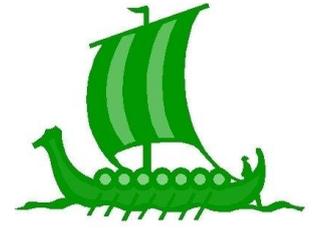


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024



I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a lovely week. It has been great to see the sunshine gradually beginning to make an appearance!

On Monday, we had the pleasure of hosting the Kent Music Roadshow. The talented musicians performed a captivating set for our KS2 children, introducing them to a variety of instruments and genres. It was a wonderful experience for our students, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have such enriching activities in our school.

You may have noticed some new furniture arriving this week. The children in Windmills were particularly thrilled about their new chairs and tables, while Oxney also received new chairs. We are looking forward to seeing how they will make the most of their new desks when we return after the Easter Break.

We had two exceptional performances to round off the week. Firstly, our four RockSteady bands showcased their talents to the school and their parents. It was fantastic to see the children's dedication and enjoyment as they performed. Additionally, our Movers and Groovers club treated some of our parents to a delightful dance performance. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our children was great. Well done all!

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming one of our governors, Jane Burnett, who visited us with a focus on our support and provision for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss our ongoing support for these pupils and our plans for further assistance across the school.

Next week will mark the end of our trial fishing sessions, conducted in partnership with Fishing For Schools. Wittersham has been selected as one of the first primary schools to work with this programme, which aims to promote the skills of patience and resilience through fishing across the curriculum. Based on the success of this trial, we hope to incorporate fishing as part of our unique Wittersham curriculum in the future.

Please join us for our Easter service on Wednesday, where we will come together to celebrate this special time of year. Additionally, our WSA Easter egg hunt will take place on Monday, followed by our Vikings Cake sale on Tuesday. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable week for all.

Have a great weekend.

Whole School: **94.4%**

Attendance

Target: **96%**

| Class | Windmills | Oast | Smugglers | Vikings | Oxney | Rother |
|------------|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|
| Attendance | 94.7% | 94.1% | 94.1% | 94.3% | 94.5% | 94.7% |

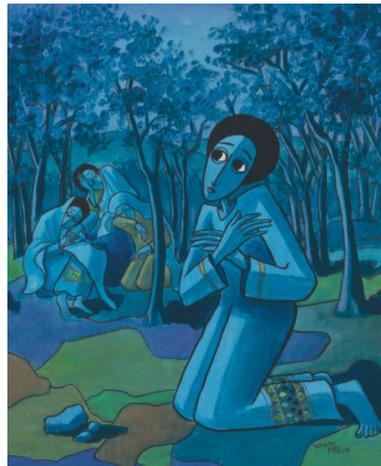
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This Week In Worship - Holy Week and Easter

This week in worship, we have used artwork of Nebiyu Assefa to discuss and remind ourselves of the events of Holy Week and the Easter story. This week in particular, we have focussed on The Last Supper, the events in the Garden of Gethsemane and 'The Lie' of Peter. Some of these images can be seen below.



We asked children if they could think of how Nebiyu's use of colour helped to reflect the mood and implications of the moment from the Easter story. Together, we then said the following prayer:

In the garden of Gethsemane your friends let you down and you felt frightened as you faced the future alone. We pray today for anyone who is lonely and afraid; help them to know that you are with them and that you love them very much.

AMEN

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place in St John the Baptist's Church on Wednesday 27th March at 2:30pm.

We hope you can join us.



The Church of England in Tenterden, Rafter and Osney

Easter Fun & Crafts

St. Mildred's Church Hall, Tenterden,
Good Friday, 29th March

Drop-in between 1.30pm and 3.30pm to create a bag full of Easter crafts and goodies!

- Make Chocolate Nest Cakes
- Create Your Own Easter Garden
- Colour and Write Easter Cards
- Hot Cross Buns Available
- Decoration Making
- Make Easter Baskets

And More!
£2 per child

Refreshments available.
All children must be supervised by their grown-up(s).

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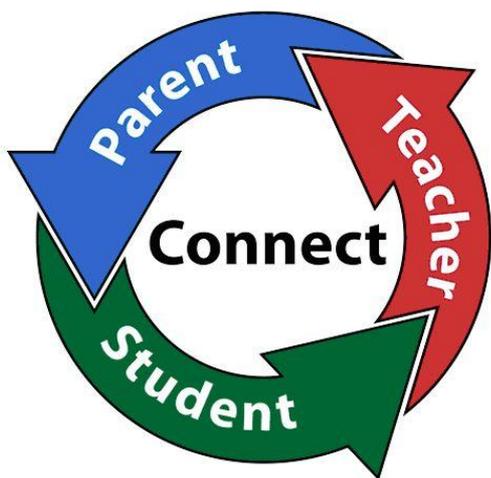
Parent Consultations

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our parent consultation evenings this week. It was great to see so many children able to share their successes with their families.

