



# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

**4th November 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was, as ever, lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear all of their interesting holiday news.

Something that consistently impresses me is the depth of thinking and often profound comments that our children say. Sometimes these are overheard by an adult in the lunch queue or playground, in class discussion, or captured in writing as part of a lesson. A class were recently learning about the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the story linked to our Christian value of kindness, and were asked to reflect who might be the Samaritans in our lives. One child wrote, "The people that are Samaritans in our lives are the people who, even if they don't speak the same language as you or are even your friend, will still help you and be kind. The Parable of the Good Samaritan helps us because we learn to understand that everyone has a kind heart and even if they decide not to use it, we can still encourage them."

It is wonderful how often we, as teachers, can pause for a moment and learn valuable messages from our pupils.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Claire Frost *headteacher*

Attendance cup last week went to: **SMUGGLERS** with 98% Attendance—**WELL DONE SMUGGLERS!**



**Dates for your Diary:**

- Non-Uniform Day—Wednesday 16th November—see below for info
- Homewood School Children in Need 'Dance Dash'—Friday 18th November
- Christmas Fayre—Saturday 19th November
- Development Day—Friday 25th November**
- Rother Cake Sale—Thursday 8th December
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 16th December
- Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 20th December—more info to follow



**Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:**



KS1—Jack  
KS2—Chloe E.  
*Nominated by our Midday Leaders*



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**This Week's Golden Christian Values Winners**

Windmill—Louie and Tommy  
Smugglers—Daniel and Vivienne  
Viking—Edward and Ebony  
Oxney—Sam and Mya  
Rother—George and Abi

**Book Award Winners for Reading**

Windmill—Noah and Leo  
Smugglers—Esme and Tommy  
Viking—Chloe E. and Riley  
Oxney—Daisy and Macy  
Rother—William and Kacey



*Reading Is Fun!*

**School Disco Thurs 10th Nov.** Don't forget to send in your completed disco forms and payment, deadline is Monday 7th Nov.

**Non-Uniform Day Wed 16th Nov.** Rather than a monetary donation we are collecting for the tombola stalls at the fayre. Infants to donate chocolate items, Juniors to donate bottles/jars/tombola prizes.

**Christmas Fayre Sat 19th Nov.** If anyone needs more raffle tickets to sell, please ask in the office or speak to Miriam. More information on the fayre coming soon.

Miriam (WSA Chair)



**Tidiest Cloakroom Award:**  
**WINDMILL**

**LOST PROPERTY!** We have a large bag of lost property in the school office. Please come and check this if you are missing any items. We will donate these to the WSA second hand sale if not claimed.



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**Our school Christian values:**  
**"Respect, kindness, self-worth/perseverance, forgiveness and love"**