

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 21st November 2022



It has been yet another busy week here in school. I have particularly enjoyed hearing about how so many of the children have been completing their Mathletics and home reading challenges. These small actions really help to support and further develop children across the curriculum. Thank you for continuing to support your children with this.

In classes there has been some great learning happening across the school. Alongside their Eucharist workshop sessions, Oxney have impressed with some deep thinking and questioning around diversity, Vikings produced some delicious Egyptian flatbreads, Smugglers rose to the challenges set in their independent learning; creating various structures with K'nex, Lego and wooden blocks and finally, Windmills have been applying their knowledge of the Great Fire of London to build their own Tudor street scenes.

We had a 'Spotacular' end to the week with our day supporting the Children in Need appeal. Thank you for your donations and support with this. It was wonderful to see our school coming together to support such a worthy cause. We hope to find further opportunities to develop our courageous advocacy over the year.

Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures for the school:

EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
95.1%	92.2%	95.7%	97.5%	94%	94.5%	94.7%

Whole school: **94.8%**

Target: **95%**



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT



We look forward to seeing many of you at our WSA Christmas Fayre on Saturday (2pm-4pm).

It promises to be a great event, full of exciting games, products and prizes.

For further information on this, please see the WSA section at the end of this newsletter.



On Thursday 8 December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater.

As a school we will be supporting this cause, inviting children to wear their Christmas jumpers with their usual school uniform. The suggested donation of £1 will be collected and sent directly to the Save the Children fund.

Thank you again for your support with this.

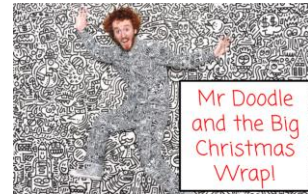


We are currently seeking to appoint new Foundation Governors to our governing board.

Governors are volunteers who make an essential contribution towards the running of the school and ensuring the best for each of our wonderful children.

A key element of the Foundation Governor role is ensuring the school is distinctively Christian and follows the messages made within our vision and values, therefore we would be seeking to appoint a member of our community who has existing links to our Parish Church or who strongly aligns with our school vision and values.

If this is something which you feel you could contribute to, or would like to know more about, please contact Mr Hawkins via the school office.



Mr Doodle Picture Hunt

This Christmas, we are supporting a local charity: The Big Wrap.

This is a fantastic local charity which works in collaboration with St Mildred's Church, St Michael's and other local churches, schools and organisations. This appeal aims to ensure everyone in Tenterden, St Michael's and local areas (including Wittersham, Stone and Appledore) have an enjoyable Christmas.

Children should have brought home an entry form on Friday last week. Families are challenged to find all 10 doodles in Tenterden high street shops. Once you have completed your entry form with the relevant clues, please return it to us with a £1 donation by the closing date of the 29th of November to be in with a chance of winning one of 3 fantastic prizes.
Good luck!

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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 will be collecting Bags2School donations on **Monday 28th November between 08.00 and 09.00** at Wittersham Village Hall.

The following 'good quality' items for RE-USE can be donated:

Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

The following CANNOT be accepted:

Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Thank you again for your support with this.



The Windmill's nativity will be performed on:

- Monday 5th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 6th December at 5:30pm

The Smuggler's nativity will be performed on:

- Tuesday 13th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 13th December at 5:30pm

Children should have brought home information about how to book tickets. Please ensure you return this promptly to secure your seats.



Big Wrap Gift Donation & Wrapping Day

Saturday 3rd December 2022
in St Mildred's Church

We welcome donations of brand new gifts for children, food and hygiene bank items, gift cards and festive treats.

Donations welcome from 9am and wrapping gifts begins at 1pm

Community appeal and Charity supporting families in Tenterden, St Michaels, Rolvenden, Wittersham, High Halden and other surrounding villages at Christmas



Scan here to donate via PayPal

www.bigwrap.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/HappyChristmasforall>

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This year, we will continue to support the Big Wrap appeal. A local charity designed to ensure children and their families in the community to have an enjoyable Christmas who may be experiencing difficult times by providing gifts, festive items and vouchers.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for many of us and there is no pressure or expectation to donate, however if you would like to make a donation of either food, new gifts, hygiene items, gift cards or festive treats, we will have a donation point available on Wednesday 30th November. Alternatively, you are able to donate directly via the information to the left.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 21 st November	Non School uniform day for WSA. Please bring raffle prizes and sweets
Tuesday 22 nd November	Wittersham FC vs Tenterden FC
Saturday 26 th November 2pm-4pm	WSA Christmas Fayre
Monday 28 th November 8-9am	Bags2School Collection at the Village Hall
Thursday 1 st December	Vikings class trip to the British Museum
Monday 5 th December 2pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Tuesday 6 th December 5:30pm	Windmills Nativity Performance
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 13 th December 2pm & 5:30pm	Smugglers Nativity Performances
Friday 16 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

This week it's all about the Christmas Fayre, we are so looking forward to Saturday. The committee have been working hard preparing for the day and have been in communication with Father Christmas as he will be in attendance. There will be some new games and some old favourites, plus hot and cold refreshments, mulled wine, and luxury hot chocolate.

- **Christmas Fayre Raffle tickets** - if you would like more then please ask at the office or catch Kelly or I at drop off/pick up for more. There is a prize for the class who sell the most tickets. Please send ticket stubs and money back to school in an envelope with the name of your child's class on by Friday 25th November. If you are not able to sell the tickets, please just return them to school.
- **Cake stall at the Christmas Fayre** - if you are able to bake some goodies (nut and peanut free) for us to sell that would also be much appreciated. They can be dropped off on the morning of the Christmas Fayre - we will be on site from 09.00.
- **Help on the day** - thank you to those of you who have offered to help. The one time we could do with a few more hands is to help clear up. If you can stay on for half an hour after the event that would be really appreciated.

Finally, don't forget there is the Bags2School event on Monday 28th November - donations to be dropped at Wittersham Village Hall between 08.00 and 09.00.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Ann (WSA Chair).