Thank you also to those who took time to provide some feedback in our parental voice section. It was great to hear that parents felt staff are approachable and visible, that their children are positive about the school and that children enjoy enrichment activities such as the cooking days, pantomime trip and the extra-curricular clubs.

As part of this, it was also very beneficial for us to receive some suggestions of how we can continue to improve. These included the possibility of maths workshops for parents, streamlining the number of dojo updates and increasing opportunities for parents to be a part of the school day; such as at lunch or worship. These are ideas we will take on board and look to implement in the near future.

As always, if you have any further questions of how you can support your child in school or at home, please do let us know.



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Parent Governor Election



Could we remind parents who wish to vote that returned slips need to be sent in as detailed below:

- Ballot papers should be returned in a sealed, inner, unmarked envelope
- The sealed, unmarked envelope should then be placed in a second, outer envelope
 - The second, outer envelope should clearly be marked with:
 - 'Parent Governor Election'
 - the name and address of the voter
 - the name(s) of the voter's child(ren)
 - the voter's signature across the seal

Failure to submit your ballot (voting) paper in this way, may result in your vote not being counted.

A reminder that the deadline for votes is Tuesday 26th March. Any votes received after this date cannot be counted.

Many thanks

Term 5 Clubs

Booking for Term 5 clubs will go live at **8pm on Tuesday 26th March**. Clubs will commence the week beginning 15th April. A link for these will be shared via class dojo.



School Menu Updates

A NEW SUMMER MENU!



As we shared last week, following consultations with our pupil council and children across the school, we will be introducing a new 'Summer Menu' from Term 5. This has been shared via class dojo and can be seen below. We are excited to see children enjoying this from Monday 15th April.

Thank you to all parents who took time to contribute to our 3rd option survey. It was great to have your feedback and input into our menu too. As a result of this, from Term 5 our 3rd option on the menu will consist of filled baguettes (Monday and Wednesday) and a pasta dish (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday). Baguettes will be served with a small selection of salad, whilst pasta dishes will be served with the vegetable option from the menu such as peas, sweetcorn or broccoli. Jacket potatoes will return alongside our new pasta option within our 'Winter Menu' in November.

Alongside these changes, we will continue to offer children milk, our popular salad bar, fresh fruit and yoghurts daily.

If you have any questions regarding school meals or our menu changes, please let us know.

Weeks 1-3

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|------------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Main / Meat Option | Beef Fajita with Pasta | Fruity Chicken Curry with Wholemeal Rice | Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy | Sausage with Gravy | Salmon and Cod Fish Fingers |
| | Vegetarian Option | Vegetarian Shepherdess Pie with Garlic Bread | Tomato & Basil Pasta | Vegetarian Wellington | Vegan Cumberland Sausage | Vegetarian Burrito |
| | | | | Roast Potatoes | Mash Potatoes | Chips |
| | 3 rd Option | Peas / Carrots | Rainbow Vegetable Sticks/ Sweetcorn | Cabbage / Carrots | Vegetable Medley / Baked Beans | Sweetcorn / Ratatouille |
| | Pudding / Dessert | Chocolate Crunch with Custard | Apple & Peach Crumble with Custard | Eton Mess Milk Shake Jelly | Eves Pudding with Cream | Biscuit |
| Week 2 | Main / Meat Option | Wholemeal Spaghetti Carbonara | Margherita Pizza | Roast Turkey with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy | Chicken Burger in a Bap | Fish Nuggets |
| | Vegetarian Option | Wholemeal Pasta Vegetarian Bolognese | Vegetarian Lasagne | Roast Quorn Fillet | Vegetarian Burger in a Bap | Quorn Nuggets |
| | | | ½ Jacket Potato | Roast Potatoes | Baked Jacket Wedges | Chips |
| | 3 rd Option | Broccoli / Carrots | Roasted Vegetables / Peas | Peas / Cauliflower | Baked Beans / Cucumber Batons | BBQ Beans / Peas |
| | Pudding / Dessert | Raspberry & Apple Sponge with Custard | Banoffee Mousse | Ice Cream | Peaches with Custard | Jaffa Cake Dessert |
| Week 3 | Main / Meat Option | Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Focaccia | Mince Turkey & Vegetable Pie | Roast Gammon with Apple Sauce | Meat Balls in BBQ Sauce | Battered Fish |
| | Vegetarian Option | Veggie Bean Wrap with New Potatoes | Vegetarian Casserole | Vegetarian Toad in the Hole | Quorn Balls in BBQ Sauce | Stuffed Moroccan Pitta Bread |
| | | | Mash Potatoes | Roast Potatoes | 50/50 Rice | Chips or Wedges |
| | 3 rd Option | Grated Carrot & Sultana Salad / Peas | Broccoli / Sweetcorn | Carrots / Cabbage | Carrots / Roasted Vegetables | Baked Bean / Peas & Sweetcorn |
| | Pudding / Dessert | Baguette and salad | Tomato & Basil Pasta | Baguette and salad | Creamy Cheese Pasta | Pesto Pasta |
| | Iced Sponge Fingers | Pears with Chocolate Sauce | Fruit Jelly with Cream | Malva Pudding with Custard | Orange & Mango Smoothie | |

