Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter Monday 12th June 2023



Finally, the warm weather has arrived! This is one of my favourite terms of the year as it always provides us with plenty of opportunities to get outside and make the most of our wonderful school grounds.

Last week was another busy week for us at school as we hit the ground running to kick start Term 6. On Tuesday we welcomed the parents of our new reception children who will join us in September 2023. We look forward to welcoming them to our transition sessions over the course of this term. I know our parent community will make them feel very welcome: thank you.

The week finished with a flurry on Friday as some of our children represented the school at the Kent Challenger Games. This was a great event, attended by 32 schools, where children needed to work collaboratively to problem solve in a range of different challenges. We are amazed to say that Wittersham finished in 3rd! Well done to all involved. We look forward to celebrating this in school throughout the week.

This week, we will begin our swimming sessions, some of our year 3 and 4 children will represent the school at the Ashford Cricket competition, we have our WSA Father's day sale on Thursday afternoon and the next round of our Term 6 clubs begin. In addition to this, some of our children will represent the school as they enter the tomato plants, they have grown and nurtured in school, into the Horticultural Society competition.

As the good weather looks set to continue, please ensure children come to school with a hat and have already applied suncream. Have a good week!

Attendance

Whole school: 94.3%

Target: 95%

| Year Group | Attendance % |
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| EYFS | 93.7% |
| Yr 1 | 93% |
| Yr 2 | 95.5% |
| Yr 3 | 94.8% |
| Yr 4 | 94.8% |
| Yr 5 | 93.4% |
| Yr 6 | 94.8% |



This week in worship...

This week in worship, we will continue to explore the work of the first Christians in spreading Jesus' message.

After the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the first disciples and followers of Jesus, the strength and the courage to go out into the world and make a difference.

I wonder how each of us can make a difference in school and our community this week?



WSA Non uniform day



A date for your diaries!

On Friday 7th July, we will be hosting a non-uniform day to support the WSA Summer Fayre on the 15th July.

We would like children to attend school in their own clothes, whilst bringing with them a donation of sweets etc for prizes for some of the games.

Thank you for your continued support

WSA Father's Day Sale

A reminder that our WSA Father's Day sale is due to take place on Thursday 15th June.

Look out for the flyer, with further information, coming home this week.



Kent Test (11+) Registration

Kent Test (11+) Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2024 opened on Thursday 1 June 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 3 July 2023.

You can register for your child to sit this by following this link:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places/kenttest#tab-1

Please can we ask that you let Mrs Penn know if you have registered your child as soon as possible.



Sports Day

This year our school sports day will be held on Wednesday 5th July.

This will run in a similar format to previous years, parents will be welcome to join us.

We will be sending out additional information at the start of next term.





WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

This term is busy as ever for the WSA.

This week have our first ever Father's Day sale on Thursday 15th June. We are all looking forward to it and have some great gifts on offer. If you would like your child to participate, please send in £2.50 with them in a named envelop on Thursday.

We hope to have a refreshments stall at Sports Day, cold drinks and cakes to keep you all cool in the sunshine. We may call on you for donations of cakes to sell. At the end of the day, we are also aiming to have ice pops on sale for everyone as they go home. Then the final event of next term is our Summer Fayre on 15th July from 12.00-16.00. We have a wonderful raffle, the tickets for which will be on sale soon, as well as at the event itself. There will also be a non-uniform day leading up to the event where we will be asking for donations of sweets etc for prizes for some of the games. Please look out for more information in the next couple of weeks.

We are always in need of volunteers to help make the event a success. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day to run a stall or can stay behind and help clear up at the end of the day, please do let us know. There will be the old favourites and some new competitions such as 'Where has Mr Hawkins left his paddle board? There is also live music and some area displays planned.

If you can spare some time to help on Saturday 15th July or want to join the list of WSA Friends so you can help at other events please get in touch annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (WSA Chair).



Swimming

We are really excited to begin our swimming sessions this week. A HUGE thank you to all who continue to support the WSA events, which have helped to make this possible. Below is when each class will swim this term. Whilst this is our intended timetable, please ensure you check class dojo for any changes which may be needed in what is a very busy term.

Monday Vikings

Tuesday Smugglers and Windmills

Wednesday Oxney and Windmills

Thursday Vikings, Rother and Smugglers

Friday Rother and Oxney

Please ensure children have a swimming hat, towel, swimming costume, goggles (if required and permission has been given) and suitable poolside footwear with them. It may also be advisable to pack a plastic bag for wet clothing.



Respect

Kindness

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Tuesday 13th June | Parent Mental Health Workshop (7pm) |
| Thursday 15th June | WSA Father's Day Sale |
| Tuesday 20th June | Windmills and Smugglers Trip to Bedgebury |
| Thursday 22nd June | Rother Bikeability Session |
| Friday 23rd June | Rother Bikeability Session |
| Friday 23rd June | Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School session |
| Monday 26th – Friday 30th June | Homewood Transition Week |
| Friday 30th June | Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School session |
| Wednesday 5th July | Sports Day |
| Friday 7th July | Rother and Oxney Forest School session |
| Thursday 20th July 9:15am | Rother Leaver's Assembly in Church |
| Thursday 20th July | Last Day of Term 6 |

| Further WSA Events for your diaries! | |
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| Saturday 15th July 12-4pm | WSA Summer Fayre |
| Saturday 7th October 7pm | WSA Charity Dinner Dance |

Learn together sessions

In our upcoming learning together sessions, we would like to invite parents to come and learn alongside their child. We hope this will be an opportunity for families to share and celebrate children's achievements and successes in the classroom. To accommodate as many parents as possible, these sessions will take place in the school hall. We have currently limited this to one parent per child. To attend these sessions, please ensure you have completed the google forms shared via class dojo to register your place. We look forward to seeing you there.

All sessions will take place between 9-10am. Dates are as follows:

Monday 19th June Tuesday 20th June Wednesday 21st June Thursday 22nd June Friday 23rd June

Rother
Vikings
Windmills
Smugglers
Oxney



Respect Kindness Self-Worth/Perseverance Forgiveness Love