



# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

**15th September 2017**

Harvest time is one that is rich in traditions and the School Harvest traditions are ones that as a whole school community we take great pride in.

We ask parents, children and the church congregation to donate colourful, decorated harvest boxes containing fresh fruit, vegetables, tinned and packaged foods or just contribute one or two items. These will be delivered after the service to older members of our community in Appledore, Stone and Wittersham by the Year 6 children. Our Harvest Festival service this year will be held on Thursday 21st September at 9am in Wittersham Church. We encourage our parents to attend the service and ask that they bring their contribution to the church before dropping off their children to school.



This tradition of Year Six children delivering the boxes is one that our pupils look forward to as they move up through the school. When their turn comes they find it to be a very fulfilling experience, visiting older members of our rural villages to share some of the joys of harvest time. Many of the recipients attended the school themselves, some have grandchildren at school, and all are very interested to hear what is happening at the school and delight in this doorstep conversation.

Thank you to the parents and staff who help keep this tradition alive by their generosity. It is a very enriching experience for all concerned.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend,  
Claire Frost *Headteacher*

Tidiest Cloakroom Award:  
**SMUGGLERS**

### This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Teddy and Gracie  
Smugglers—Jack and Tallulah  
Viking—Tilly and Luke  
Oxney—Jack and Macy  
Rother—Kallum and Isabel



Attendance cup last week went to: WINDMILL, VIKING and OXNEY CLASSES, all with 100% Attendance—  
**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

**Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am in the school hall. Pop in for a nibble and a chat, everyone welcome.

Donations of cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received.

**Winter Ball** at the London Beach Hotel on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. 7pm for 7.30pm, £32 per ticket, to include 3 course meal and live band to dance to. More details on buying tickets to follow shortly.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who supported the WSA Car Boot Sale, we raised just over £160 for the school.

Thanks  
Miriam (WSA Chair)



### Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Henry  
KS2—Luke

*Nominated by our Midday Leaders*

### ABSENCE:

Your children's safety is our paramount concern and we must be informed of any absence. Please call the office before 9.30am to advise us of any absence. Telephone 01797 270329.

### JEWELLERY:

A polite reminder please that if your child's ears are pierced, small stud earrings only may be worn at school. No other jewellery except a wrist-watch may be worn.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	Thursday 21st September 9am
<b>MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING</b>	Friday 29th September 8.45am Cake donations welcome!
<b>NEW PARENTS' OPEN DAY</b>	Thurs 5th October <b>10-11.50am</b>
<b>ITALIAN LUNCH</b>	Thursday 5th October More information to follow
<b>BRAISWICK PHOTOGRAPHIC</b>	Tuesday 10th October 8am
<b>BBC CHILDREN IN NEED COUNTRYFILE RAMBLE</b>	Sunday 15th October 11.30am
<b>PARENT CONSULTATIONS</b>	Tues/Wed 17/18th October More information to follow
<b>NEW PARENTS' OPEN DAY</b>	Weds 18th Oct. <b>1.30-2.30pm</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 24th November</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 20th December</b>

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Rother Class had a fantastic visit from a falconer this morning along with Gambit, a red-tailed hawk. This was to support our work on 'Sky Hawk'. We learnt a lot from the visit and were amazed to discover that ospreys return to the same nest each year and build them up to 2m in diameter and 2m deep. We also found out that ospreys can dive up to 1.5m deep in water to catch large trout with their talons. We are looking forward to continuing our research into ospreys and reading the book.



Mrs Avena, Rother Class



## 'BACK TO SCHOOL' COMMUNITY DINNERS



Why not join us for a delicious roast meal, every Wednesday at 12 00 (infants) / 12.15pm (juniors) or as a one off. Come along with a friend or neighbour and have a fun and tasty lunch at your local village school for the amazing price of £3.50.

Our children would love you to come and join them and sample a modern day school meal. All our ingredients are locally sourced and we use seasonal vegetables. Vegetarian options are available on request.

The only school rule you need to observe is that booking is essential! Please phone the school office: 01797 270329 two weeks in advance.

*Wittersham CEP is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Children and young people's welfare is our paramount concern.*

### OPEN EVENTS

*Inviting Y6 children and their parents;*

*Homewood School*

*20th September 4-8pm and 25/26th September 9-11am*

*Cranbrook School*

*20th September 5pm and 22nd September 8.45am*

### THE WSA NEEDS A NEW CHAIRMAN!

Could you be the next WSA Chair?

Please contact the school to find out more information on what this role involves, or have a chat to Miriam 07812951679 who has been Chair for the past 2 years.

The new WSA committee will be voted in at the AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. This is also a chance to hear how all the fundraising events went last year. The meeting is open to all parents/carers and new faces are always welcome.

### Show at the Sinden Theatre

Homewood School have booked a show by Hot Coals Theatre Company, RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts) performing a piece called Finders Keepers.

It is aimed at primary school age students and is a fun-filled touching piece about 2 quirky characters who find a baby hidden, where did it come from? Does it come with a manual?!

It is all performed without dialogue, but with music and mime, and the characters are circus like.

The performance is on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm (parents and families welcome) Tickets are £7.50 and £5.00

If you would like tickets please call the Sinden Theatre Box Office on 01580 763826.

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