

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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

Weekly Newsletter Friday 20th October 2023



As we bid farewell to another remarkable term at Wittersham, I would like to take this moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have embarked on this term. It has been a term of growth, learning, and countless achievements, and I couldn't be prouder of our school community.

I am delighted that all our children have made a fantastic start to their new classes. The enthusiasm and determination they have brought into their classrooms have been truly inspiring. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to create a positive and engaging learning environment, and the results are evident in the progress and achievements of our students.

However, education at Wittersham goes beyond the walls of our classrooms. This term, we have witnessed our students' holistic development through a wide range of activities and experiences. From cooking with roots to food, where they've learned essential life skills, to exploring the wonders of nature through forest school, our students have embraced learning outside traditional boundaries.

Our book fair fostered a love for reading, and our road safety lessons have equipped our young ones with the knowledge and skills to stay safe in the world. Fieldwork studies around the village have deepened their connection to the local community, and our students' initiative in setting up a food bank underscores their commitment to making the world a better place. The Tiger Troop sessions have instilled important values and life skills, setting Rother on a path towards becoming responsible and compassionate citizens.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our exceptional staff. We are fortunate to have such a committed team of teachers, support staff, and everyone behind the scenes who make our school a place of joy to learn and work together.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the incredible support we've received from the WSA and our parent community. Your collaboration, time, and resources have made a significant difference to the experience of each child in our school.

As we enter this well-deserved half-term break, I hope you all find the time to rest, rejuvenate, and make memories with your families and friends. Please remember that school will resume at 8:30 am on Monday, 30th October, and I am eagerly looking forward to welcoming our students back for the next exciting chapter in their educational journey next term.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe half term break!

Whole School: **97.2%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	98.2%	98.4%	95.4%	98%	96.8%	97.7%

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Please continue to spread
the word!

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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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Whole school pantomime trip!



As the end of Term 1 draws near, we have some exciting news to share with you about an event at the end of Term 2!

In the spirit of celebration and to mark the close of next term, we have organised a wonderful outing for our entire school.

On the last day of term, Friday, 15th

December, we will be taking all our students to enjoy a fantastic pantomime performance of Cinderella at the White Rock Theatre. This promises to be a day filled with laughter, joy, and the magic of the season!

Further information can be found in the letter shared on class dojo.

Secondary School Places



A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the deadline for selecting secondary school places is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Further information regarding this process can be found here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

As always if you have any questions about this process please do let us know.

Parent Consultation Evenings



A date for your diaries!

Our parent consultation evenings will be held 3:30-6:30pm on Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November.

You should have received details with how to book your place. If you are struggling to do so, please email us.

ARE YOU IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY AND STRUGGLING TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN?

IF YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR NURSERIES IN TENTERDEN, ST MICHAELS, ROLVENDEN, BIDDENDEN, HIGH HALDEN, BETHERSDEN, WOODCHURCH OR WITTERSHAM, THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE LARDER IS HERE TO HELP

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE A SMALL SELECTION OF BASIC GROCERIES, FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR WHOSE FAMILIES DO NOT RECEIVE STATE BENEFITS.



THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE LARDER
OPEN AT EC30, RECREATION GROUND ROAD,
TENTERDEN TN30 6RA - FRIDAYS 9-12



WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone for supporting Rother's Cake sale on Thursday. You rose to the theme of the army and military and there were some great cupcakes on display. The sale raised £318 which is amazing. This year the money raised at cake sales will be split. Some will be spent on the class whose sale it is and some put towards paying for enrichment activities such as Roots to Food, that all the children can experience. Supporting the cake sales for all classes will make a difference to all the children.

Tickets for the Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 30th November 7pm – 9.30pm in Wittersham Village Hall are selling fast and there are only FIVE left so if you would like to come along you need to book in fast. The cost is £35 per person and you get to join in with a fun event and go home with a fabulous wreath. To book a place email me on annchairwsa@gmail.com

The next big event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November 12-3 at school. We have some exciting new games at the event too. Thanks to Rush Witt and Wilson we have a cash prize of up to £100 on one of these and a giant elf on another. The raffle is looking amazing too, first prize is a £100 cash prize thanks to Korcker Sausages, 2nd prize is a wonderful meat hamper including a Christmas gammon from Lovejoy Farm Partnership and 3rd prize a Gusbourne Sparkling Tasting Flight for four. To help with prizes for the tombola and other stalls there will be a non uniform day on Friday 10th November.

This year at the Christmas Fayre we are also opening 'Elfridges', a pop-up shop where the stock will mostly be priced between £1-£5 so that children (and adults) can buy gifts for loved ones. Purchases can also be gift wrapped for 50p extra.

To make events like the Christmas Fayre a success we also need to call on the wider school community to help at the event. If you can help on the day – to set up or clear up or run a stall (for even an hour) please do get in touch annchairwsa@gmail.com
Thank you all for your continued support. Have a great half term break.

Ann (Chair WSA)

Wellbeing and SEND Coffee (and cake!) Morning

As you may be aware, on **Tuesday 31st October (9-11am)** we will be holding a Wellbeing and SEND coffee morning for our families and carers.

The purpose of this is to discuss any wellbeing or SEND concerns or questions you may have in a relaxed and informal environment.

We would love you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and cake so if you would like to come along, just pop into school between 9 am and 11 am.

Please do not worry if you cannot attend this session as there will be many more to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31st October 9-11am	Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1st November	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 2nd November	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 6th November – Friday 10th November	Learn together week
Friday 17th November	Children in Need – Wear Something Spotty
Saturday 25th November	WSA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6th December	Windmills, Smugglers and Oast Nativity Performance
Thursday 7th December	Windmills, Smugglers and Oast Nativity Performance
Friday 8th December	Rocksteady Music Festival 2:30pm
Friday 15th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Friday 15th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	Term 3 begins

Further WSA Events for your diaries!

Saturday 25th November	WSA Christmas Fayre
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Learn together sessions

Following the success of our Learn together sessions last year, we are hoping to hold further similar events throughout the 2023/2024.

Our learn together sessions are a chance for parents to learn alongside their children for a normal lesson. For our term 2 sessions, we have set a reading theme across the school. The first of these will take place in the week beginning 6th November. All sessions will run from 9am to approximately 10am.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday 6th November: Oast

Tuesday 7th November: Oxney

Wednesday 8th November: Smugglers

Thursday 9th November: Windmills and Rother

Friday 10th November: Vikings

We hope this will be an opportunity for families to share and celebrate children's achievements and successes in the classroom.

Please complete the form via this link: to indicate your intention to attend. <https://forms.gle/6wiVngay5dCJbtE89> Places are limited to 1 parent per child.

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