

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 17th July 2023



Welcome back to our final week of the school year. As promised, it has been a busy term for our children, and we still have much to celebrate and enjoy across the next four days.

It was fantastic to see so many of our families and friends at our School Sports Day on Wednesday. There was a great atmosphere all afternoon as our children rose to the challenges set before them! All children impressed with their compassionate and supportive attitude towards one another. It was a very closely fought event, but congratulations to those in Bodiam, who ran out as our eventual winners.

Elsewhere in sport, on Thursday, a group of Key Stage Two children represented the school at the Kent District Finals of Dynamos Cricket. This is a great achievement for a school of our size, and a testament to the cooperation and courage they displayed during their matches. Amazingly, they finished in 9th place out of 14 schools attending; officially making them the 9th best Key Stage 2 cricket team in Kent! Well done to all involved.

We then finished our week with a fantastic performance from our rockstars as part of the Rocksteady Music Festival on Friday. Although I couldn't be there to see it in person, I have seen some wonderful videos and heard great feedback on how the children performed and displayed their enthusiasm for their music. Thank you again to all who were able to attend.

Thank you also to those who were able to join us for the WSA Summer Fayre on Saturday. Despite the high winds and changeable weather, it was a great event, with a huge range of stalls, games and refreshments on offer. As ever, the fantastic members of the WSA committee worked tirelessly to arrange and adapt the event; we are all incredibly grateful for their time and effort in arranging such a wonderful afternoon. The final figure is yet to be confirmed; however, it will be another huge amount towards our school environment fund.

This week, we look forward to providing our year six children with the send-off they deserve. This begins tomorrow with their Rother's Got Talent performance. Later in the week, they have a pool party and leaver's lunch to look forward to. Our week will finish with our Leaver Assembly on Thursday, where we will be joined by our Year 6 parents, Reverend Lindsay and school community to wish our children well as they take the next step on their journeys.

This week, Mrs Hicks will have her final day with us. We will miss her energy, creative ideas for memorable learning experiences and dressing up attire! In September, Mrs Elgar will move to a school nearer to her home and young family. We are all grateful for the 7 years she has spent with us; bringing a wonderful commitment to supporting all learners, and her empathetic and compassionate attitude. We wish them both all the best on their next step and new adventures.

As we end our school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and kindness you have shown over the past 11 months. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year of headship at Wittersham and look forward to working with our great staff team and school community to build upon the success we have had this year in September and beyond.

I wish you all a happy, safe and memorable summer break and look forward to seeing you at 8:30am on Monday 4th September.

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

Attendance

Whole school: **94.2%**

Target: **95%**

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	93.8%
Yr 1	92.9%
Yr 2	95.5%
Yr 3	95.1%
Yr 4	94.4%
Yr 5	93.4%
Yr 6	94.4%

Attendance Matters



This week in worship...

Our final church service of the year will take place at St John the Baptist's church at 9:15am on Thursday 20th July.

All families of Year 6 children are welcome to join us at service of celebration for our year 6 children before they bid farewell to Wittersham Primary School.



Rock Steady Festival

A huge thank you to all who were able to attend our Rocksteady Festival on Friday. It was a fantastic way to finish our school week and we were hugely impressed by the musical talents on display.

There are still some spaces available for a September start. If you are interested in this, please either contact us in the office or visit the Rocksteady booking portal ([Click here!](#)) to find out more.



School Meals

CHANGE OF MEAL CHOICE

This week there is a change around to which meals are offered. On Tuesday the meal will be Shepherd's Pie and Thursday burgers will be available.

In September, when the children return after the summer break, we will be on Week 1 of the menu.

[School menu link](#)



WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fayre, from donating prizes and cakes, helping on Friday after school, helping at the event itself and coming along and spending money on our stalls and games.

The only thing that didn't play ball was the English weather but that still didn't stop us having fun. We don't have a final total yet, but we are hoping that once all the final calculations are done and the expenses deducted, we will have made a profit approaching £3000. An amazing achievement all round.

