

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 30th January 2023



Welcome to another week at school. Despite this being a short term, the children and staff have managed to fill so much into their week's; it has been great to see. Further information on some of the upcoming events can be seen on the back of the newsletter. We are particularly looking forward to our First Aid training on Thursday and our NSPCC Times Table Rockstars Battle on Friday.

In addition to this, Wednesday will see the school closed to many of our children. Although we are not able to be together, we hope that our day of 'Wittersham Unplugged' provides those of us learning at home and at school with an opportunity to make some great memories, to switch off your devices and spend time away from screens in our amazing community and local environment. Further information on how to access and complete these challenges will be brought home by children as a paper copy as well as being posted on dojo this week.

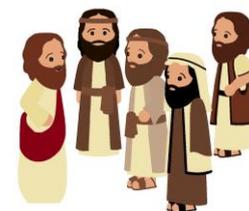
As a school, we are keen to ensure that each child's journey with us is filled with rich experiences that prepare them for their time 'beyond Wittersham'. To do this, staff make the most of every opportunity within an already very crowded curriculum. Please can we remind parents that school registration opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:45am. Learning opportunities begin as soon as children enter their classroom. If a child is even just 5 minutes late, it can impact their resilience and impact on the time they need to feel ready to access their learning. Arriving just 5 minutes late every day, equates to 3 days' worth of learning time lost over the school year. Thank you to those who continually arrive on time. If you are finding it challenging to ensure your child is in school by 8:45am, please let us know and we are happy to support how and where we can.

### Attendance

**Whole school: 94.3%**

**Target: 95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.3%
Yr 1	92.2%
Yr 2	95.1%
Yr 3	94.9%
Yr 4	94.2%
Yr 5	94.2%
Yr 6	94.6%



In collective worship this week we have been thinking about Disciples and working together as a team. The children were asked to think about who they might follow and why... perhaps you could continue this reflection at home.

Our celebration worship takes place every Friday. Over the past few weeks, it has been particularly great to hear how the children are exhibiting our Christian Value of kindness - they really are a credit to you as parents.

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

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## NSPCC ROCKS!



February 3rd is NSPCC Number Day! As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we've decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom. It's a 1-day competition which starts on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 07:30 GMT and ends at 19:30 GMT. It's all done online via [play.trockstars.com](https://play.trockstars.com)

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school, and in the competition, will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on Friday 3rd February. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

## Wittersham Unplugged



Welcome to Wittersham unplugged! Although we cannot all be together on Wednesday 1st February, we hope that today can be an opportunity to make some great memories, to switch off your devices and spend time away from screens in our amazing community and local environment.

As part of 'Wittersham Unplugged', we would like to challenge you to complete as many of the challenges in the grid as possible throughout your day. The activities have been split into five separate sections to give you a range of learning to enjoy. If you can complete the '5 Star' activities, let us know via Class Dojo and you will earn 5 house points for your team!

You may even wish to complete our Lamp Post Orienteering Challenge! To do this, you will need to find the codes of the lamp posts marked by the coloured dots on the map of Wittersham. When you have found your lamp post, all you will need to do is write down the unique code next to the corresponding colour on the table.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Hawkins on Class Dojo.  
Good luck!

## FAB First Aid Training

This Thursday we will be joined by Rhona from FAB First Aid who will deliver basic first aid training and even the skills of how to perform CPR to our children.



We hope this will be a memorable and engaging session for our children.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 1st February	School closed due to NEU Strike Action
Thursday 2nd February	Whole school First Aid Training
Friday 3rd February	NSPCC TT Rockstars battle in classes
Thursday 9th February	Viking Class Cake Sale
Friday 10th February	End of Term 3
Monday 20th February	Inset day (No children in school)
Tuesday 21st February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 22nd February	Ash Wednesday Service in Church
Monday 27th February	SEND and Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Monday 27th February	'Bach to the Future' Kent Music Roadshow
Thursday 9th March	Smuggler Class Cake Sale
Friday 10th March	Rother and Oxney Forest School Sessions
Saturday 11th March 7pm for 7:30pm start	WSA Quiz Night at the Village Hall
Wednesday 15th March	WSA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 17th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 31st March	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 31st March	WSA Bags to School Collection
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)



[Further WSA Events for your diaries!](#)

Saturday 15th July	WSA Summer Fayre
Saturday 7th October	WSA Charity Dinner Dance

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