

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 9th January 2023



Welcome back to our first newsletter of Term 3 and 2023. It was great to welcome the children back into school last week. As a staff team, we were all impressed with the positive attitude and enthusiasm children have displayed so far this term, and look forward to supporting them on our journey together this year.

The new year provides us with a chance to reflect and build upon the successes of the previous year. We hope that our Healthy Body and Healthy Mind week will expose our whole school community with a greater range of strategies and skills to support well-being.

Throughout the week, we will engage with a variety of activities linked to promoting physical and mental health with the aim of instilling new habits as we start our journey into 2023 together. Each of the activities throughout the week will include and reflect upon the NHS's five steps to mental wellbeing: 1. Connect with other people, 2. Be physically active, 3. Learn new skills, 4. Give to others, 5. Pay attention to the present moment

Alongside a daily-theme, we will also explore elements of individuality with an Odd Socks Day, highlighting the importance of anti-bullying and inclusivity in our world. If you have any questions regarding the week's activities, please speak with Mrs Coulson or myself.

We are sure children will enjoy the week and look forward to sharing the highlights and the impact of our learning throughout the rest of the term and beyond.

Have a great week!

Attendance

Whole school: 94.3%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.0%
Yr 1	92.7%
Yr 2	95.4%
Yr 3	95.6%
Yr 4	93.7%
Yr 5	93.9%
Yr 6	94.5%



This week, children will bring home a Wellbeing Challenge Booklet. This can be completed with you, across the course of Healthy Mind & Healthy Body week. There is no expectation for this to be handed in however, we hope it will give you the opportunity to replicate some of the strategies we are exploring this week at home.



Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

Forest School

Our next Forest School sessions will take place this term, as follows:

Friday 13th January 2023
Rother and Oxney

Friday 20th January 2023
Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only)

Friday 27th January 2023
Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only)

The children should come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear on the day of their forest school session.

Please don't forget to bring in a coat!



On Wednesday 1st February (5-6pm), we are holding our 'Book at Bedtime' event.

Children are invited to come back to school at 5pm in the pyjamas, to share stories in their classroom's with their teachers, a glass of milk and cookies.

We would ask parents to stay in the hall and enjoy some refreshments. The event is also supported by 'Bookwaggon' who will have a range of books for sale.

We hope the evening will provide our children with the opportunity to further deepen their love of reading, whilst also officially launching our new library for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.



Clubbercise with Giverny.

High Halden Hall
19.00-19.45
£7.00 per class

Let's get fit whilst dancing and having loads of fun, plus listening to some banging tunes that get results. The routines combine dance, toning and combat moves with options to suit all fitness levels. We will be dancing in the dark with disco lights and our trademark LED glow sticks. You will be sweating, dancing and singing your hearts out. What can be more fun!!

Monday nights except the second Monday of each month.

Contact me on, 07789208830
Instagram. Clubbercise_with_giverny



We are seeking to appoint foundation members to our governing board. In order to become a foundation governor, a successful applicant would need to agree with the school's 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.



A TT Rockstars challenge!
Vikings vs Oxney vs Rother!
Who will come out victorious?



The class with the most correct answers by Friday 13th at 9am will win extra breaktime! Good luck!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 9th January	Start of Health Body, Healthy Mind Week
Monday 9th January	Sports hall athletics Years 3-6
Wednesday 11th January	Infant Agility for Key Stage One
Friday 13th January	Oxney and Rother Forest School Session
Thursday 19th January	Oxney Class Cake Sale
Friday 20th January	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Session
Friday 27th January	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Session
Wednesday 1st February	Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 1st February	Book at Bedtime 5pm – 6pm
Thursday 2nd February	Whole school First Aid Training



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the next year or so we have a lot of work to do together. I can now officially announce that we need to raise £25,000 – yes you have read that correctly, twenty five thousand pounds for the work on the pool boiler. The good news is that we have been saving hard since the start of this school year and already have £5,000 saved and more to transfer into the Capital Reserve Account after the Committee meeting on Friday.

We will have an official launch of the campaign soon where we will be discussing more ways you can get involved, including helping out at the Summer Fayre, buying tickets to the Charity Ball at the London Beach Hotel in October, sharing information about our fundraising events or joining us at the smaller events throughout the coming months.

I do have an idea for another fundraising event, a 10k or 5k race with a children's race too but after talking to a race management company, for us to raise money from this we would need sponsorship for the event to cover the expense of putting it on. If anyone has connections with large companies that might be able to sponsor a big event then please do get in touch with me.

The first event of the year is Oxney Class Cake sale on Thursday 19th January – theme to be confirmed, look out for more information on dojo and our Facebook page soon.

If you have any suggestions for new and innovative ways to raise money or would like to help at any of the events please do get in touch with me – AnnChairWSA@gmail.com

Ann (WSA Chair).