

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Weekly Newsletter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Another busy week here at Wittersham! I think it is fair to say autumn is upon us, and summer seems a distant memory. It is hard to believe we are in the last week of Term 1 already. We have lots to look forward to in school and have already achieved such a great deal!

Last week, we will began our first forest school sessions with Onodrim. It was wonderful to see the children truly immersed in the outdoor and making the most of our amazing wildlife area. Alongside using the fire pits and toasting marshmallows, children were lucky enough to see a variety of wildlife such as barn owls, buzzards, slow worms and newts. We look forward to hearing how the Smugglers and Windmills enjoy their sessions on Friday.

This week, we celebrate Black History. October is Black History Month in the UK and a time to celebrate the contribution black people have made over the centuries in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. Black History Month is about celebrating and sharing knowledge; celebrating the contribution black people have made to freedoms, our culture and our society. We will begin our learning with a cooking workshop. In this, all children will make and taste a jambalaya; learning about the heritage and origins of this dish. I am excited to see how this inspires their learning for the rest of the week!

### Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
92.8%	94%	94.5%	91.9%	90.5%	91%	<b>97.9%</b>

**Whole school: 95.26%**



**MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT**



Last week in worship we focussed on people whose faith in God have helped to change the world today. This included, Martin Luther-King, George Cadbury and Harriet Tubman.

We explored their examples and considered how these people can inspire us to make a difference in the world and impact positively on the people around us.

This week we will be considering how best to stand up for what we believe in; making links to Black History Month.

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## Black History Week

As noted earlier, this week we will be celebrating Black History. October is Black History month in the UK and provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the incredible contributions of black people throughout history.

This year's national theme is 'Sharing Journeys', exploring the lives and stories of the people who came to Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries and helped lay the foundations of today's diverse society.

Children begin this celebration with a cooking workshop from 'Roots to Food'. Classes will be preparing, cooking and tasting a jambalaya. In addition to discussing healthy eating and the nutritional values of the meal, children will learn the origins of jambalaya and explore its place in different cultures.

At the end of the week, classes provide something to contribute to a whole school display which celebrates the impact of significant black figures on our society today.

We look forward to sharing this learning with you via class dojo across the week.

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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



**Pilgrims Hospices**

# Victorian Christmas Fayre

**SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022**

**11am - 3pm**

**Join us for festive fun**  
Enjoy traditional stalls, games and food. Join in the revelry and sing along to our live music. Plenty of free parking.

**For the children**  
Visit Santa for £3.00 per child. Have fun on our 70ft inflatable Gauntlet Run! Or get creative in our Christmas Craft Corner.

Visit: [pilgrimshospices.org/christmas-fayre](http://pilgrimshospices.org/christmas-fayre)  
Call: 01233 504 111

**Entry**  
Adults £3.00  
Children go free

**New Venue for 2022**

**Kennington Hall, Canterbury Road, Ashford TN25 4EN**

**Pilgrims Hospices**  
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A message from Carla Smith (Feel the magic)

*It was my pleasure to teach Yrs 2-4 some musical theatre last week! We moved to music and became Elephants and Wild horses. We even had a banquet with the Lost boys in Neverland and tasted the most delicious chocolate brownies!*

*Musical theatre awakens the imagination. It allows a child to let go and find qualities within themselves that they never knew they had. It above all builds confidence and teaches children to be themselves.*

*I am offering a free trial session next term for anyone who would like to come and have a go!*

**FEEL THE MAGIC!**

PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

**MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP**

WEDNESDAYS 3:15-4:15  
WITTERSHAM SCHOOL  
YRS 2-4

FOR MORE INFO CALL CARLA ON 07743430797

£35 PER TERM

KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

**SCARECROW TRAIL**  
IN VICTORIA PARK

Sunday 23rd  
October  
10am -4pm

KENTISH STOUR  
COUNTRYSIDE  
PARTNERSHIP

**MAKE YOUR OWN SCARECROW TO BE DISPLAYED ON A TRAIL THROUGH VICTORIA PARK AND WATERCRESS FIELDS!**

Everyone can take part in this fun family and community event. It's a great opportunity to promote your business, charity, school or group. We also welcome scarecrows made by individuals & families.

THREE THEMES TO CHOOSE FROM CELEBRATING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE:

- People working with nature
- Wildlife of the park (plant or animal)
- Half person/half wildlife

All scarecrow entries are free & will receive a rosette & certificate for entering. Prizes for the 3 favourites voted by the public!

For more information go to:  
[www.victoriaparkashford.co.uk](http://www.victoriaparkashford.co.uk)  
or email [diane.comley@kent.gov.uk](mailto:diane.comley@kent.gov.uk)

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Not to mention Christmas too soon, but we would like to give families plenty of warning to ensure you can attend our Nativity performances.

The Windmill's nativity will be performed on:

- Monday 5th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 6th December at 5:30pm

The Smuggler's nativity will be performed on:

- Tuesday 13th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 13th December at 5:30pm

We look forward to sharing this special festive moment with parents and carers.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October	Wittersham School Black History Week
Monday 17th October	Roots to Food Cooking Workshop
Friday 21st October	EYFS and KS1 Forest School Sessions
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Term
Friday 28th October 4pm-6pm	WSA Halloween Party
Monday 31st October	Staff inset day – school closed
Tuesday 1st November	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rother Cake Sale
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm	WSA Christmas Fayre
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm & 5:30pm	Smugglers Nativity Performances
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers

Tickets for the Halloween Party are now all sold out. If you have purchased a ticket but discover you are not able to attend then please let us know as there is a waiting list. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. The adults who are bringing the children are invited to come in costume as well 😊

The AGM went ahead and last week, the committee remains almost the same but we are happy to welcome a new member of the team. There are still vacancies on the committee so do get in touch. The 2021-22 accounts and the Chairs Annual Report will be on display soon in the notice board.

Tickets for the Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 1st December are selling fast so do get in touch with me if you want to come and join the fun - AnnChairWSA@gmail.com

There will be a Cake Sale for Rother Class on 10th November watch this space, our Facebook page and look out for flyers in book bags after half term for more information. If you would like to help on the day again get in touch with me on the email above.

There will also be a non-uniform day in November in which we will be asking for sweets and donations for the tombola etc at the Christmas Fayre. It's been a long time since we have had one so we are really excited to be planning this again.

Ann (WSA Chair).

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# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

7pm-9.30pm

Wittersham Village Hall

£35 per person

Come along to a friendly workshop run by skilled local florists & make a festive door wreath for your home. Ticket price includes wreath making materials plus teas & coffees. Other refreshments will be available for a small donation and there will also be a raffle.

Please bring your own secateurs or garden scissors.

**To secure a place email: [AnnChairWSA@gmail.com](mailto:AnnChairWSA@gmail.com)**

**Places must be booked & paid for by Thursday 24th Nov.**

**Proceeds in aid of Wittersham School Association**

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