

# Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



## Weekly Newsletter Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022



Welcome to another weekly newsletter. A big part of our week was our Rocksteady workshops. It was amazing to see the children so engaged and enthused by the music they heard and played. There were so many bands being made following the sessions! Thank you to all who have signed up – I look forward to seeing them in action after half term. We are working hard to develop the extra-curricular offer to our pupils. Look out for information about upcoming clubs over the next few weeks.

This week, Oxney are building upon their learning of Earth and Space in science in their visit to the Herstmonceux Observatory. I look forward to hearing about their experiences and seeing how they apply the new knowledge gained into their science learning.

You may notice on the upcoming events that we have booked forest school sessions for all children. These will be run in our wildlife garden and outdoor areas and should be a wonderful opportunity for children to learn, discover and develop outdoors. Look out for further details on dojo and in next week's newsletter. Have a great week!

### Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
94.3%	89.5%	98%	100%	97.1%	94%	96.8%

Whole school: **96.1%**



**MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT**



Thankyou to those who have entered our 'Harvest Box' competition. There have been so many wonderfully colourful and imaginative entries.

Remember, the closing date is this Wednesday, so there is still time to enter.

House captains will select a winning box from KS1 and KS2. They will be looking for beautifully decorated boxes which are both creative and celebrate Harvest and/or our school values. Good luck!



We have all been so impressed with how children have returned to school. This can be a daunting challenge for some of our pupils, yet so many have taken it in their stride. As a next step, we would like to promote the independence of children further by giving them the opportunity to walk into school unaided.

Please can we ask parents to encourage children to walk in independently from the wooden gate.

We recognise this will be another challenge for some of our children, and so have given a weeks notice. From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October we would ask that no parents pass the wooden gates when dropping children off. If you require to speak to your child's teacher, please either speak with Mr Hawkins, send a message via dojo, or via the school office.

Thank you for your support with this.



Next week, Years 2, 3 and 4 will take part in Musical Theatre workshops with Carla Smith.

Musical Theatre is a great opportunity for children to develop their confidence and oracy skills, and provides pupils with another avenue in which to flourish.

Sessions will be a chance for children to explore their interests as the sessions will build towards a Theatre Club starting after half term (details to follow).

Smile!



Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 10th of October 2022, to take the Individual & Sibling Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute.

Please visit

[www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk)

and enter the following code:  
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## Wittersham CEP School

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# Open Days

Is your child due to start school  
in September 2023?

We warmly invite parents/carers to take a guided tour of our school.

Date are available during October, November and December.

Please call us on 01797 270329 to book your appointment.



We look forward to meeting you



Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love



We are currently seeking to appoint new members to join our fantastic team. These are both full and part-time roles.

Further details about the positions and the application process can be found here:

[Wittersham CEP School, Tenterden \(kent-teach.com\)](http://Wittersham CEP School, Tenterden (kent-teach.com))

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.



### Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

As you know, all infant pupils are eligible to receive free school meals. We plan to offer a 'taster day' on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October for our Infants.

We hope this will encourage some more children to try school lunches in the future. There is nothing that you need to do about this as they can still bring packed lunches in and there will be no pressure to eat what we offer!



Please support the WSA and come along to the AGM on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm. The meeting will end in time for children to be collected from Sports Club. It would be great to see as many of you as possible, children are welcome to come too. There are vacancies on the committee, and we are particularly looking for someone to take over the role of secretary to take and type up meeting notes and help produce flyers etc. There would be support for whoever took on this role.

The Christmas Fayre is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm and plans are coming along but we really need your help to make this a success. If you can help on the day or donate a raffle prize please get in touch. We are also running a Halloween Party in half term so look out for flyers in the book bags for more information.

Updates on the WSA activities can be found on our Facebook Page – Wittersham School Association News.

If you aren't able to come along but would like to be on the committee or help with future events then drop me an email: [AnnChairWSA@gmail.com](mailto:AnnChairWSA@gmail.com)

Ann (WSA Chair).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Oxney Class trip to Herstmonceux
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 3:15pm	WSA AGM
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS and KS1 Forest School Session
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Wittersham School Black History Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Roots to Food Cooking Workshop
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	KS2 Forest School Sessions
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm-6pm	WSA Halloween Party
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Staff inset day – school closed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Start of Term 2
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm	WSA Christmas Fayre

### Free Family Tickets



**National  
Trust**

A breath of crisp air. The crunch of leaves underfoot. That feeling of winding down. From startling murmurations and bold displays of colour to conkers, fruit and fungi, autumn is full of wonder – and it offers us a refreshing escape.

Everyone needs nature, so for a limited time the National Trust is offering you a free visit to a place we care for this autumn. Where will your escape take you?

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk/category/33142?branches.branchID=2286>