

REMINDER:



A gentle reminder that from Monday 10th October we would ask that no parents pass the wooden gates when dropping children off.

We appreciate that there will be some parents who will also need to drop off at Stepping Stones. Please could we ask these parents to continue to encourage the independence of their older children, whilst escorting their younger siblings.

If you require to speak to your child's teacher, please speak with Mr Hawkins on the gate or send a message either via dojo, or the school office.

Thank you for your support with this.

Wittersham CEP School

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

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



This week (**FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER**) we have our first Forest School session. This week's session is for children in **Vikings, Oxney and Rother**. Children in **Smugglers and Windmills** will have their session next week.

Children will engage in a Forest School lesson led by Onodrim in our wildlife area. We would that children come dressed appropriately for the outdoors. Children should wear clothes which they do not mind getting muddy as well as boots and a coat, as groups will be outside, even in poor weather.

Children should also bring a change of footwear for their cricket sessions.

We would also like to further enhance our Forest School provision. . If you, or if you know someone who has access to large 'Y shaped' branches, or large tree trunk discs (which we could use to create seating) we would be keen to speak with them.

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Throughout this term, we have been discussing what our school vision means. We have used this image to help us discuss how we can use our vision to impact on our lives in school.



We recognise that our journey will not always be an easy one, but if we continue to love each other, and the world around us, we can ensure we stay on course and reach our desired destinations.

To reinforce this message, we have been using the 'kindness boomerang'. It is an example of how we want our school community to be.

[Kindness Boomerang Video](#)



A huge thank you to all who entered our Harvest Box competition. We were overwhelmed by the number of amazing entries and the House Captains had a very difficult decision in choosing the winners.

Congratulations to Dominic, RJ and Frankie who were the recipients of the tasty prize!

We look forward to filling all the amazing entries and using them to deliver parcels around the local area.



Dear Parents and Carers

Tickets for the Halloween Party have been selling like hot cakes and are nearly sold out. Please get in touch ASAP if you would like a ticket and have not returned the slip yet.

We look forward to welcoming you to the AGM on Wednesday 12th October at 3.15pm. If your child attends Sports Club the meeting will end in time you to collect them. It would be great to see as many of you as possible, children are welcome to come too.

We would love to have some new members of the committee and some new fundraising ideas too. We especially need a new secretary – the main task would be to take and type up meeting notes. There would be support for whoever took on this role

Raffle prizes are needed for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November 2-4pm. If you can donate a prize, please do let one of the Committee know.

I am also pleased to confirm that we will be running a Wreath Making Workshop on Thursday 1st December from 7pm in Wittersham Village Hall. The cost is £35 per person with everything needed to make and decorate the wreath included in the price. The only thing to bring is a pair of secateurs or garden scissors. We have had a lot of fun at the previous ones. Places need to be booked in advance by emailing

AnnChairWSA@gmail.com

More updates about proposed fundraising activities will be discussed at the AGM.

Ann (WSA Chair).

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

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



Musical opportunity in the local area!

Ashford Music Centre: Beginner Brass, Percussion and Woodwind Ensemble!

A brand-new course is open to complete beginners aged 8-11 wishing to build their musical skills and try out brass, woodwind and percussion instruments for the very first time!

The course will run from 2nd November 2022 from 4-5pm at the Ashford Music Centre until the end of the summer term in 2023, by which time each student will have had the chance to try out both brass and woodwind instruments as well as learning fun rhythms and beat-keeping skills in the percussion section.

Instruments for the course will be provided free of charge for the duration for members! Members will be welcome to take instruments home to practice.

The ensemble will be led by Florence Glen for percussion, Jack Perry-Cockings for woodwind and Colin Reid for brass, with the instrument types being the focus at different times during the course.

New members can sign up online here:

[Ashford Beginner Brass, Percussion and Woodwind | Kent Music \(kent-music.com\)](https://kent-music.com/Ashford-Beginner-Brass-Percussion-and-Woodwind)