



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

6th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each class teacher sent home a medium term plan at the beginning of term to share with parents the theme and the learning that will be taking place across the curriculum for Term 1. On this plan we said that there would be a particular focus on children developing the learning characteristic of **Resilience**. I thought it would be useful to explain what we mean by this. The idea is to give the whole school a common language of the *how* of learning and help children understand what they need to develop in order to become better learners. It is about creating a climate that fosters habits and attitudes which enables children to face difficulty and uncertainty calmly, confidently and creatively.

Resilience is made up of the more emotional aspects of learning: Absorption (being engrossed in what you are doing), Managing Distractions (recognising and reducing distractions), Noticing (really sensing what's out there) and Perseverance (sticking at it and using the feelings of learning positively).

Pupils who are more confident in their own learning ability find learning more enjoyable. Life-long learning is an essential tool that young people need to be successful in today's ever-changing world. In order to succeed, children need to learn how to be tenacious and resourceful, imaginative and logical, self-disciplined and self-aware, collaborative and inquisitive. All such qualities are highly valued and fostered at Wittersham.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Claire Frost *headteacher*

This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Thomas and Freya
Smugglers—Daniel and Lottie
Viking—Lucy and Kevin
Oxney—Tabitha and Tom
Rother—Katie and Tom

Keep your eyes open for future WSA events as the new team are getting together to plan forthcoming fundraisers. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Winter Ball on 18th Nov, £32 per ticket, tables of 10, a chance to put your dancing shoes on! If anyone has any raffle prizes to offer for this event, please let the WSA know.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for supporting me and the WSA over the last few years; we've raised an amazing amount of money for school projects. I now wish Kate and her team a fun filled successful year.

Many thanks, Miriam (outgoing Chair)

A big thank you to all our helpers at the **Macmillan** Coffee Morning, which included newbies Lauren and Sue. Thank you also for all the delicious donations! We raised a massive **£180.66!** Our thanks also, goes to Janet, for her unswerving help! Have a lovely weekend!

Kate (WSA Chair)



learn faster and learn better. They are more focused, think harder and

SPORTS NEWS

What a great week it has been for our return to sporting activities at school. Firstly our football team, which comprised of Molly, James P, James M, Ethan, Jake, Sammy and Johnny, won all their matches in the WOKSSA football tournament, without conceding a single goal. This contributed to them winning the tournament outright, and duly being presented with the cup in front of some very proud parents. This was



followed on Thursday by the year 3 – 4 handball tournament in Ashford, for which the school had entered two teams comprised of the following children. Wittersham 1: Johnny, Luke, Sam P, Ebony and Lacey. Wittersham 2: Tom M, Adam, Sebastian B, Louie and Riley. Wittersham 1 only just missed out on a medal by one point having won 4 out of their 6 matches, scoring 18 goals on the way, and Wittersham 2, which was an introduction to 4 of the team to junior tournaments, grew in stature throughout their matches, and were very pleased when they scored a goal in two of their matches. This helped them to a very respectable tally of, played five, drew two, lost three.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

START A HEART—Y6	Thursday 12th October
BBC CHILDREN IN NEED COUNTRYFILE RAMBLE	Sunday 15th October 11.30am
PARENT CONSULTATIONS <i>*Correction to date*</i>	Tues 17th/ Thurs 19th October Letter with details out today
NEW PARENTS' OPEN DAY	Weds 18th Oct. 1.30-2.30pm
HALF TERM	Mon 23rd—Fri 27th October
KS2 LANTERN WORKSHOPS	Thur 2nd / Fri 3rd November
WIND IN THE WILLOWS THEATRE PRODUCTION—WHOLE SCHOOL	Monday 20th November
INSET DAY	Friday 24th November
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Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Louie
KS2—Arthur

Nominated by our Midday Leaders

**THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL
OPEN MORNINGS**

Y6 Boys

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October

10.00am—12.30pm

Please call 01233 620045 to arrange a tour time



Photographs of our Reception Class will be published in the First Class pictures supplement of the Kent Messenger during the week commencing 9th October.



Attendance cup last week went to:
SMUGGLERS AND VIKING, both
with 100% Attendance—
FANTASTIC EFFORT!

BRAISWICK PHOTOGRAPHIC

Braiswick Photographers will be coming into school on Tuesday, 10th October, to take individual photographs of our children. They will be taking family groups with toddlers not at school, first thing, starting at approximately 8.15am. If you would like a family group, please come in at this time so that we can organise the children with the least disruption to the school day.



Seren and Hannah who both swim for Ashford Town Swimming Club competed at the East Invicta Championships last weekend. Seren managed to knock 4 seconds off her PB in the girls 50m Freestyle, whilst Hannah took a further second off her PB to be reserve finalist in 7th place and also gain a Kent Championships qualification time. Hannah made it into the 50m Backstroke final with another PB and Kent qualification time finishing in 5th place. Hannah will be competing again in a further 8 events this weekend and we wish her luck.... well done girls.



Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
WINDMILL

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