

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: flourishing together in God's love'



Weekly Newsletter
Monday 26th September 2022



It was wonderful to see so many parents and families join us for our Harvest worship. We were all incredibly proud of the children. Their understanding of what Harvest means to us as Christians was great to see. We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations made to our community appeal. This will remain open until the end of the week, when we will then begin to collate and 'box up' food parcels to share with those within our local area.

There has also been some wonderful learning in classes this week. Rother have produced engaging newspapers, using their book 'Rooftoppers' as inspiration. In Oxney, children have been using their text of 'Cosmic', to design winning ticket invitations for characters they have also developed. Vikings have been busy exploring the impact of Noah in the Bible and considering why he was chosen by God, whilst I also spoke with Smugglers about their Geography learning. They were able to recount some great knowledge of the UK and are clearly enjoying their new topic. Finally, I have to thank Windmills for some beautiful artwork which now brightens up my office! They have taken incredible care over their pieces and were able to speak to me about how their choice of colour and shape was inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. Well done all!
Have a great week!

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

| EYFS | Yr 1 | Yr 2 | Yr 3 | Yr 4 | Yr 5 | Yr 6 |
|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 98.8 % | 80% | 91.9 % | 96.4 % | 88.7 % | 91.3 % | 90.8 % |

Whole school: **96.3%**



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Our current house point totals are below. At the end of the full term (Christmas time) the winning house will receive a reward of their choosing!

Children earn house points for exhibiting our school values. It has been great to see so many high scores already! Well done all; it looks as though it will be a close race!

Bodium 173

Hever 195

Leeds 162

Scotney 145



On Thursday, we will be joined by Rock Steady who will run a set of music workshops for children to demonstrate the ways in which children can further develop their musical interests.

This will be a great opportunity for our children to experience what life is like as part of a rock band. Children will have the chance to play drums, base, guitar, keyboard and to sing vocals.

Your child will bring home information about the 'Rock Steady' club, which will take place in school on a Friday afternoon.



Following our community Harvest donations, we would like to share these with our community. To do this, our House Captains would like to run a 'decorate the box' competition! Entries will be used to create food parcels to share around the community.

House captains will select a winning box from KS1 and KS2. They will be looking for beautifully decorated boxes which are both creative and celebrate Harvest and/or our school values. Winners will receive a tasty reward! We would like entries to be in school by **Wednesday 5th October**. Good luck all!

Smile!



Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 10th of October 2022, to take the Individual & Sibling Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute.

Please visit

www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk

and enter the following code:

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Open Days

Is your child due to start school
in September 2023?

We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school.

Date are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.



We look forward to meeting you



Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

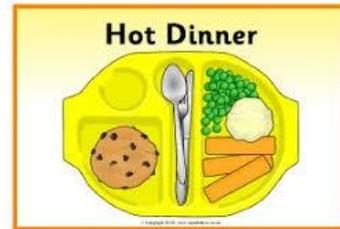
Forgiveness

Love



As the weather is starting to turn, we would like to ensure children are able to access the field and wooded areas all year round.

Please can we ask that children bring a spare pair of wellington boots (or suitable waterproof outdoor footwear) into school. We will then store these here through the winter months; the children will be able to change into these at break and lunchtimes when outside.



Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

As you know, all infant pupils are eligible to receive free school meals. We plan to offer a 'taster day' on Thursday 6th October for our Infants.

We hope this will encourage some more children to try school lunches in the future. There is nothing that you need to do about this as they can still bring packed lunches in and there will be no pressure to eat what we offer!

HEART OF KENT SHOW CHOIR

NOW

THAT'S WHAT I CALL

THINK PINK

21st & 22nd October

Little Silver Hotel

Ashford Road, St Michaels.

7PM

Fashion Show Live Music* Raffle* Bar*

£10

Tickets available from -
Ibbidi Bobbidi Boo
Sayers Lane Fenterden
heartofkentshowchoir.co.uk

Supporting
BREAST CANCER NOW The research & care charity



A reminder that tomorrow is our Parent Phonics Workshop.

This event is designed to give families, in Windmills and Smugglers, an insight of the way in which we teach phonics in school, how this builds to support children's essential skills in reading and suggestions of ways in which you can continue to support your child at home.

The session will be held at 8:45am in the school hall. For those who are unable to attend, resources will also be shared via class dojo.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 27 th September 8:45-9:15 | Key Stage 1 Parents Phonics Workshop |
| Thursday 29 th September | Rock Steady Workshop |
| Wednesday 5 th October | Oxney Class trip to Herstmonceux |
| Monday 10 th October | School Photos |
| Monday 17 th October – Friday 21 st October | Wittersham School Black History Week |
| Monday 17 th October | Roots to Food Cooking Workshop |
| Friday 21 st October | Last Day of Term |

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

VICTORIA PARK'S GREAT BIG PLANT!
 Thursday 29th September – Sunday 2nd October* 9am-3pm
 The Sensory Garden, Victoria Park

Come and join us in putting 2500 plants into the ground in the sensory garden for The Great Big Green Week! Be part of the legacy of the park and watch the plants you put in flourish in the years to come

Participants will receive a gift for their garden as a thank you for their hard work

To find out more head to www.victoriapark.co.uk or email victoria.fannon@ashford.gov.uk

*If the plants are all in we may not need the Sunday. Please check the website for confirmation

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 Victoria Park
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