



Wittersham Church of England Primary School

"On a voyage of discovery: together we learn, grow and achieve"

25th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Hawkins has worked hard to get the swimming pool ready, the teachers had their safety training this week and we're excited about beginning swimming lessons next term. Thank to you the WSA and everyone who supports their fundraising events as it is much needed financial support to keep the pool operating. Thank you, as always, to the wonderful Mrs Murphy who supports us with teaching and offers her expertise and time so generously.

This term we had a visitor from The Arts Society (Tenterden) who toured the school to look at the art we do with the children and spoke to some of our pupils about the opportunities they have for art. We're so pleased that Wittersham has been chosen as the local school recognised as encouraging children through art and, as such, we will be awarded a prize early next academic year. The school will be exhibiting a whole school collaborative piece of art for this and we are very fortunate to have the offer of a local artist to come in and work with our students on the project in July. More details to follow.

The Grandparents' lunches were really well attended this week and it was a great opportunity for us to meet extended members of the family – some of whom came to Wittersham as pupils themselves! Lots of lovely comments were left in the visitor book and we now look forward to the Father's Day lunch.

I imagine that many of you have been bombarded with emails from companies with reference to the new GDPR regulations around data protection. Schools already have strict regulations in place because of the nature of our profession but we have made some changes to ensure compliance. As such, there is a new privacy notice on the school's website under the 'About Us' tab and the governors will be adopting the model Data Protection Policy from Kent County Council. We will also be sending a new consent form reference school photos, storage of information etc. for our updated records. Thank you in advance for completing these when they come out.

I wish you all a fantastic half term holiday and a special 'Bon Voyage' to the Potter family as they embark on their exciting new life in Australia.

Claire Frost

Headteacher

Parents and Carers

Yesterday's cake sale for Oxney was very successful with lots of creative and delicious cakes being donated. We raised £136 for the class, so thank you all for your continuing support. We are still asking for donations of bottles, sweets etc to use at our Summer Fayre which is being held on the 23rd June. Maybe a clear out over the half term? Please drop any items in at the office.

We **desperately** need **volunteers** on the 22nd June to help set up. This will be after school, and even if you can only spare an hour, we'd be grateful. This is a very busy time for our small team. We need people to help with the marquees, it's manual work, which we cannot do by ourselves. Can you help to man a stall on the day? If we don't get any help, we may have to cancel it this year, so please think about volunteering, as it does generate a good deal of money to spend on the children.

We will be having a Mufti Day after half term, date to be announced. A big thank you goes to the WSA team for their never ending support. A massive thank you goes to Keily Potter and safe travels to you and your family on your next great adventure. We will miss you very much!

Enjoy your holiday everyone.
Kate (Chair WSA)



Attendance cup last week went to:

SMUGGLERS CLASS
with
99.6% Attendance
WELL DONE!

Tidiest Cloakroom Award:
WINDMILL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING	W/B 11th June
Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL—MARLOW	11th—15th June
Y6 THEATRE TRIP	Monday 18th June
FIRE SAFETY TALKS	Tuesday 19th June
WELCOME NEW PARENTS MEETING	Tuesday 19th June 4pm
SPORTS DAY	Wednesday 20th June pm
WSA SUMMER FAYRE	Saturday 23rd June
INSET DAY	Friday 29th June
SMUGGLER PORT LYMPNE TRIP	Friday 6th July
OXNEY PRODUCTION	Thursday 12th July pm & Eve
Y6 LEAVERS SHOW	Thursday 19th July 6pm
Y6 POOL & BBQ PARTY	Friday 20th July 3-5pm
Y6 LEAVERS LUNCH	Tuesday 24th July
Y6 LEAVERS SERVICE—ST JOHN'S CHURCH	Tuesday 24th July 1.30pm

Homewood School Open Morning

Saturday 16th June 18
10.00am to 1.00pm

This Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill— Primrose & Archie
Smugglers— Zak & Pruedence
Viking— Luke & Anna W
Oxney— Molly M & Imogen W
Rother— Maisie & Ruby

Message from NHS

MMR Vaccinations Awareness
Guidance from Kent Community
Health NHS Foundation Trust: It's
never too late to be vaccinated—lets make measles a
diseases of the past!
For more information contact you GP surgery or
visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr



Lunchtime Exemplary Behaviour Award:



KS1— Lottie — Smugglers
KS2— Emily S - Vikings
Nominated by our Midday Leaders

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