



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

18th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

During November the Anti-bullying Alliance work with schools in support of their own anti-bullying messages and practice. Bullying, as defined by the DfE is "behaviour by an individual or a group, repeatedly over time that intentionally hurts another individual either physically or emotionally." The theme of the Alliance this year is the 'Power of Good' with an aim nationally to increase levels of respect and kindness between everyone. This, of course, fits naturally with the Christian values and school ethos at Wittersham as respect and kindness underpin our whole school approach to behaviour and how we expect adults and children to treat one another. We explore with our pupils, in a range of ways, what bullying is and what they should do if they are ever concerned about bullying. We equip our children to stay safe online and develop an understanding of cyber bullying. It is very important to us that the opinions of our children are heard about how safe they feel in school and so we will also be participating in Kent's anti-bullying survey this term as part of our determination to ensure every child's voice is heard and any feedback is swiftly acted upon.



We received a letter this week from the Royal British Legion following our Remembrance Day Service last Friday. The school was thanked for making their members feel so welcomed and the Branch Secretary wrote, "Those of us who attended were very impressed with the children's attentiveness, observance of the silence and wonderful singing. They are a credit to the school."

This morning was the Homewood 'Dance Dash' where all of our children gathered in the hall to watch students perform a dance routine in aid of Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to this very worthwhile charity.



I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Claire Frost *headteacher*

Thank you from the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

I write to thank the children and staff of your school for making such an outstanding effort to raise money for the Wittersham Poppy Appeal Collection.

I am delighted to report that the children and staff contributed **£152.47** to the appeal. This is quite outstanding for such a small school and the children should be very proud. At the War Memorial Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, our most senior village Veteran said of the soldiers who have not returned from war, **"They gave their future, so that we can have our present."**

I feel there is a younger generation which will continue to respect those sentiments.



Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
VIKING

Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1—Mak
KS2—Emily
Nominated by our Middy Leaders

This Week's Golden Christian Values Winners

- Windmill—Jamie and Yasmine
- Smugglers—Joe and Katie
- Viking—Molly and Sam A.
- Oxney—Niamh and Chloe
- Rother—Jack and Jessica



Attendance cup last week went to: **SMUGGLERS** with 99% Attendance—**WELL DONE SMUGGLERS!**



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SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFTS

Together with those donated to the Church, we managed a grand total of 52 boxes. Our Year 6 children helped to count and sort our contribution.



Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful project.



We would like to ask all parents to help us in our attempts to control the spread of nits. We recommend that all parents check their children's head weekly by using a fine toothed comb and hair conditioner. This will go a long way to being aware of nits and controlling their spread. This simple system can avoid the use of chemical treatments.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre tomorrow 11am—1pm!



Could we ask all parents to ensure your children have a coat available in school now that the colder weather has arrived. Thank You



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Our school Christian values:

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