



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought that this week you may be interested to learn a little more about an aspect of school development Wittersham is part of this year. Before the summer we applied and were very excited to be accepted on the Maths Mastery Programme run by the Kent and Medway Maths Hub. This means that we are part of a Teacher Research Group (informed partly by the teaching of maths in high performing South East Asian jurisdictions) which focuses on research into classroom teaching and professional development. It is a highly inclusive way of teaching which is grounded in the belief that all pupils can achieve in maths. In mastery, a concept is only deemed to be mastered when learners can represent it in multiple ways, can communicate solutions using mathematical language and can independently apply the concept to new problems.

Our results in maths over the last three years have been very strong when children leave us in Year 6. Key Stage 2 SATS outcomes for mathematics in 2018 were:

Maths Results	Wittersham	National
% of pupils achieving the expected standard	100%	76%
% of pupils achieving a High Standard	55%	24%
Average Scaled Score	109.1	104
Average Progress	+4.4	

However, we are never a school to rest on our laurels and consistently strive for excellence! We believe that through further development of our mastery approach and by working with a mastery specialist, we can even further deepen our pupils' understanding of maths which they will carry forward into secondary school and beyond.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Claire Frost (headteacher)

<p>Reminder</p> <p>The next payment for the Isle of Wight Residential trip is due by Thursday, 18th October</p>	<p>Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:</p>  <p>KS1— Oscar T KS2— Zack P</p> <p><i>Nominated by our Midday Leaders</i></p>	<p>For Information</p> <p>FA Rules and School Activities</p> <p>It is clear in the FA rules that school activities (not just football) take priority over club footballs</p> <p>Follow @kentschools_fa</p>
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 <p>REMINDERS</p> <p>Windmill Parents Lunch on Wednesday 17th October</p> <p>Special Bonfire Lunch for children on Monday 5th November (Returns required by 17/10/18)</p>	<p>This Week's Golden Christian Values' Winners</p> <p>Windmill— Oscar & Teddy Smugglers— Olivia & Soul Viking— Brody & George Oxney— Dylan & Lacey Rother— Chloe B & Lara</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

PARENT CONSULTATIONS	Wed, 17th & Thu, 18th October
DEVELOPMENT DAY (School Closed)	Friday, 19th October 18
BRAISWICK PHOTOS	Monday, 29th October 18—am
OPEN MORNING for Intake 2019	Wed, 31st October 28—10am
AUTHOR VISIT— Brain Moses	Friday, 9th November 18
CHILDREN IN NEED Homewood Dance Dash	Friday, 16th November 18
WSA CHRISTMAS FAIR	Saturday, 17th November—3pm
OPEN MORNING for Intake 2019	Wed, 21st November 18—10am
OPEN AFTERNOON for Intake 2019	Thur, 6th December 18—2pm
RYE LANTERNS FESTIVAL	Saturday, 8th December 18
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY	Friday, 14th December 18
CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE	Wednesday, 19th December 18



Attendance Cup
last week went to:
OXNEY

With 99.7% Attendance
WELL DONE!

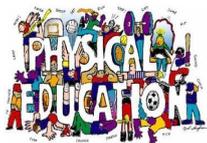


Tidiest Cloakroom Award

House Points
WINNING HOUSE:
LEEDS



REMINDER
School Dinner Money
Could all accounts be paid by
the end of this term
Thank you



The tournaments are coming thick and fast this term, with two teams from year 3/4 competing in the Kent school games Handball Tournament at Towers School on Tuesday. The teams were separated into group B and group D, with both teams playing three matches each. Wittersham Ones were victorious in all three of their matches, so finishing 1st in their group, and receiving the Gold Medals. Wittersham Twos were in the toughest group, against some very large schools and were narrowly defeated in all of their matches.

Once again two members of our SSOC, Isla H and Imogen acted as umpires and scorers for all of the matches. This time they were part of the Highworth Grammar School Sports Leaders Team, and were congratulated at the end, for the mature way they acted throughout the tournament.

Next Tuesday, the year 5/6 teams will be competing in the same tournament at the John Wallis Academy. Let's hope they continue our successful start to the year. Don't forget to follow us on twitter, @wittershamcep.

Dean Hawkins



Parents and Carers

We had a successful jumble sale on Saturday where we raised £200. We were also able to support Wittersham Football Club by donating unsold items to their jumble sale. Our Bags2School collection was a whopping 54 bags, we will let you know the amount raised as soon as we know. A huge thank you goes to all who helped. As always, the time you give to the WSA is really appreciated and we just couldn't raise the money we manage to without you sacrificing your time and energy. Our AGM is on Thursday October 18th at 9:15. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible from school drop off for a charity coffee morning. We welcome you to stay and find out exactly what all our fundraising has achieved over the past year. We also welcome anyone who can volunteer for future fundraising events. If we don't get extra helpers, we cannot continue to do the level of fundraising we do. SO PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT. WE NEED YOUR HELP! On another note, please check your child/children's bags for Christmas cards. Orders must be returned by **Tuesday 16th October**. Many thanks Kate



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