



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a Happy New Year to you all.

Last year we were lucky enough to have two speakers visit our school from Kenya to speak about the New Ways charity and the work they do in Africa to impact on water, agriculture, education and nutrition with families. This link was made through Wittersham church and Rev Darkins who support the charity and were hosting these visitors to our village.

This opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of the suffering, deprivation and hardship of others was met with the compassion and maturity I have come to expect and admire from the Wittersham school community. Our children asked questions that demonstrated how deeply they were thinking about the plight of people not so fortunate as themselves but also how the work of the charity could be celebrated and the message of hope this gave. A strong message our pupils took forward was that the charity is empowering communities in Africa by giving them the tools and opportunities to develop resilience and independence.

After speaking to their peers, the School Council proposed that our school should try and be proactive in supporting New Ways and last month we donated a sum that will provide food and access for a child to one of the charity's nutritional rehabilitation centres for a year.

Claire Frost *Headteacher*

6th January 2017



Thank you for your donation. We really appreciate your support of our health and development work. Our key objective is to empower the people we work with in Turkana Northern Kenya and Ethiopia by providing the tools they need to help themselves whether that is education, employment, food, healthcare and water.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.
with best wishes Angela Docherty Chief Executive

www.newways.org.uk



Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Lilly and Noah
KS2—Calum

Nominated by our Midday Leaders

This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Charlie and Leo
Smugglers—Skye and Libby
Viking—Lara and Tabitha
Oxney—Chelsea and Katie E.
Rother—Sean and Owen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** Thursday 12th January (after school)
Donations Welcome!
- WSA JUMBLE SALE** Saturday 21st January 10.00am
- ASTRODOME DAY** Wednesday 25th January
- BAGS 2 SCHOOL** Wednesday 25th January



ABSENCE:

Your children's safety is our paramount concern and we must be informed of any absence. Please call the office at the beginning of the day to advise us of any absence.
Tel: 01797-270329



LOST PROPERTY:

Please be aware any lost property not claimed (excluding any items added this term) will be donated to the second hand uniform sale next week.

SCHOOL DINNERS:

A reminder that our new lunch menu starts next week. A copy of this was sent home at the end of last term via the Home Connect email system. It is also available to view on the school website. Lunch is £2.20 per day and must be paid in advance/on the day.

WAITROSE:

Wittersham School Gardening Club have been nominated by Waitrose as one of their chosen charities for the month of January. If you or any friends/relatives shop in Waitrose, please remind them to collect the green tokens and donate them to our collection in store.

Sewing Room Sort Out sale and Coffee Morning
Saturday Jan 14th, 10 am - 12noon.
Wittersham Village Hall. All Welcome



First off, Happy New Year everyone.

WSA dates for the diary.

- On **Thursday 12th Jan** the WSA will be holding a **Second Hand Uniform Sale** at school pick up time. So if anyone has uniform that has been outgrown and is still in good condition, please bag it up and pop it into the office. All items will be £1, so come along and grab that next size up school uniform!
- Jumble Sale - Sat 21st Jan.** We are asking for donations of clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books and nearly new items, so have a sort through and be ready to drop it off to school on Friday 20th Jan or early on the morning of the sale.
- Bags 2 School - Wed 25th Jan.** Info about this will be coming home soon, an extra fund raiser for the WSA which helps us donate excess clothes jumble to a good cause.

Many thanks
Miriam



Our school Christian values:

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