

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 20th March 2023



The weeks just seem to be flying past this term! Our Christian value of Kindness shone through last week. On Monday, it was wonderful to see our children putting so much thought and care into selecting their Mother's Day gifts in the WSA sale. I hope that you all enjoyed these and had a great weekend with your families. Thank you to the WSA for coordinating the event and for providing such a great range of gifts for children to choose from.

Despite not being together on Wednesday and Thursday, our children rose to the challenge and celebrated our 40 Acts challenge in style. It was great to see so many of our fantastic children making cards for loved ones, calling elderly relatives, leaving presents for those who help us and even creating some inspiring kindness poetry.

On Friday, our theme continued as we raised a fantastic £150 for Comic Relief and all the great work they do to support those in need.

Thank you again for all your support in our learning and acts of kindness last week; it is great to see children living out our values.



Attendance

Whole school: 94.3%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.4%
Yr 1	92.4%
Yr 2	95.2%
Yr 3	94.6%
Yr 4	94.6%
Yr 5	94.2%
Yr 6	94.2%



This week in collective worship we begin our exploration of Holy Week. As a group we will consider the impact of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, and the events in the Garden of Gethsemane on Christians today.

We will use this to inspire us as we consider how we remember important things in our lives and if we make enough time to remember people and events that are important to us.

We will be using this video to support us in our thinking: <https://youtu.be/nhFBX5ZSySo>



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Dear Parents and Carers

We had a lovely time last Monday at the Mother's Day Sale. The children take such care in choosing what to buy and we hope you all liked your gifts.

We have now sold 55 tickets to the Dinner Dance in October which is a great start and leaves just 45 spaces left. It will be a really fun night and help raise a truly amazing amount towards our target.

Two events left now before the end of term. We will be running an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Wednesday 29th with something for everyone. Then the Bags2School collection on Friday 31st March, 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>

Lots to plan for after the Easter break as we will be running stalls at both the Lambing Day at Hope Farm on 23rd April and then the Coronation Event on the Sports Field on 7th May. There will be a Mufti Day in April to help with prizes for the stalls. We are also collecting plastic milk bottle tops for one of the games so please save yours and leave them in the office or give them to me if you see me at school.

The final big event will be the Summer Fayre (15th July) so if you can help on the day or the evening before then drop me an email. If you know a band who would be willing to play a short set then let one of the committee know. Having live music last year really added to the atmosphere.

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).

Rocksteady Music Concert

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed hearing our rocksteady club musicians rehearsing and learning their instruments.

On Friday 24th March they will hold a concert for their parents and children to enjoy.

We look forward to celebrating how our children have thrived during their rocksteady time.

We still have some slots available in our bands. If you would like to find out more, please contact Rocksteady via the following link:

[Rocksteady Band Slots Link..](#)



Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see so many of our children using bikes and scooters on their way to school.

Please could we ask that you remind children to push their bike or scooter once inside the school gates.

Thank you.



Online Gaming

Online spaces, games and media form a large part of life for young people growing up today. They offer platforms to connect with others and to learn.

Of course, there are risks associated with being online, as there are with all aspects of life. These include:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Sharing too much personal information
- Connecting with harmful people and
- Spending unhealthy amounts of time online.

One of the best ways to help young people stay safe online is to talk to them about what they do. If you understand the situations they encounter, you'll be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them.

Gaming is fun but be aware that it can be all consuming. Some things to consider:

- Use the gaming consoles' safety settings
- Agree with your child how much time they can spend playing online
- Pay attention to the PEGI (age) ratings and what they mean
- Remember that some online games have inbuilt chat functions
- Be aware that your child might use servers or 3rd party applications to access interactive online communities.

You may find these links supportive in making informed choices around the games and movies you chose to expose your child to at home.

- [UK Safer Internet Centre Guide to Gaming](#)
- [PEGI info for parents](#)
- [Common Sense Media - Movie and Game Reviews](#)
- [Ask about games forum for parents](#)



Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that our parent consultation evenings will take place on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March.

Thank you to those who have booked an appointment via school cloud.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our extra-curricular provision for children from the start of Term 5 (week beginning 17th April).

To book your spot in our clubs, you will need to access the school cloud booking system (the same platform which is used for booking parents evenings) via this link:

<https://wittershamcep.schoolcloud.co.uk>

The booking system will 'go live' at 8pm on Monday 20th March. Spaces will be available to book on a first come, first serve basis.

Although this is very exciting for all of us as a school, this is a new system, I would ask for your patience whilst we embed this new element of our school offer. I would also welcome any feedback, which you can send to me directly via class dojo. Thank you.

Forest School Sessions

Friday 24th March

This week's sessions are for Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2).

Please ensure children are dressed appropriately and have their wellington boots in school.



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.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored Jacopo so far, we are incredibly grateful for this. 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.

HIGH HALDEN V WITTERSHAM



Last week we took on High Halden Primary School in a 'Top of the Rocks' TT Rockstars battle.

Children across Key Stage Two took part in the event where any correct answer they gave on TT Rockstars, contributed towards each school's final total. The results were as follows:

Wittersham: 57,322
High Halden: 46,878

We were victorious with a huge total! Well done to all involved; it was great to see the children so engaged and enthused in applying their times table skills. A special congratulations to Brody (14,771), Keira (7,171) and Mimi (5,620) who finished first, second and third, respectively.

We look forward to announcing our next TT Rockstars battle after the Easter break.



A reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Friday 31st March.

We then return for Term 5, after the Easter break, on Monday 17th April

Wittersham School Association
Glitz and Glamour

DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

AT LONDON BEACH RESORT

3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE DJ

£45 per ticket

Scan the QR code to book your place



★
Arrival: 7pm
Meal 7:30pm
Carriages 11:45pm

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

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For more information:
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 20th March (2:30pm)	Year 5/6 Residential meeting for parents
Friday 24th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March (2:15pm)	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	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)
Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5



Further WSA Events for your diaries!

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

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who have supported our cake sales so far this year. In addition to classes using the money for new atlases and further quality texts in class, we have bought a set of NowPressPlay headsets. These provide our children with immersive experiences linked to all our learning across the curriculum. Children have been trialling these over the past two weeks and the feedback has been hugely positive. For any further information on this, please either ask Mr Hawkins or follow this

link: <https://nowpressplay.co.uk/>



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