

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024



I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the arrival of sunshine after what feels like an eternal winter. It is always great to see the smiles on the faces of our children as they enjoy the warmth of the sun's rays during their playtime.

Today, we celebrated World Book Day. Well done to all who showcased their artistic skills by decorating pegs with incredible imagination. There are some fantastic entries which have made us all laugh and smile. Throughout today, each child took part in a musical theatre workshop, facilitated by West End for Schools. These sessions used famous texts, such as "The Iron Man," enabled children to express themselves and embody characters with great enthusiasm and expression through musical performance. Thank you to Mrs Scott, Mrs Avena and our teaching team for organising a great day.

Within our classrooms, children took part in interactive sessions led by esteemed authors and illustrators. Whilst others took inspiration from famous text to produce beautiful pieces of artwork. We are excited to showcase these creations in our upcoming parent consultation evenings, where you will have the opportunity to appreciate the artistic talents of our young children.

I've had the pleasure of spending some time in the classes this week, looking at all the fabulous learning that is taking place. I've had the opportunity to see maths and art in action across the school, it's great to see the progress the children are making. The class teachers have also been sharing a selection of children's written work with teachers from three other local primary schools to ensure our children are achieving well, it's always lovely to show off the children's hard work!

Elsewhere this week, our Forest School sessions took place for Smugglers, Windmills, and Rother. The children had a chance to engage in outdoor cooking activities; the sun shone brightly upon them as they developed their outdoor cooking skills. The food they prepared was delicious, and their faces beamed with pride as they shared their culinary creations.

I would also like to express my thanks to the Wittersham School Association (WSA) for organizing the Mother's Day sale on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see children carefully selecting gifts for the important women in their lives. I wish all the mothers and mother figures in our community a wonderful weekend and a joyous Mother's Day.

Have a great weekend.

Whole School: **94.4%**

Attendance

Whole School Target: **96%**

Class	Windmills	Oast	Smugglers	Vikings	Oxney	Rother
Attendance	95.7%	93.7%	94.2%	95.8%	94.2%	94.6%

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This week in Worship:

This week in worship, we delved into the narrative of the Wedding at Cana, using this as inspiration to explore the concept of cooperation. The children brilliantly identified the link between this and our school values, with cooperation as one of our 'three c's'.

The Wedding at Cana, a testament to collaboration, served as an example. Just as Jesus and his disciples worked together to transform water into wine. Using this example of what cooperation is defined as through the Bible, we took time to discuss how we see cooperation and how we show this everyday through our Wittersham Way. Through thoughtful discussions, children defined cooperation for us as not only listening to others but also supporting each other on our unique journeys.

We then thought how this linked back to our school Bible verse from the Road to Emmaus; we were reminded of the power of companionship and shared goals. This week, we encourage our students to embody the spirit of cooperation, asking them to wonder:

How can we, like Jesus and his disciples, work together to create something extraordinary?

Dear God,

This week, inspired by the Wedding at Cana, we pray for the grace of cooperation. Help us, like Jesus and his disciples, to work harmoniously. Grant us the wisdom to listen, the generosity to share, and the compassion to understand.

May our actions reflect the spirit of togetherness, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and supported on their unique journeys. Guide us towards shared goals and extraordinary accomplishments.

In Your name, we pray.

Amen.

Wellbeing and SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Wellbeing and SEND coffee morning on Tuesday. It was a great chance for us to chat with our parents, to share experiences and the current priorities in our school in developing the wellbeing of all whilst also supporting those with SEND.

If you would like to hear more about we discussed or to find out how we may be able to offer further support to your child, please do contact us.

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Comic Relief: Friday 15th March



Next Friday, we will be supporting the Comic Relief appeal; inviting children to wear something RED. Should you wish to support the appeal, children are invited to bring in a donation of £1 to school on Friday 15th March.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place in St John the Baptist's Church on Wednesday 27th March at 2:30pm.

We hope you can join us.



Parent Consultation Evenings

We are proud of all our children and the progress they continue to make on their journeys this year. To celebrate and further support their progress, I would like to invite you to book an appointment for a Parents' Consultation session on either Wednesday, 20th or Thursday, 21st March 2023.

The timings for these appointments are as follows:

Wed 20th March from: 2pm for Oxney and Viking
3.30pm for Windmill, Smugglers, Oast and Rother
Bookings are to 5.30pm for all classes.

Thur 21st March from: 2pm for Oxney and Viking
3.30pm Windmill, Smugglers, Oast and Rother
Bookings are to 7.00pm for all classes.

These sessions provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress with their teacher. Mrs Coulson and myself will also be available to speak with you throughout the evenings, should you wish.

To book your appointment, please visit <https://wittershamcep.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Booking will be available via this link from noon on Monday 4th March 2024. Appointments can be made from today for either date. Once you have completed your booking, you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Should you wish to make any changes after this date/time please contact the school office.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 18th March	Kent Music Roadshow Performance
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March	Parents Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 27th March – 2:30pm	Easter Service in the Church
Wednesday 27th March	Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 28th March	School INSET Day (School Closed to Children)
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5



WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

The Mother's Day sale was a great success yesterday. The children took great care in choosing their gifts. Thank you for supporting this event. As we had stock left over from our Christmas gift shop and with some careful shopping to top up the gifts on offer the overheads were smaller this year and enabled this event to raise £286.

The committee meeting this week discussed the ideas put forward at the AGM. To help keep in touch better with those of you who want to be Friends of the WSA we will be setting up a WhatsApp community for you to join. We will be sending out more information on this via Dojo and in the book bags over the coming weeks. After Easter, when hopefully the weather is better we will be running 'coffee and a catch up sessions' after school once a term. This will give you a chance to talk to the committee and find out plans we have.

On 21st April we will be running a stall at the Ashford Young Farmers Lambing Day event so look out for us if you attend the event.

Other things in the planning pipeline are a Race Night in June and a Colour Run in July and then a Dinner Dance in October. More information on these in the coming weeks.

Finally thank you to all the Rother families for sending back the Hoody order form. The hoodies will be on their way to me soon ready to give out at the end of the summer term.

As always if you have any ideas, please do get in touch
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 Have a good weekend.

Ann (Chair WSA)

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