

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: flourishing together in God's love'



Weekly Newsletter Monday 3rd July 2023



Another week had flown past here at school and the summer break is fast approaching.

Last week was an exciting week for our Year 6 children, as many of them spent time in their secondary schools for September. It was good to see them back in school today and to hear about their experiences and growing independence. All other children in school will experience a transition session in their new class, with their new teaching team, on Thursday morning. Further details of our staffing structure will be shared tomorrow and children will bring home additional information about their class on Thursday, following the transition session.

As you will be aware, the school will be partially closed on Wednesday and Friday this week. We look forward to seeing how our children engage with our Virtual Sports Day and World Chocolate Day celebrations.

Thank you to those who completed our Wrap Around Care Survey last week. We look forward to sharing the results of this with our families soon, so that this can be launched early in September.

I hope you all have a great week and that we all avoid the predicted storms and potential threat of further power cuts!

Attendance

Whole school: 94.3%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.9%
Yr 1	92.9%
Yr 2	95.4%
Yr 3	94.9%
Yr 4	94.7%
Yr 5	93.5%
Yr 6	94.6%



This week in worship...

This week in worship, we continue to take inspiration from Corinthians to consider how being compassionate can support us on our journey through life. This seems particularly poignant as we approach a stage of transition with many of us moving into a new classroom, year group or school.

Dear God, thank you for allowing us to understand the difficulties that other people face. Show us the ways in which we can help them to overcome their challenges in life so that nobody feels alone, because together we can use your strength to help one another.

Amen.



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WEDNESDAY 5th JULY - Remote learning: Virtual Sports Day!

Welcome to our Virtual Sports Day! As you will know, we had planned for Wednesday 5th July to be our Sports Day, however, even though we cannot be together, this does not stop us from competing to earn points for our teams!

Our Virtual Sports Day, is an opportunity to take on a series of physical activity challenges and compete for your house against the other houses for fun, certificates and the overall victory in the competition. We want to get as many people to get involved as possible during the challenge and for you and your adults at home to submit your results using the Google Form:

[Virtual Sports Day link \(Click here\)](#)

We look forward to celebrating the results of this later in the week and to seeing many of you for our 'in person' Sports Day on Wednesday 12th July 12-3pm.

If you have any questions or queries, please us know



Stepping Stones Nursery – Jumble Sale

Due to the unfortunate closure of our setting, we have many amazing lovely toys, books, dressing up clothes and many other things for sale even 2 rocking horses small and large. Let us know if there is anything that interests you or if you would like to come and have a look around. Please come in any day at the end of the day or give us a call on **07826593027** to make an appointment or talk to us. Collection day will be Thursday 20th July 1–4, come in and find collect anything you would like all must go!

All must go raffle – We are doing a fun raffle for some of our more unique items such as new games, new books, knitted toys and some other items brought in like chocolates, if you would like to buy some raffle tickets for **£1** a strip, they are available now once again come in and ask or give us a ring on the above number and will be drawn on the morning of Thursday 20th.

Thank you as always for your amazing support as current parents and parents through the years, it's a very emotional last term for us all but your support makes it much easier. We're truly all going to miss so many things, but we have loved being part of the Stepping Stones and Wittersham family.

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WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Less than two weeks until the Summer Fayre now so it is a busy time for the committee while they get all the arrangements finalised. Thank you for all the fabulous donations on the non-uniform day last week. These donations really help with keeping the overheads down so we can maximise profits. We have been very lucky this year and have sponsorship for some elements of the event. This means we can try new things relatively risk free, for example this year we are able to offer real ale thanks to a donation from Rush, Witt and Wilson in Tenterden!

You will have received a book of raffle tickets last week. You will have seen from the flyer there are some fabulous prizes on offer and thanks to Kerry Dean even more being added to the list. It takes a lot of effort negotiating prizes from businesses, so her efforts are really appreciated. A full list will be available nearer the event but some of the latest additions include a £20 voucher for The Fig restaurant in Rye, brunch for two White House cafe + bakery in Rye, produce from LAM regenerative farmers, Make-Up from MU artist Andrew Gallimore, a Reiki session with Mellie, Iden Therapy Centre and an Art Print Framed by Anthony Burrill. There are several others confirmed and even more still in the pipeline. With all the other amazing prizes already donated this could be our best raffle ever! If you want more tickets you can pick some up from the School Office or catch Kelly or me at pick up or drop off.

After school on Friday 14th there will be a working party to put the marquee up so if you can help from 3.15 till about 5pm that would be really appreciated. Tall helpers will be especially welcome for this activity!

What we also really need is your help on the day too. We have lots of ideas for stalls and activities but without your help we cannot run them. All we ask is an hour of your time between 12-4. That still leaves plenty of time for you to enjoy the event with your family. If you can help, please get in touch via annchairwsa@gmail.com

Ann (WSA Chair).

Sports Day

Join us for our traditional school sports day on **Wednesday 12th July**.

Children will have an early lunch so that we can gather on the field, ready to begin the competition at 12:15. **Families are welcome to join us from 12.**

Please ensure children come to school with an additional labelled snack, which they will be given during the afternoon to keep their energy levels up, along with a water bottle and hat.

The afternoon will conclude with the presentation ceremony at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you there

Wittersham School Association

Glitz and Glamour

DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

AT LONDON BEACH RESORT

3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE DJ

£45 per ticket

Scan the QR code to book your place



★ Arrival: 7pm
Meal 7:30pm
Carriages 11:45pm

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

★ For more information:
annchairwsa@gmail.com

★ Wittersham School Association Registered
★ Charity No. 1059824

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 5th July	School Partially Closed due to Strike Action
Thursday 6th July	Whole Transition Morning
Friday 7th July	School Partially Closed due to Strike Action
Thursday 13th July	Rother Pool Party
Friday 14th July	Rother and Windmills Forest School session
Friday 14th July	Rocksteady Music Festival
Tuesday 18th July	Rother Leaver's Performance
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!

Saturday 15th July 12-4pm	WSA Summer Fayre
Saturday 7th October 7pm	WSA Charity Dinner Dance



Can you help make the Summer Fayre a success?

Some of our regular stall holders are now not able to help at the Summer Fayre. We really need more support at the event or we will have to cut down on the activities on offer.

Can you spare one hour on Saturday 15th July between 12-4 to help run a stall at the summer fayre?

If so please email Ann on annchairwsa@gmail.com

Morning drop off

It is great that many of our children are ready to start the school day at 8:30.

We have noted that a number of children are arriving early and are left unattended.

Please can we remind parents that, if you choose to arrive earlier or your child travels to school independently that you are responsible for your child's behaviour until they are through the school gate.

Thank you.

