

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 28th November 2022



Last week was certainly a busy one and a great example of what Wittersham is all about!

Alongside the fantastic learning happening in classes, Oxney visited the Church for a great morning of workshops focussed on Eucharist. The children created some fantastic pieces of learning, which deepened their understanding of Eucharist and its role within the Christian calendar. Later in the week, Rother were joined by Jeff and his red-tailed hawk Tala. He gave a wonderful demonstration of birds of prey and answered the children's questions, which were inspired by their new class text.

It was great to see so many of you at our Christmas Fayre yesterday. Thank you for joining us: your generosity, contributions and support made the day truly memorable. The WSA put in a huge amount of work into the event and it was fantastic to see so many children and families enjoying the range of stalls and games on offer. As a result, the WSA have raised a truly staggering **£2,863.78!** This is an incredible achievement and we are very grateful for all those who put a great deal of time and effort into the day. Thank you.
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 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 95.1% | 92.8% | 95.3% | 96.6% | 94.3% | 94.9% | 95% |

Whole school: **94.9%**

Target: **95%**



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT



Thank you to those who have signed up for our school Christmas dinner. All children will eat together in the hall, whether they are packed lunch or enjoying a school meal

A reminder that if you would like your child to enjoy a cooked Christmas Lunch, we will need to have received all orders by Wednesday 30th November.

Thank you.

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On Thursday 8 December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater.

As a school we will be supporting this cause, inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers with their usual school uniform. The suggested donation of £1 will be collected and sent directly to the Save the Children fund.

Thank you again for your support with this.



We are seeking to appoint foundation members to our governing board.

In order to become a foundation governor, a successful applicant would need to agree with the school's vision and values.

If this is something which you feel you could contribute to, or would like to know more about, please contact Mr Hawkins via the school office.



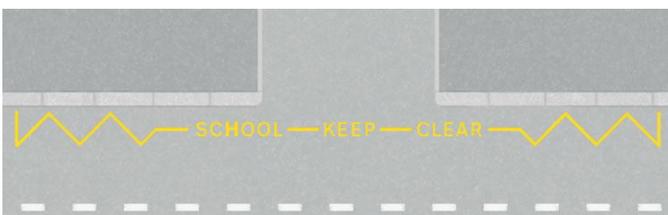
We are very excited to share our updated library with you all. One of the finishing touches is to ensure it is easily accessible for children. To do this, we are in need of video cassette cases. If you have any which you are able to donate, please drop them into the school office. Thank you.

A reminder to all those travelling to school by car to ensure they do not park or stop on the keep clear section outside the school.

This is to ensure the safety of our school community: stopping at these points causes dangerous congestion and creates additional hazards for those either crossing or walking along the path.

Whilst we appreciate it is more tempting in the poor weather, our only concern is to create a safer environment for our students as they arrive at and leave school.

Thank you, in advance, for working with us to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.



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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



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Well done to those who took part in the Mr Doodle competition over the weekend.

A reminder that the closing date for this is Tuesday 29th November. Please hand any completed treasure hunt slips to the office to be in with a chance of winning a prize.



A reminder that our Big Wrap donation drop off is on Wednesday this week.

Wednesday 30th November.

Alternatively, you are able to donate directly to St Mildreds Church



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

Rehearsals have been going brilliantly and we are looking forward to sharing their hard work with you all.



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing afternoon it was on Saturday. Thank you so much to everyone involved in the event, for all the donations of prizes, for the people who gave up their time to help set up on Friday afternoon and run stalls on Saturday, for all the raffle tickets sold in advance of the event and to everyone who came along to the event itself. The Grotto was amazing and Father Christmas was so good. The class who won the prize for selling the most raffle tickets in advance of the event is Oxney! I will be talking to Mrs Batt and Mrs Avena about the class prize next week. Finally, a big thank you to the other members of WSA committee – what a fabulous bunch you are and without who the event would not be able to take place.

Two more events this week Bag2chool which thankfully doesn't require too much effort from me and then the Wreath Making Event on Thursday. I'm only in charge of the broom and the kettle for that one!

