

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 27th February 2023



Welcome back to the first newsletter of Term 4. We have another busy and wonderful term ahead at Wittersham. At our staff meeting this week, we discussed how well the children have settled back into learning this term and celebrated how enthusiastic they have been. We look forward to supporting them on their journeys this term.

Last week, Vikings class welcomed Peter Foster from Tenterden Museum, who shared a range of Stone Age artefacts to the children as part of their history learning. Elsewhere, Windmills thoroughly enjoyed using the apparatus to develop their gymnastic skills, Rother continued to deepen their understanding of multiplying and dividing fractions, whilst Oxney and Smuggler produced some fantastic writing.

This week we look ahead to our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday and Friday. This begins on Thursday with our Wittersham Reads event (further information on this can be found later in this newsletter). On Friday, we will welcome West End in Schools who will deliver a series of dance workshops linked to famous books and tales. You can find more information about the workshops here: <https://westendschools.org.uk/dance/bringing-books-to-life>

The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit to take part in the workshops. Teachers will also be planning activities throughout the day which link to the dance workshops, encouraging the love of books and reading. It should be a very enjoyable day.

Have a great week!

### Attendance

Whole school: **94.2%**

Target: **95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94%
Yr 1	92.1%
Yr 2	95%
Yr 3	94.6%
Yr 4	94.6%
Yr 5	94.1%
Yr 6	94.7%



This term in collective worship we are focusing on the build-up to our Easter celebrations, following the timeline between Lent and Holy Week.

This week, our theme is 'Jesus cares and provides'. We will take time to discuss and explore how the actions of Jesus show us how to support one another with challenges and moments of despair. The Bible says that Jesus is responsible for keeping us safe, and each of us is personally valued by him, it isn't about what we do/are worth, but because we are uniquely 'us'.

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## WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

We have a busy month ahead now with several events coming up so thank you in advance for your support.

First, we have the Smugglers Cake sale on 9th March. I have been really bowled over by your generosity with these and hope to be able to update you with what has been purchased soon. The effort that people go to with their bakes is amazing.

Then we have the Quiz Night on Saturday 11th at the Village Hall– please return your slips for tickets ASAP while there is still space available. I have heard rumours of a picture round, but the Quiz Master is playing his cards very close to his chest!

On Monday 13th we are holding our Mother's Day Sale. Gifts are £2.50. Initially it will be one gift per child to allow everyone to have a good selection to choose from but there may be potential at the end to buy an extra gift. It is such a lovely event to be part of and the children take such care choosing what to buy.

Then at the end of the month, 31st March, there is another bags to school collection between 08.00-09.00 in the Clubroom at the Village Hall for information on what you can and cannot donate please visit: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>  
Jacopo Pavesi one of our fellow parents has signed up for the KM Charity 100km bike ride! Just thinking of cycling that distance makes me tired! I know that we are all having to be careful with our finances but if you are able to support the mammoth effort that this ride entails you can make a donation via:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacopo-pavesi>

Some of you have already asked re the tickets for the Dinner Dance on 7th October. We are just sorting the technicalities of how we will sell them but should have this sorted soon.

Together we can make a difference so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions! [annchairwsa@gmail.com](mailto:annchairwsa@gmail.com)

Ann (WSA Chair).

### Kent & Medway 100 km ride for Wittersham School Association

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parental community here at Wittersham.

On the 2nd of April 2023, Jacopo Pavesi is taking part in the Kent and Medway 100km bike ride in support of the WSA school environment fund.

If you would like to support him with this, please follow this link to his just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacopo-pavesi>

Thank you for your support.

## School closure 2nd March

As I am sure you will be aware, on the 16th of January, the National Education Union (NEU) announced its intention to strike on a number of dates across February and March.

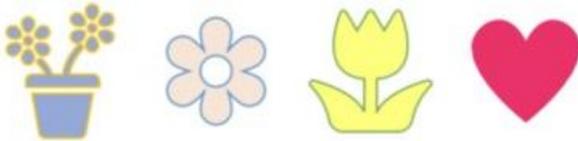
I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding during the day of strike action on Wednesday 1st February.

Following a period of much consideration, we have taken the difficult decision to partially close the school, other than to vulnerable children and those of key worker families, on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

Although a solution currently appears unlikely, we must all remain hopeful that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

## Mother's Day Shopping Event

Monday 13th March



The WSA are excited to be hosting the Mother's Day shopping event again this year. This gives children the opportunity to buy a small surprise gift for their mother or important woman in their life. This is a lovely event and the children put a lot of thought into choosing the right gift.

All purchases will be gift wrapped and the children will be given the opportunity to decorate and write a label.

**The cost per present is £2.50.**

No need to send money in advance of the event just make sure that if a child would like to participate that you **send them in with £2.50 (in an envelope) on the day of the sale.**

**Due to limited stock children will be only able to buy ONE gift to ensure everyone has the chance to shop.**

Proceeds from the sale will contribute towards the WSA's ongoing work supporting the school.

## Wittersham Reads



Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. We will celebrate it with our 'Wittersham Reads' event. Although we cannot all be together to celebrate, we hope that this can be an opportunity to deepen our love of reading, to potentially explore some new books and to share our enthusiasm for reading across our school community.

Resources were shared yesterday via class dojo. Children will bring home a paper copy and their wooden spoon this week.

In a similar approach to our 'Unplugged' day, we would like to challenge children to complete as many of the activities in the grid as possible throughout the day. There is a range of opportunities for them to explore the wonder of books and to deepen their love of reading.

If children complete the '5 Star' activities, please let us know via Class Dojo and you will earn 5 house points for your team!

We look forward to sharing their achievements on Friday 3rd of March as part of our continued World Book Day celebrations and our West End for schools dance workshops.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Hawkins on Class Dojo or on the school gate.

Good luck!

## Parent consultation evenings

We are proud of all our children and the progress they continue to make on their journeys this year.

To celebrate and further support their progress, we would like to invite you to book an appointment for a Parents' Consultation session on either **Wednesday, 29th** or **Thursday, 30th March 2023** from 3:30pm to 6.00pm.

These sessions provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress with their teacher. Mrs Coulson and Mr Hawkins will also be available to speak with you throughout the evenings, should you wish.

Further information on how to book your appointment will be shared later in the week.



## Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March we will support the Red Nose Day appeal by asking children to wear something red for a donation of £1.



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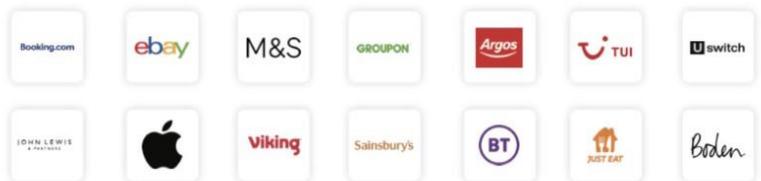
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## Rother - Leavers Hoodies from the WSA

All Year 6 pupils should have brought home a letter and order form for a Leavers Hoodie - please complete the reply form and return to school.

Thank you



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 27th February	SEND and Wellbeing Coffee Morning
Monday 27th February	'Bach to the Future' Kent Music Roadshow
Thursday 2nd March	Wittersham Reads event
Friday 3rd March	West End in Schools workshops (Children to wear PE kit)
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	Red Nose Day
Friday 17th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March (2:30pm)	Rocksteady music concert
Wednesday 29th March	WSA Easter Hunt
Wednesday 29th March	Parent Consultation Evening 1
Thursday 30th March	Parent Consultation Evening 2
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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