

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 6th February 2023



This week is the last week of Term 3. It marks the halfway point in the school year and is an ideal time to remind ourselves about our school vision and how we see this every day in our school.

We strive to ensure that everyone within our community develops a love of learning and feels nurtured, valued and empowered. Our inclusive learning environment enables all to flourish and become the very best that God intended. Wittersham's Christian Values weave throughout our rich curriculum, creating a foundation of support following Jesus' example of love.

Across the school year, we see the children grow and develop both academically and personally. I'm sure, as parents, you also enjoy seeing their progression and growth, whether it be learning to tie their shoelaces, learning their 4 times table or finally being able to spell that tricky word! One of the things I love the most when visiting classes, is looking back in books at the work children were producing in September and comparing it to now- just magic to see!

Last week, it was great to see children grasp the opportunity to grow and develop as part of our 'Wittersham Unplugged' day. Thank you to all the parents and families for supporting with this. Although it was a quiet day for us in school, we enjoyed celebrating and sharing the experiences and learning children produced on their return.

On Thursday, we were joined by Rhona from FAB First Aid. It was an amazing and essential experience for our children who all engaged brilliantly as they learned how to deliver basic first aid training and CPR.

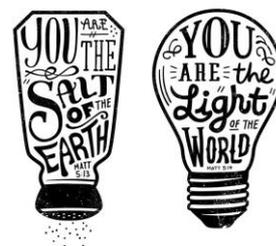
On behalf of all the team here, I hope you have a lovely half term break. Hopefully, we can recharge our batteries ready for another busy term!

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%



This week in our collective worship, we are continuing to explore the stories from the Gospel and the life of Jesus. We will take time to discuss and explore what we can learn from this and how it can impact on the choices and actions we make in our lives today.

In particular we will discuss Mathew: 5-13: *'You are the salt of the Earth and the light of the World.'*

I wonder if children can discuss with you what they think this means to them?

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

Forest School

Our children continue to thoroughly enjoy their forest school sessions. It is always great to see them so engaged and thriving in our wildlife garden.

Following their focus on 'Cooking in the outdoors', next Term's learning will develop their skills in bushcraft. Children will explore the skills in knife craft, water filtration, lighting fires and whittling.



WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

As AmazonSmile is going to cease from 20th Feb the WSA has signed up with **EasyFundraising**. This is an online platform that allows you to raise money for the WSA as you do your regular online shopping without costing you anything other than the price of your shop. We will be sending home a flyer later this week with more information and a link to sign up before the 27th Feb that could help unlock a bonus payment for the WSA. There are lots of well-known companies signed up and you could raise money from doing your Tesco's online shop to booking your holiday or buying house insurance and a lot more.

Vikings cake sale is on 9th February and the theme is Valentines, but all cakes will be gratefully received. We will be starting the sale a little earlier than normal to allow those children dancing in the Movers and Grovers show to still participate in the fun. The money raised from the sale goes straight to the teacher to buy things for the class.

Look out for more information re all the events in March and ticket sales for the Dinner Dance after Half Term.

Together we can make a difference so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions!
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Ann (WSA Chair).

**THE MUSIC WELL IN RYE,
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:**



SING

**A FREE
CHILDREN'S SINGING CLUB**

at the RYE CREATIVE CENTRE,
NEW ROAD, RYE
on MONDAYS, 4-5pm, term-time.

OPEN to all Children and Students in Years R – Y9,
attending local schools in the Rye area and beyond.



This is an exciting and fun musical opportunity for children and young people, and is fully inclusive.



Singing Teacher is Mrs. Marian Ham,
a local music and piano teacher,
and a semi-retired Primary School Head Teacher.

For a joining form and more information, please email
Marian on dmham128@btinternet.com

This opportunity is being supported financially by The Fairlight Arts Trust,
thereby enabling attendance at the club to be **FREE** for all children and students.

Wittersham CEP School is not affiliated with this club/organisation and therefore has not carried out any safeguarding checks. We would suggest that parents ensure that they carry out their own checks to ensure that they feel confident for their child(ren) to participate safely.



NSPCC ROCKS



Congratulations to Oxney who were the winning class of our NSPCC Rocks competition on TT Rockstars! They gave an amazing 9,541 correct answers across the day! Well done to all who took part. Remember to keep using TT Rockstars at home to keep on top of your multiplication skills.

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Term Dates

Term 4:

Starts: Tuesday 21st February

Ends: Friday 31st March

Please be aware that Monday 20th February is an Inset Day, children are not required to attend school on this day.



School Uniform

A polite reminder to ensure that your child is wearing full uniform to school as we have noticed a number of children wearing trainers instead of school shoes.

You can view of school uniform policy via our website:
<https://www.wittersham.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=55&type=pdf>

We do have a selection of second-hand school uniform should any of our families need some financial assistance. Please speak to us in the office should you require this.



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

The King's CORONATION



A date for your diaries

As you may be aware, the Government has declared an additional bank holiday in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.

This will mean the school is closed to all pupils on Monday 8th May 2023.

We plan to celebrate the coronation during the week before, which will culminate in our WSA coronation party on Friday 5th May.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
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
Monday 13th March	WSA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 17th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Wednesday 29th March	WSA Easter Hunt
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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