant parents to determine interest in the childcare entitlements that are being introduced this year and their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school aged children. The survey will also gather the views of parents/carers using or wanting to use more childcare in Kent. This combined information will help us assess where there are gaps in provision. Parents and carers can use this QR code to access the survey and share your views.

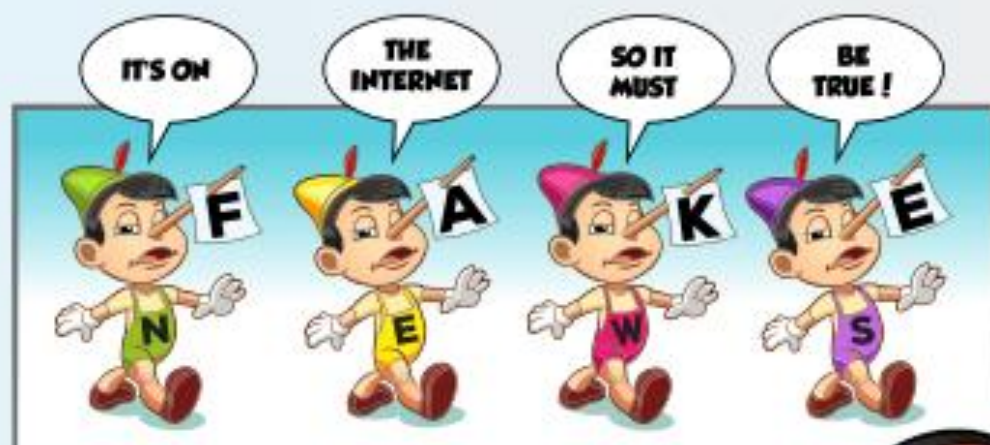


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A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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World Book Day 2024

World Book Day is fast approaching! We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March 2024**. We have an exciting day planned with West End Theatre productions providing text-based workshops for every class. Children can wear PE Kit for the day (some classes also have Forest School sessions.) We will also be sending children home with a traditional peg next week to turn into a book character of their choice. Ideas to follow on Dojo!



Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you all to a Wellbeing and SEND Coffee (and lots of cake) morning which will take place on **Tuesday 5th March between 9:00 am and 11:00 am**.

The purpose of this coffee morning will be to chat about any Well-being or SEND concerns or questions you may have in a relaxed and informal environment. It will also be a great chance for us all to meet and eat some cake! Being a parent of a child with Special Educational Needs or disability can be challenging at times but you are not alone and support is available. You can also raise any questions in readiness for the Parents Evening meetings that will take place later in the term.

Please note that your child does not have to be on the SEND register to attend this session and you may have some questions regarding your child's development or behaviour that we can discuss together.

As well as myself, our school ELSA, FLO, and Nurture Lead will also be attending the event and we would love you to join us for a cup of tea, coffee, juice, or cake on **March 5th**.

If you would like to come along, just pop into school between 9 am and 11 am and please do not worry if you cannot attend this session as there will be many more to follow.

We look forward to seeing you all at the SEND and Wellbeing Coffee morning in **March!**

Mrs Coulson ☺



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 1st March	Forest School – Oast and Oxney
Tuesday 5th March	SEND/Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Friday 8th March	Wittersham World Book Day Celebrations
Friday 8th March	Forest School-Smugglers, Windmills and Rother
Monday 18th March	Kent Music Roadshow Performance
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March	Parents Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 27th March – 2:30pm	Easter Service in the church
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

Rye Cricket Club

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SPRING CRICKET SESSIONS

AT

RYE SPORTS CENTRE



WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th for 8 Weeks

Softball

6.00 – 7.00 pm School Years 3-6

Hardball

7.00 -8.00 pm School Years 4-8

With Fully Qualified ECB Coaches Cost is £40
FOR NEW ATTENDEES THE FIRST 2 WEEKS ARE FREE

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Contact Martin Blincow to sign up.

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Wittersham C of E Primary

WRAP AROUND RECRUITMENT DROP-IN EVENT

Meet at the school office

**EXPLORE A CAREER IN
CHILDCARE WITH US!**

Find out more by coming to meet us for a drop in chat regarding employment opportunities on:

Mon 26th Feb, 9.30am



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