



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

"On a voyage of discovery: together we learn, grow and achieve"

3rd November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term's learning characteristic will focus on the skill of reciprocity. We will be talking to the children about the social relationships of learning:

- **Interdependence** – knowing when it's appropriate to learn on your own or with others, and being able to put your view across in class discussions and circle times.
- **Collaboration** – the skills of learning with others. Respecting and recognising other points of view. Adding to and drawing from the strength of teams.
- **Empathy and Listening** – contributing to others' experiences by listening to them to understand what they are really saying, and putting yourself in their shoes
- **Imitation** – constructively adopting methods of learning, picking up habits and values from other people whom you observe.

Over the last two mornings we have been lucky enough to have Radiator Arts come in and do a Christmas Lantern project with 30 of our KS2 children who wished to be involved. Working in mixed-aged pairs, the children have worked with a local artist to make these star shaped lanterns which will be paraded by the pupils through Rye on the 9th December.

Thanks go to Mrs Fitch and the Rye Christmas Festival group for organising this, to Mrs Dunham and Mrs Lovejoy for coming in to help with the construction and to the WSA for part-funding the project.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend
Claire Frost (headteacher)



PLEASE NOTE: NO AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB—WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER



Attendance cup last week went to:
WINDMILL with 100%
Attendance—WELL DONE!

To all parents and carers. Thank you all for your continuing support. It's fantastic to see all the enthusiasm you have! We've got a very busy month now, with the School Disco kick starting it all this Thursday, followed by the Christmas Fayre on the 25th. Anyone who would like a stall can contact one of the team or send details into the office. We've got limited space, so please get your names down to avoid disappointment. If you haven't already got your child's name down for the disco, or need to pay, please do so by Monday. We now have only 6 tickets left for the Winter Ball! So this week is your last chance to book yourselves a ticket. Anyone who still needs to pay can write a cheque to London Beach Golf Hotel or send cash into the office. We also need full names and dietary requirements of all guests by next week. We made an amazing £101 today at Rother's cake sale! A big thank you to Helen-Marie and her mum for organising and running it, Georgie for helping out and all the parents who donated and supported the cake sale. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Kate



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

GEODESIC DOME CHALLENGE—Y4/5/6	Wednesday 8th November
CANTERBURY TRIP—Y6	Thursday 9th November
WSA SCHOOL DISCO	Thursday 9th November
WIND IN THE WILLOWS THEATRE PRODUCTION—WHOLE SCHOOL	Monday 20th November
DUNGENESS TRIP —OXNEY	Thursday 23rd November
INSET DAY	Friday 24th November
NEW PARENTS' OPEN DAY	Mon 27th Nov. 1.30-2.30pm
FLU VACCINE—YR/1/2/3/4	Monday 4th December
WINDMILL/SMUGGLERS KS1 PLAY	5th / 6th December More info to follow
KENT LIFE TRIP OXNEY/VIKING	Tuesday 12th December
CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Wednesday 13th December
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	Friday 15th December
KS1 INTER-HOUSE AGILITY COMPETITION	Friday 15th December pm
CAROL SERVICE/NATIVITY	Tuesday 19th December
INSET DAY	Wednesday 20th December

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We Need Your Help!

Do you know anyone in the local community who could help our school? Our playground picnic tables are looking a bit tired and need some care and attention. If you know someone who would be prepared to volunteer and repair these for us, please get in touch with the school office.



- A reminder that we are holding a special Bonfire Lunch on Monday. The cost is £2.20 per child (free for Infants).
- *Sizzling Sausage Hot Dogs with onions*
- *Firecracker Baked Beans*
- *Toasty Tomato Ketchup*
- *Crackling Marshmallow Rice Krispie Cake*
- *Fresh Fruit / Yoghurt*



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and other items will be on sale from **Monday**.

If you would like to support the poppy appeal, please send your child in with some change. Suggested donations for items range from 50p to £1.



Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
ROTHER



Who's Magnus? It may be too late to find out. Always make sure you know who your children are talking to online.

Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Kitty

KS2—Lara

Nominated by our Midday Leaders

We say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Godwin next Tuesday 9th November. After a long and happy career at Wittersham, she has decided that it is time to move to pastures new and enjoy some extended holidays without being tied into the school terms! However, she is hoping to still come in and read with the children in Oxney so we have not lost her completely! All parents are invited to join staff and children for her leaving assembly at 8.45am on Tuesday.



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