



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

2nd December 2016

We had our service in church this week for Advent where Rev Judy shared the meaning behind the candles in the Advent wreath and gave the children their own Advent ring to bring back to school for our Collective Worship. The children in our extra-curricular art club have made their own advent calendar but instead of sweets inside of every window they have chosen to write 24 short prayers about what they wish for others around the world this Christmas. These are being read out in daily worship to allow all of our children to reflect on the messages they contain.



A kind donation from our local community has meant we have been able to introduce an interactive Christian Values board onto the playground. When adults or children see one of our core values being acted out during playtimes, the child's name is written under the value for all to celebrate. As this idea came from the pupils it seems only right that they should lead on using it, so our School Council members are taking responsibility for this initiative.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.
Claire Frost *headteacher*

Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
ROTHER



KS1— Henry
KS2—Riley
Nominated by our Midday Leaders

Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:

This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Louie and Freddie
Smugglers—Mak and Adam
Viking—Sam P. and Seren
Oxney—Tom F. and Evie
Rother—Kacey and William

23 children from year 5 and 6 represented the school on Thursday 24th November in the Sportshall Athletics Tournament at the Stour Centre in Ashford. There were some excellent individual and team performances in all of the events, which culminated in the school gaining a very good total of 472 points. The children were also praised for their excellent behaviour throughout the afternoon, by many people not associated with the school, great praise indeed.



Wittersham's Finger Blessing

*Praise GOD the Father, our creator
Thanks to Jesus, his Son, our saviour
Praise to the Holy Spirit, our guide
Bless dear Lord, all people worldwide
Last of all please bless us too
As we say this prayer to you
AMEN*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With so many marvellous musicians in the school this year, we have decided to celebrate with a Christmas Concert on Thursday 15th December, 3.30-4.30pm in the school hall. If you or your child would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Pemble or Mrs Baverstock.



GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club is now closed for the winter and will re-open in the Spring. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year for the children and they have learnt a lot of new skills. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the club, especially Georgina Dunham.

For next year the club needs to fix the raised beds and would be grateful if you have any old scaffolding boards or similar that could be used. Either that or volunteers to take on the task of fixing them!



Attendance cup last week went to:
VIKING with 98.4% Attendance—
WELL DONE VIKINGS!

To the parents of children who take the bus – please could you return your bus contract forms as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please contact the office. Thank you.



Rother Cake Sale - Friday 9th Dec.

Please help raise class funds by baking or making treats with a Christmas theme. All donations of cakes to be dropped off in the staff room on the morning of the sale. Don't forget to send a few pennies in with your child so that they can buy something scrummy.
Date for the diary - Jumble Sale on Sat 21st Jan



In the event of severe weather, please listen to Radio Kent/Heart FM for news of any school closures. In the event of early closure a text will be sent to Priority 1 contacts, so please do ensure we always have your most up to date contact details available.



Our school Christian values:

"Respect, kindness, self-worth/perseverance, forgiveness and love"