Special thanks to the WSA Committee who gave up their time on the day and before to get the event off the ground. The committee are all volunteers and organising events like this require a lot of behind-the-scenes activity that isn't visible on the day. Even more this year due to the last-minute changes of plan!

Thank you also to Karen Rivers and Sarah Middleton for donating the money they had raised through events in the village over the last few years to the WSA fund. This was a fantastic £1007.34 so the total in the WSA fund is now £11007.34!!!!

Over the summer holidays you all have the chance to enter the raffle to win a brand-new Mulberry Handbag! This is an online raffle and the link to enter is <https://raffall.com/341918/enter-raffle-to-win-a-mulberry-handbag-hosted-by-ann-rogers> There are links already on social media so please do share widely and look out for more posters soon. The raffle is being **drawn on 31st August** and I look forward to handing over the bag to the lucky winner after that.

We have some exciting things coming up in the next school year including the Dinner Dance on 7th October – tickets still available. Also, thanks to Matt Barton and Hell4leather Cricket we have a Kent players shirt signed by Kent Cricket team ready to be raffled off next!

Thank you for all the support you have given the WSA over the last 12 months. Have a lovely summer break and see you in September.

Ann (Chair WSA)

WIN A MULBERRY HANDBAG!

You could be the lucky winner of a Mulberry Handbag like that in the picture.

To enter this raffle simply scan the QR code:



The winner will be drawn on 31st August 2023 at 10pm. Good luck!



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

WRAP AROUND CARE: SEPTEMBER 2023!



Exciting news!



Following the results of our wrap around care survey, we are excited to announce that Premier Education will offer Wrap Around Care at the school from September 2023.

This will provide our families with the opportunity to use additional school provision from 7:45am-5:30pm.

As the attached letter states, bookings for September will be available for parents of children in years 1-6 initially. Premier Education will be applying for the site to be on a compulsory Ofsted register, which means as soon as they have this for our setting, they will be able to accept childcare vouchers against the Wittersham School provision. This could take between 3-6 months from now to come through.

Premier Education have also stated that, in September, they will gauge the interest to add our new EYFS children to the registration, to allow children from reception age into the wrap around care provision. This is due to them requiring additional adults to meet staff to children ratios for EYFS aged children.

Parents can begin booking sessions via the following link: www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/448

You may also wish to watch the following promotional video:
[WRAPAROUND CARE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO](#)

In addition to this, our successful extra-curricular clubs will continue to run next year. These will commence in the **SECOND** week of the new school year (week beginning 11th September). Further information on which clubs will run and how to book your space in these will be shared later in the summer.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do speak to me via dojo, on the gate or the school office.

I am excited to see our children engage with our wrap around care and hope this will further support our families in managing childcare in what is a busy time for us all.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 18th July	Rother Leaver's Performance
Wednesday 19th July	Rother Pool Party
Thursday 20th July 9:15am	Rother Leaver's Assembly in Church
Thursday 20th July	Last Day of Term 6
Friday 1st September	Staff Development Day (No children in school)
Monday 4th September	First day of Term 1 2023-2024

Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 7th October 7pm	WSA Charity Dinner Dance
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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

Dates for your diary

A reminder that we have a staff inset day on Friday 21st July. This means that our last day of the academic year is Thursday 20th July.

The new academic year begins on Monday 4th September.





*May God's blessing go with us today,
At the end of this school year we pray.
That you keep us safe and give us rest
So we start again renewed and refreshed.*

*Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn again.*



*May God's blessing go with us today,
As we begin our school holiday.*

*Give your peace and your joy,
To every girl and every boy.*



*Help the teachers to enjoy the break,
and prepare and plan for the new intake.*

*May God's blessings await us next year,
To embrace each new challenge without fear.*



*Fill this school with your love,
and guide our hearts from above.*

*Full of faith, full of hope,
full of joy, and full of love.*

Amen.