Milk, Salad bar, Fresh Fruit and Yogurts are available daily

WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

We are all looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 25th where all the children will have the chance to come home with a small easter goodie. On Tuesday there is the Vikings Cake sale, you should all have a flyer about this and thank you in advance for supporting the event.

Our new venture with the WhatsApp Community is a way of keeping everyone up to date with our activities and also allowing people to get involved as much as they are able. We have changed the name to Wittersham School Association so that it is more inclusive of everyone. By joining this community anyone who wants to be involved in helping or supporting events will receive announcements about what is going on. Individuals can get involved in specific events by joining the relevant groups within the community. You can join the 'Community' via this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JC31nM5rua30gOMMRYKEEN> It is a new venture so please bear with us while we learn more about using the community to its best advantage.

If you are planning on sorting out your clothes over the next few weeks we will be holding a Bags2School collection on Tuesday 30th April and will be collecting donations from 08.00 – 09.00 in the Clubroom in Wittersham Village Hall. More news on that coming soon.

As always if you have any ideas, please do get in touch
annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk

Have a good weekend.

Ann (Chair WSA)

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RockSteady Concert

Today we had the pleasure of four amazing performances from our RockSteady Bands!

It was great to be joined by so many parents to celebrate the children's hardwork and dedication.

Thank you to all who joined us.

If you would like your child to take part in future concerts, there are still spaces on a range of instruments. Further information can be found here:

[Click this link..](#)



Locks and Switches

Mrs Catt would love to create a new resource for our Windmill's outside space similar to this one below.



If you have any spare, bolts, locks, plugs/plug sockets, handles, switches etc and you could donate them to Windmills, we would be very grateful.

Thank you!

Vikings Class Cake Sale

♥ Easter Theme ♥

♥ TUESDAY 26th March ♥

🧁 Please send children in with their donations of cakes in the morning & drop off in the staff room. 🧁

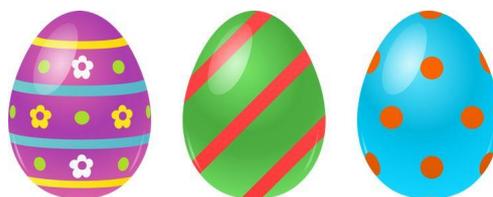
💰 Children should bring their money in named envelopes. Each class will all have an opportunity to purchase some cakes to bring home. Cakes start from as little as 50p and large whole cakes can be purchased at just £5. 💰

Thank you for all your continued support!

WSA Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 25th
March

Further details coming soon!



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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Monday 25th March | WSA Easter Egg Hunt |
| Tuesday 26th March | Vikings Class Cake Sale |
| 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 |



LS COACHING HOLIDAY CAMP

EASTER SPORTS CAMP!

WEEK 1- 3RD, 4TH, 5TH
WEEK 2- 10TH, 11TH, 12TH
TIME - 9AM-3PM

£18 PER DAY
5-12 YEARS
BREAKFAST PROVIDED

Rye Primary School, TN31 7ND

All abilities welcome and encouraged!

Join us for football, cricket, fencing, hockey, lacrosse, dance, gymnastics, arts and crafts, Easter-themed activities and much more!

To book - message direct on 07469710383 or click on the link in my bio @Isayercoaching

Righteous Oaks Forest School: Easter Holiday Club



Wild Ones is our Forest School Holiday Club for over 8's.

Kids only, adults get the day off!

Our sessions hold true to the Forest School ethos which means that they are child led and adapted to the participants interests.

The children can learn to use tools, safely build, light and maintain a fire. Master the art of campfire cooking.

Explore and play in our large woodland site. Create music. Cook up a storm in the mud kitchen, or dig in the digging pit. Swing. Play. Be free, and have a whole world of fun whilst you enjoy the peace and quiet.

April 13th 10am-4pm

To book, or for more info, please click the link below:

<https://bookwhen.com/righteousoaks/e/ev-s5lb-20240413100000>

Don't forget to look after yourselves!

Click the link below for some tips on supporting parents mental health. If this is something you would like further information around, or support with, please do let us know - we are here to help.



[Click here!](#)



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