

Wittersham Church of England Primary School

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



Weekly Newsletter Monday 6th March 2023



It was fantastic to see Wittersham's love of reading come to life this week. Thank you to all of those who shared their learning throughout the day. I particularly enjoyed seeing some amazing examples of 'extreme' reading and the wonderful care and effort children put into their story boxes. As a staff, we were blown away by the imagination and creativity shown in children's wooden spoon characters. Thank you for supporting children with this and their activities across our World Book Day celebrations.



Our World Book Day celebrations continued on Friday with a visit from West End for Schools who brilliantly supported children to bring books to life. It was fantastic to see our children engaging so well in the dance workshops, and I could not believe how well they had learned the complex routines in such a short space of time! Well done all.

This week promises to be another busy one, with our Smuggler's cake sale and the start of our Term 4 Forest School sessions.

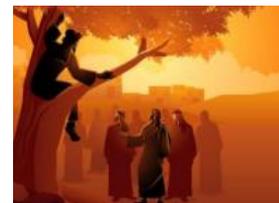
As always, if you have any questions regarding the information shared in this newsletter, then please contact me via the office or speak to me on the gate in the morning. Have a good week!

Attendance

Whole school: 94.2%

Target: 95%

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94%
Yr 1	92.1%
Yr 2	95%
Yr 3	94.6%
Yr 4	94.6%
Yr 5	94.1%
Yr 6	94.7%



Our worship this week continues to focus on Lent, the life of Jesus and our build up to Easter.

Throughout the week we will be exploring Zaccheus and how Jesus supported him to change his outlook on life.

Saying sorry isn't just words, but motivated by true acceptance and love, as in the example of Jesus towards Zacchaeus.

You may wish to share this story with children:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uL6FuAE2r4>

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WSA Update



Dear Parents and Carers

This week the Dinner Dance Tickets will be going on sale! There are three ways you can request tickets: scan the QR code on the posters, complete the online request form via this link [WSA Dinner Dance Tickets 2023](#) or fill in a paper form which you can get from Mrs Penn in the school office. Tickets are £45 each and there are 100 available. There will be a live DJ to get us all dancing, a raffle and some other games (at an additional cost) to keep us entertained. It should be a fabulous evening and help raise a lot of money for the School Environment Enrichment Fund. This is the fund for the pool work and potentially other work should we exceed our fundraising target.

Smugglers Cake sale is on 9th March and has a Mother's Day theme, followed by the Mother's Day Sale on Monday 13th March. You will have found flyers about both of these in book bags at the end of last week.

Between these there is the Quiz Night on Saturday 11th at the Village Hall. We have had a great response for tickets and there is space for a couple extra so if you didn't send your slip in do get in touch and we can see if we can squeeze you in.

Then at the end of the month, 31st March, there is another bags to school collection between 08.00-09.00 in the Clubroom at the Village Hall for information on what you can and cannot donate please visit: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Together we can make a difference so please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or suggestions!

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Ann (WSA Chair).

Kent & Medway 100 km ride for Wittersham School Association

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parental community here at Wittersham.

On the 2nd of April 2023, Jacopo Pavesi is taking part in the Kent and Medway 100km bike ride in support of the WSA school environment fund.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored Jacopo so far, we are incredibly grateful for this. If you would like to support him with this, please follow this link to his just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jacopo-pavesi>

Thank you for your support.

Forest School Sessions

Friday 10th March

This week, we welcome back Onodrim for our Forest School sessions.

This week's sessions are for Oxney and Rother.

With the cold weather set to continue, please ensure children are dressed appropriately and have their wellington boots in school.



Rocksteady Music Concert

Over the past few months, we have enjoyed hearing our rocksteady club musicians rehearsing and learning their instruments.

On Friday 24th March they will hold a concert for their parents and children to enjoy.

We look forward to celebrating how our children have thrived during their rocksteady time.