We are already making plans for what comes next – no resting on our laurels when there is a swimming pool in need of a lot of work. More news on these plans in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your continued support!

Ann (WSA Chair).

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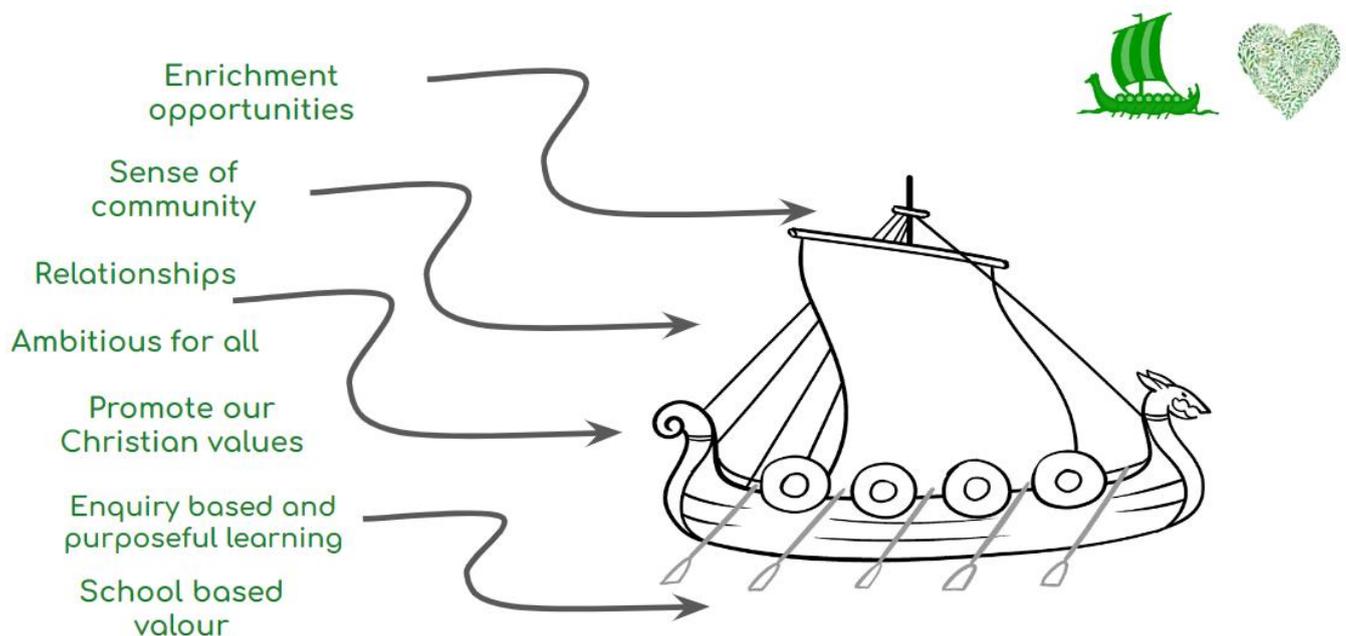
| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 22 nd November | Wittersham FC vs Finberry FC |
| Tuesday 29 th November | Deadline for Mr Doodle hunt entries |
| Wednesday 30 th November | The Big Wrap Donation Day |
| Thursday 1 st December | Vikings class trip to the British Museum |
| Monday 5 th December 2pm | Windmills Nativity Performance |
| Tuesday 6 th December 5:30pm | Windmills Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tuesday 13 th December 2pm & 5:30pm | Smugglers Nativity Performances |
| Friday 16 th December | School Christmas Dinner |
| Friday 16 th December | Last Day of Term 2 |

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What does this mean for us at Wittersham?

As a school, our mission is to support our community of learners (children and staff) on their individual journey with us.

To do this, we strive to ensure we promote a variety of opportunities for learning and holistic character development. Below is a diagram of how we implement this across the school. If you have any questions or suggestions of how you could support us in this, please contact Mr Hawkins via the school office



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