

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 23rd January 2023



We had a great week at Wittersham last week, with the added sunshine to help. It's been lovely to see a hive of activity across the school with a lot of exciting learning happening throughout the school day.

During our celebration assembly on Friday, we noted the fantastic progress our children are making in many areas of their learning; particularly their writing. Teacher's highlighted and rewarded children for their content, writing techniques and presentation. A huge well done to the children and staff for their hard work.

Term is passing very quickly, and I can't believe we are over the half-way point of the Term already! The children have acquired lots of knowledge about their topics already. Please do discuss the topics with the children, the more they discuss what they have learned recently and previous weeks, the more likely it is that they will remember the knowledge long-term and make connections to future learning.

In addition to this it has been wonderful to see how children are developing their Badminton skills this term. Weekly sessions with the Racket Pack Programme are proving a real success with children developing their co-ordination, movement and balance as part of the sessions.

Our final Forest School session for the term is on Friday for children in EYFS and Year 1. It has been great to see classes outside and thriving in our wildlife area. Please make sure children continue to wrap up warm as, although the sun has finally appeared, it has not improved the temperature!

Attendance

Whole school: 95.3%

Target: 95%

| Year Group | Attendance % |
|------------|--------------|
| EYFS | 96.3% |
| Yr 1 | 92.6% |
| Yr 2 | 96.5% |
| Yr 3 | 97.5% |
| Yr 4 | 94.5% |
| Yr 5 | 95.3% |
| Yr 6 | 94.3% |



This week in collective worship we will continue to explore the life of Jesus, focussing on his purpose and discussing the question: 'Why did Jesus come?'

Throughout the week we will use the prophecy of Isaiah, the miraculous catching of fish and the wedding at Cana to explore how we can follow the example of Jesus in the world we live in today.

Respect

Kindness

Self-Worth/Perseverance

Forgiveness

Love

Forest School

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

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 and warm clothing as we will be outside in all weathers.



Book at Bedtime



Unfortunately, due to potential strike action on the 1st of February, we have taken the decision to postpone the scheduled Book at Bedtime event.

We are currently discussing an alternative date and will advise families as soon as this is confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to hosting this event later in the term.

Potential Strike Action



You will undoubtedly be aware that the National Education Union have called for strike action on Wednesday 1st February. I am hoping to have an indication by Wednesday 25th January as to how many members of staff are planning to go on strike and will advise families on the action that we will be taking as a school.

The decision to strike, is a decision for each teacher to make and I know they will not be taking it lightly. There will be wide ranging views over the rights and wrongs about this, but whatever the outcome, I wholeheartedly support each teacher's personal decision and will be managing any possible disruption in the best way we can.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do either speak to me on the gate, message via Dojo or call the school office.

Best wishes,

Mr Hawkins

TT Rockstars

A huge well done to Toby in Oxney who managed to defeat Mr Hawkins on TT Rockstars this week. I wonder who else in Vikings, Oxney and Rother can beat his challenges?

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 23rd January 2:45-3:05pm | WSA Fundraising Launch |
| Friday 27th January | Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Session |
| Thursday 2nd February | Whole school First Aid Training |
| Friday 3rd February | NSPCC TT Rockstars battle in classes |
| Thursday 9th February | Viking Class Cake Sale |
| Friday 10th February | End of Term 3 |
| Monday 20th February | Inset day (No children in school) |
| Tuesday 21st February | Start of Term 4 |



WSA Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for supporting the cake sale for Oxney Class last week there were some great looking cakes in the themes of Winter or Maths. We were completely flabbergasted at the amount raised – a completely AMAZING £410! This will be given directly to Mrs Batt and Mrs Avena to buy something to support the learning activities in the class once we know what they have chosen we will let you know. Mrs Spencer used the £333.55 raised for Rother Cake sale last November to purchase new books for the class library.

The next cake sale is on February 9th and will be for Vikings Class and the theme will be Valentines.

We have lots of exciting fundraising things planned in 2023 to help us work towards the £25,000 as well as enable us to do all the regular projects we support each year.

March is going to be a busy month! There is Quiz Night, hosted by our very own Head Teacher, on 11th March in Wittersham Village Hall – 7pm for a 7.30 start. Entry fee £6 per person with teams of up to 8. Bring your own drinks but other refreshments will be provided. Look out for posters with how to reserve a place etc.

The traditional Mother's Day sale is on Thursday 15th March when all the children will be given the opportunity to buy a gift for the special woman in their life, which we will then wrap for them. All for £2.50.

Then we end the term with Bags2School event planned for 31st March. Drop off at the Clubroom in the Village Hall from 08.00 – 09.00. This event is worth 40p per kilo, 10p more a kilo than last time so please tell your family and friends about it too. For more information about what they collect please visit <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

The Summer Fayre will be on 15th July so please save the date for that. If you like dancing then we will also soon be selling tickets for a charity dinner dance on 7th October at London Beach Hotel to raise money for the WSA so keep an eye out for posters and more information.

Ann (WSA Chair).