We still have some slots available in our bands. If you would like to find out more, please contact Rocksteady via the following link:

[Rocksteady Band Slots Link..](#)



Mother's Day Shopping Event

Monday 13th March



The WSA are excited to be hosting the Mother's Day shopping event again this year. This gives children the opportunity to buy a small surprise gift for the mother or important woman in their life. This is a lovely event and the children put a lot of thought into choosing the right gift.

All purchases will be gift wrapped and the children will be given the opportunity to decorate and write a label.

The cost per present is £2.50.

No need to send money in advance of the event just make sure that if a child would like to participate that you send them in with £2.50 (in an envelope) on the day of the sale.

Due to limited stock children will be only able to buy ONE gift to ensure everyone has the chance to shop.

Proceeds from the sale will contribute towards the WSA's supporting the school.

Wittersham FC vs Finberry

A huge congratulations to our Football team to travelled to Finberry Primary School last week.

They produced a great display of teamwork and communication to come out 5-1 winners. Well done all.



Cycling to school

It is great to see many of our children cycling to school.

Whilst we do encourage this as it is a great way to keep fit, and reduces traffic and our carbon footprint, we would just like to cover a few safety concerns.

- Wear a bike helmet every time you ride, even if you're going for a short ride.
- Discuss with children how and where they will cross over roads, if needed.

Further guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/10-tips-help-you-cycle-school>

Thank you for your support. .



Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March we will support the Red Nose Day appeal by asking children to wear something red for a donation of £1.



Turn your online shopping into everyday magic for

Wittersham School Association

with easyfundraising

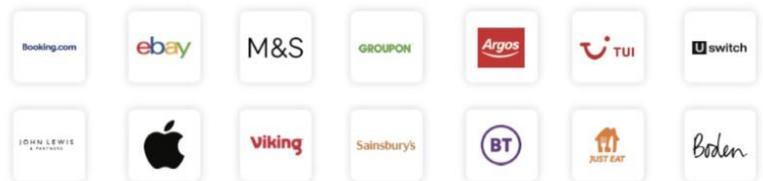
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- 2 Register and download the easyfundraising app
- 3 Shop with your favourite brands



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Water Bottles

A polite reminder regarding water bottles. Please can we ask parents to ensure children come to school with an appropriate water bottle every day. Bottles should contain water or diluted squash.

We have noted an increasing number of children bringing PRIME bottles into school. This is not appropriate for school. Children should have a named water bottle, ideally with a sports lid.

Thank you



Wittersham School Association

Glitz and Glamour

DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

AT LONDON BEACH RESORT

3 COURSE MEAL

LIVE DJ

£45 per ticket

Scan the QR code to book your place



★ Arrival: 7pm
Meal 7:30pm
Carriages 11:45pm

Raffle and games on the night (cash only)

★ For more information:
annchairwsa@gmail.com

★ Wittersham School Association Registered
★ Charity No. 1059824

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday 9th March	Smuggler Class Cake Sale
Friday 10th March	Rother and Oxney Forest School Sessions
Saturday 11th March 7pm for 7:30pm start	WSA Quiz Night at the Village Hall
Monday 13th March	WSA Mother's Day Sale
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17th March	Vikings and Smugglers (Year 2 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March	Windmills and Smugglers (Year 1 only) Forest School Sessions
Friday 24th March (2:30pm)	Rocksteady Music Concert
Wednesday 29th March	WSA Easter Hunt
Wednesday 29th March	Parent Consultation Evening 1
Thursday 30th March	Parent Consultation Evening 2
Friday 31st March	WSA Bags to School Collection
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
Monday 17th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
Monday 22nd –Thursday 25th May	Year 5/6 Residential Trip
Friday 26th May	Last Day of Term 5



[Further WSA Events for your diaries!](#)

Saturday 15th July	WSA Summer Fayre
Saturday 7th October	WSA Charity Dinner Dance

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