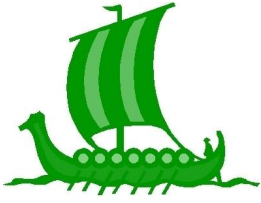


Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



**Welcome to the
Wittersham Weekly!
Friday 6th September 2024**



Welcome to the brand new Wittersham Weekly!

What a whirlwind the first week of Term 1 has been – it has absolutely flown by! It's been such a pleasure meeting the new Reception children, who have settled in so well, and hearing all about the amazing summer adventures from everyone across the school. From beach trips to new hobbies, it's clear that Wittersham families made the most of their holidays!

I'm genuinely loving this new challenge and am excited about all the wonderful opportunities ahead. The warm welcome I've received from staff, children and parents alike has made the transition into my new role so much smoother, and I'm incredibly grateful for the support.

In the coming weeks, we'll be diving into lots of exciting whole school development, settling into routines, and, of course, celebrating the fantastic learning that happens every day. I can't wait to continue working with you all and making this school year a memorable one for the whole Wittersham community.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support – here's to a great term ahead!

Lost Property and wellie update!

Please be aware that all lost property has been relocated outside the Oxney classroom, so we kindly ask parents and children to check for any missing items.

Additionally, if your child's wellies no longer fit but have been left here from last year, please take them home next week.

To help avoid mix-ups, ensure that all clothing, shoes, and wellies are clearly labeled with your child's name. As the weather becomes damper, please remember to send in new wellies for your child to use.

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Uniform Expectations

As we settle into the new school year, a quick reminder about uniform expectations. We kindly ask that all children arrive in smart, correct uniform each day. This includes wearing smart school shoes – trainers and casual footwear are not permitted.

On PE days, children should come dressed in the proper PE kit, ready for their activities.

Let's keep up the fantastic start by ensuring everyone looks their best each day!



Please make a note of the dates below specifically Parents Evening which will take place on only one evening this term.

- Monday 9th September - **Term 1 Clubs begin**
- Friday 13th September - **Head Boy and Head Girl speech** presentations.
- Wednesday 18th September - **Flu Vaccinations** .
- Wednesday 25th September - **Phonics and Reading Workshop.**
- Wednesday 9th October - **School Photos.**
- Wednesday 9th October - **Year 3/4 Handball Tournament here at Wittersham.**
- Wednesday 23rd October - **Parents Evening 2pm - 8pm.**

Week One Wittersham School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the start of a new school year and for bringing us all together as a community. We ask for your guidance as we begin this journey, helping us to learn, grow, and support one another. Bless our teachers, staff, students, and families, and fill our school with kindness, understanding, and love.

Help us to be patient and respectful, and give us the strength to face any challenges with courage and grace. Amen.

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Exciting News!

I'm thrilled to announce that Mrs. Spencer welcomed a beautiful baby boy over the summer! Both mother and baby are doing well, and we couldn't be more excited for her and her family.

We wish them all the best during this special time and look forward to meeting the newest member of the Wittersham community!

Parking Reminder

As we begin the new term, I'd like to remind everyone to please park considerately when dropping off and collecting children. It's important not to park on yellow lines or over residents' driveways, and to always prioritize the safety of our children.

Please do not drive or park on pavements when dropping off or collecting children. Pavements are for pedestrians, and driving on them puts others at risk.

Please also be aware that there is a wedding taking place on Monday, 16th September, which may cause parking challenges. Your understanding and cooperation during this time would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe!



WSA UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

After the amazing success of last years events and fundraising the team are back on the case for more events this year.

Fancy a good night out? How about putting your own table together (8-10 people) and come along to our first big event of the year - the Dinner Dance at London Beach Hotel on Saturday 5th October – tickets £45 each. Dinner, drink and dancing all in great company! Plus the chance to win a big box of booze in our raffle, a magnum bottle of Prosecco in our game of heads or tails and much more. You can book your tickets via the following link

<https://forms.office.com/e/zSGGctLFSP>

The second challenge to you all is to help find a new Chairperson as I will be stepping down in October. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Chair and the committee are a great bunch of people to work with, but it is time to hand the baton over to someone new.

For the WSA to keep operating we do need a new Chairperson. If you think this could be you, please get in touch to discuss annchairwsa@canterbury.ac.uk

Ann (Chair WSA)

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderfully happy and safe weekend. Please remember that my door is always open should you need anything, and I am always here to support both you and your children. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces next week, ready for another fantastic week of learning and growth. Enjoy the weekend!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Coulson

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