



# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

**7th July 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been lucky enough to go out on two recent trips with pupils for two very different events. One was with Year 4 who went to see a professional theatre production of Tom's Midnight Garden. The production had been preceded by visiting drama workshops to ensure the children had a better understanding of the book and could therefore make the most of watching the actors perform. This was something we organised within our Tenterden Rural Alliance of local schools and shows how we can engage in wider events using the power of our collaboration. The second trip was with just four Year 5 pupils and was in response to an invitation from Kent SACRE for children to engage in an RE day with the idea they would return as RE Ambassadors for the school. They explored questions about the world in which we are living and participated in workshops on Sikhism and Islam.

It is always sad to say goodbye to staff even when they are moving on to new and exciting ventures. As you know from my previous letter, Miss Thewlis and Miss Broad will both be leaving us at the end of this term and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and unfailing enthusiasm for every aspect of school life at Wittersham. Miss Thewlis joined the school in January 2016 and transformed our Early Years provision. Her passion for children to achieve in all aspects of their development and especially with high quality phonics has had a huge impact on the school. Miss Broad's commitment to every child in her class as well as to the whole Wittersham team quickly made her much-loved by all and she will be enormously missed by the Smugglers who have shed many tears since they found out that she was leaving! There will be a leaving assembly for them on the last day of term (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July) at 9.00am and parents are warmly invited to attend if they would like to.

### SPORTS NEWS

The following children competed in the ALT year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Tournament at Mersham CC on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Johnny, Sam A, Isla H, Kloe, Sammy, Jack, and Luke. They played three matches in total, these were against Furley Park 1, Furley park 2 and Lady Johanna Thornhill. The performances of all our children were exceptional today, as these were probably the three strongest teams in the Ashford District competition, and these superb performances culminated in three wins for Wittersham. This was a fantastic way to end the sporting calendar for Wittersham, let us look forward to more sporting success next year.



Tidiest Cloakroom Award:  
**SMUGGLERS**

We have had another set of exceptional results for our Key Stage 2 sats and I look forward to sharing these with you at the end of term.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

Claire Frost (headteacher)

*Date for your Diary:*

**Friday 18th  
November**



**Wittersham School  
Winter Ball**

### This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Lucy and Olivia  
Smugglers—Sophia and Megan  
Viking—Riley and Lucy  
Oxney—Molly and Sunny

### Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Seb T. and Zak  
KS2—Lucy

*Nominated by our Midday Leaders*



Attendance cup last week went to:  
OXNEY with 98% Attendance—  
WELL DONE OXNEY CLASS!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**INSET DAY**

**Monday 10th July**

**SMUGGLERS TRIP—RYE SMUGGLERS** Wednesday 12th July

**Y6 POOL PARTY/BBQ** Thursday 13th July 3-5pm

**KENT CHALLENGER GAMES** Friday 14th July

**OXNEY CLASS PRODUCTION** Thurs. 13th/Fri. 14th July  
1.30pm / 6.00pm

**OPTIONAL PARENT CONSULTATIONS** Monday 17th July

**Y6 LEAVERS LUNCH** Wed. 19th July 12.15pm

**Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE** Wed. 19th July 1.15pm

**ROTHER CLASS PRODUCTION** Wed. 19th July 6.00pm

**INSET DAY** Friday 21st July

### Bags 2 School ~ Tues 11th July

Don't forget to bring in your filled bags first thing on Tuesday morning. They can be filled with adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please no bedding, curtains or household linens.

### Second-hand Uniform Sale ~

#### Monday 17th July

The WSA will be having a second hand school uniform sale from 2.45-3.15pm. Please only send in good quality items. A great way to pass on outgrown uniform and help kit out another child for the following year.



**Our school Christian values:**

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