



# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

**3rd February 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had our Christingle Service at St John's Church. In our Collective Worship on Monday we explored with the children the meaning of the Christingle and the special symbolism that each part holds for Christians around the world. As the children created them they were able to explain and understand the importance of Jesus and the Gospel, and its relevance.

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus' light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness

It was a beautiful service and very moving to see 123 children circled around the Church with the candles lit and their families sitting in the centre.

I look forward to hopefully seeing some of you at The Big Breakfast tomorrow in Wittersham Village Hall and thank you in advance for supporting this community event to raise funds for the school's reading scheme.

Claire Frost *Headteacher*



A big thank you to the parents who donated towards the new Metallophone bar at our Christmas concert. This has now safely arrived and is being enjoyed by the children! The school band will be playing in Church on Sunday 12th February. All welcome to support our wonderful musicians!



Tidiest Cloakroom Award:  
**VIKING**

### COMING UP...

**World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March**

Children to come to school in book character costumes—more info to follow

**Moreline the Wizhog—Wednesday 15th March**

Road Safety Awareness Assembly



Attendance cup last week went to:  
**VIKING** with 99.4% Attendance—  
**WELL DONE VIKING CLASS!**

**OXNEY CAKE SALE - Thurs 9th Feb.** A valentine themed cake sale. Baked donations to be dropped off to the staff room in the morning. Don't forget to send money in with the children so they can buy some yummy treats.

**MOVIE NIGHT - Thurs 23rd Feb.** "The Secret Life of Pets" will be shown on a big screen after school. £2.50 per child. Booking forms have gone home, if you need another please ask in the office.

A big thank you for all the donations to Bags 2 School.... we raised a further £108 for the school reading scheme.

Many thanks  
Miriam (WSA Chair)



Wittersham School had another sporting success on Tuesday 31st January at Towers School. They competed in the Ashford Leisure Trust Year 4/5 Dodgeball Tournament against 11 other schools and performed magnificently, with Wittersham Team 1 finishing 1st and Wittersham Team 2 finishing 3rd. For quite a few of our children, this was the first time they had represented the school, so to walk away with a medal at the end was certainly a great achievement. A big congratulations go to the following children: Sophie, Katie S, Tom F, Hannah, James P, Jake, Sammy, Alfie, Chloe L, Chloe E, Kloe and Kallum.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**THE BIG BREAKFAST** TOMORROW 9am-12pm  
**\*CORRECTION: AT WITTERSHAM VILLAGE HALL\***

**PHONICS WORKSHOP** Monday 6th February 5pm  
**(RECEPTION PARENTS)**

**HALF TERM** 13th—17th February

**WORLD BOOK DAY** Thursday 2nd March

**SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS** Tuesday 14th March  
Visit from top Athlete - more info to follow

**MOTHER'S DAY MEAL** Wednesday 22nd March  
Letter to follow

**RED NOSE DAY** Friday 24th March

**INSET DAYS** Monday 10th July  
Friday 21st July



**Our school Christian values:**

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