

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

'On a voyage of discovery: learning and growing together in the light of God'

Weekly Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2023



It is hard to believe we have reached the midpoint in this term already. Visiting classes this week I have been impressed with the progress children have made in just three weeks. The pride and dedication they are showing in their learning has been fantastic and makes me excited to see what they will achieve throughout the rest of the year.

Over the past 12 months, we have worked hard to further develop the nurture provision we offer our children in school. One of the latest elements of this in our new nurture room. It has been great to see this in action this week with children making the most of the opportunity to discuss and explore any anxieties or worries they may have with trusted adults, or to explore the range of supportive texts or mindful activities we have on offer. Mrs Coulson will be writing to parents later in the term to share our updated nurture provision in more detail.

This week, it was good to see some of our parents join us for the phonics workshops. If you were unable to attend, Mrs Scott has shared the slides via dojo. These will give you an insight as to how you can support your child with reading at home. Should you have any questions of how you can support your child with reading, please do ask your class teacher.

Next week we look forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Service. This will take place on Monday 25th in the church from 2:30-3pm. Collection and clubs will run as normal. In addition to this, we have our Bookwaggon Book Fair on Wednesday 27th, which will remain open to parents until 4pm should you wish to purchase any of the texts on offer.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

This week in worship...

This week in worship we have been considering how Jesus helps us to flourish. We have taken inspiration from John 10 and Psalm 23 to consider how we can act like the good shepherd and work cooperatively to ensure each of us thrives as an individual within our community and the wider world.



I wonder... who helps you be the best you can be... who encourages you when you are struggling... who do you help and support... what kind of things can you do which will help someone else flourish today?

Whole School: **97.5%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	97.2%	97.3%	97.3%	97.1%	97.3%	98.5%

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OPEN DAYS

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you are looking for a wonderful school for your children to learn and grow, Wittersham could be the school for you! We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school. Dates are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.
We look forward to meeting you and your child.



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Mental Health Awareness Day

On the 11th October, we will be celebrating world mental health awareness day in school.

As part of the day we are welcoming back Chef Darren from Roots To Food, who will instruct children how to prepare and cook a mentally nutritious meal, as well as Mentally Healthy Schools who will perform a short show and workshop for each of our classes designed to support children in gaining further understanding of their own mental health.



Pupil Leadership

Over the past week we have elected and announced the members of our pupil leadership team.

Congratulations to:

Headboy: Brody
Headgirl: Sophie

Hever House Captain: Toby
Hever Vice-Captain: Primrose

Scotney House Captain: Simona
Scotney Vice-Captain: Mimi

Leeds House Captain: Summer
Leeds Vice-Captain: Lacey

Bodiam House Captain: Joey
Bodiam Vice-Captain: Xavier

We are looking forward to working with them all this year.

Bookwaggon Book Fair

It has been great to see so many children fully embodying our Wittersham 'love of Reading' since we have returned. I always enjoy hearing children discuss the different books they have read in the corridors and at lunchtimes.

On Wednesday 27th September, we will welcome Bookwaggon book fair to our school.

During the day, Bookwaggon will lead a workshop with children, exploring a range of new and exciting texts, each hand picked for specific age groups. Children will have the chance to explore them further and ask questions about the characters, genre and plot lines.

Following this, Bookwaggon will provide the opportunity for parents to explore and purchase books with children afterschool. This will be held in the hall until 4pm.

Books are sold at a reduced rate and the school receive a small commission of each sale, which we can put towards to further enhancing our reading offer for children in school.



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Harvest Worship

We would like to invite our families to join us for our annual Harvest Worship on Monday 25th September.

Our service will be led by our children and held in St John the Baptist church at 2:30pm and will finish at 3pm.

Please note the change in time to accommodate children who wish to attend the Homewood Open Day.

We hope to see you there.



Harvest Food Donations



This year, as part of our Harvest celebrations, we would like to create a local community foodbank for all to access.

To help with this, we are asking for any donations of any longer lasting items such as tinned/canned foods, dry pasta and rice, coffee, tea or spreads.

There will be a point to drop any contributions at the school gate at drop off and pick up from next week (week beginning 11th September).

Thank you for your continued support.

Friday Forest School



Forest school sessions this week are:

Friday 29th and September:
Rother, Smugglers and Windmills

Children will be outside in all weathers, so please make sure they come to school dressed appropriately for the session (in clothes they are prepared to get muddy in). Children should also bring a change of footwear for the sessions, particularly when it is muddy underfoot.

Rye Cricket Club

2023
Celebrating
270 Years.

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AUTUMN CRICKET SESSIONS

AT

RYE SPORTS CENTRE

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4th for 8 Weeks

Softball

6.00 – 7.00 pm School Years 3-6

Hardball

7.00 -8.00 pm School Years 4-8

With Fully Qualified ECB Coaches

Cost is £40

FOR NEW ATTENDEES THE FIRST 2 WEEKS ARE FREE

These Sessions are Supported by THE RYE FUND

Contact Martin Blincow to sign up.

Mobile: 07535482006 blincsfamily@aol.com

www.ryecc.play-cricket.com

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

**Just 10 tickets
remaining!**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 25th September	Harvest Service in church at 2:30-3:00pm
Wednesday 27th September	Bookwaggon Travelling Book Fair in School
Friday 29th September	Forest School for Windmills, Rother and Smugglers
Monday 9th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 11th October	Mental Health Awareness Day in School
Friday 13th October	Break the Rules Day!
Friday 20th October	End of Term 1
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 1st November	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultation Evening

Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 7th October 7pm	WSA Charity Dinner Dance
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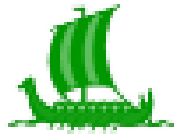
School uniform reminder

As the weather is beginning to change and at the start of a new school year it seemed like a good opportunity to remind parents of our school uniform expectations. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. However, I have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform.

- Footwear with uniform should be black, practical school shoes - **not trainers.**
- **Tight fitting shorts or leggings are not permitted.**
- PE kit is a plain yellow t-shirt with black plain shorts or jogging bottoms. Children may wish to wear their school jumper or a plain hoody in appropriate weathers - **NO football strips allowed.**
- If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape which each child should keep in their PE bag.
- Socks (white or black) and tights should be plain (black or grey).
- No jewellery (except watches), nail varnish or make up.

Further information can be found in our [School Uniform Policy](#). If you have any further questions, please let us know. Thank you for your support with this.

Wittersham Way



COURAGE:



WE TRY OUR BEST AND
NEVER GIVE UP

COURAGE:

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
CITIZENS



COMPASSION:

WE SHOW LOVE FOR OUR SCHOOL
AND ALL THOSE IN IT



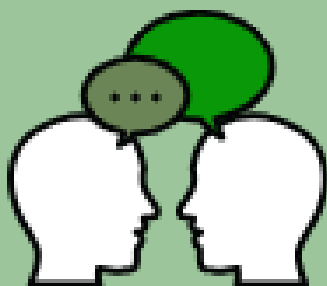
COMPASSION:

WE RESPECT OURSELVES
AND OTHERS



COOPERATION:

WE TAKE TIME TO
LISTEN TO OTHERS



COOPERATION:

WE SUPPORT EACH
OTHER ON OUR
JOURNEY



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