

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**



Date: 23/09/2022

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News from your Headteacher

This week the Autumn coughs and colds have started to affect us all and we have had several members of staff absent. We always do our utmost to arrange cover for classes with Teachers or Teaching Assistants who know our school and who can keep the class routines consistent. Sadly, this is not always possible and with all schools in a similar situation and all looking for cover, supply staff are often very hard to come by. It is even more challenging to book the same teacher for long periods of time. Please be assured that if your child's teacher is absent for a day or for longer periods, we do our very best to ensure the learning and routines continue as closely as it would with the usual teacher.

PTFA – calling new members!

Our PTFA has their Annual General Meeting on 29th September 7pm in our Community Room. All parents are invited to attend and we would love to see you there. The current committee have done an absolutely amazing job raising money for our school over the past few years. Even throughout the Pandemic and Lockdowns, the PTFA found creative ways to raise money for our school as well as giving children and families a great time. Sadly, many of the current committee have decided to step down in order to give some other parents the opportunity to share their ideas. I have been a part of the Withycombe PTFA for the past 9 years and it has always been a real asset of our school. The funds that the PTFA raise enable us to give the children those 'extra' things that our school budget can't always stretch to. Most recently the PTFA has funded the Panto for all children as a Christmas treat, purchased construction toys for KS1, subsidised trips and visits, funded Kindles for KS2 classrooms and provided funds towards our Well Being Program. It would be such a shame if the PTFA was unable to continue, due to the fact we cannot elect a committee. So please, please, if you think you might be able to be a part of our fantastic PTFA, come along to the meeting or express an interest to the current Chair Stacey (scourt@wrpschool.org)

Uniform

The Government has recently provided guidance for school regarding school uniforms. The Government guidance regarding uniforms and uniform costs can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-school-uniforms/cost-of-school-uniforms>

The guidance states that *'Schools should ensure that second-hand uniforms are available for parents to acquire'*

We are grateful to our PTFA and especially Zoe Bollwell who manages all our second hand uniform sales. Zoe regularly has a uniform 'stall' at PTFA events so that parents can purchase uniform items at affordable prices. Zoe can also provide uniform items to families throughout the year on request. If you would like to purchase some uniform, please contact Zoe via the PTFA Facebook page or alternatively speak to your child's classteacher.

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Contact us

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397. The class email addresses are listed below for your information.

Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

Week commencing 26th September

Race for Life

Tuesday 18th October 3:30-6:00

Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th October 3:40-6:30

Parents' Evening

24th-28th October

Half Term

Term dates can be found at: <https://www.wrpschool.org/parents>

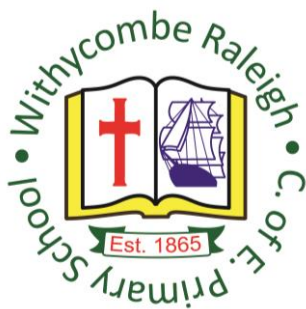
Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been focusing on what makes a community. We have thought about all the different ways we are connected as a school. St Paul, likened the Church to a body and used the illustration of how each part of the body is needed for it to work. Each of us has our part to play to be a part of our school community and we are all equally important.

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Safeguarding – Equality Online!

Part of our school curriculum (RSE) focuses on teaching children about relationships and health – lessons which also play a crucial role in ‘preventative’ education. In summary, we plan opportunities and approaches that prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

Part of our approach as a school is to share a clear message of zero tolerance for sexism, misogyny, homophobia, biphobic and sexual harassment – both through taught lessons but reinforced throughout the whole school curriculum and via a culture in which we celebrate diversity and difference. By sharing messages of respect and tolerance we might also be taking steps to reduce the range of barriers to equal life / work opportunities which can hinder people later on; across gender, disability, ethnicity, and socio-economic groupings.

For this reason, I thought it would be useful to share some tips about online equality which have been published by ‘National Online Safety’ to help children and families kick online discrimination into touch and focus on their own choices.

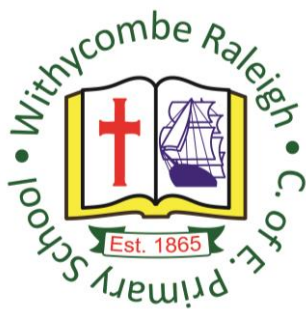
- 1) Know it when you see it – older children should know that expressed views based on prejudice about someone’s identity (race, disability, gender etc) count as online hate. Sometimes hurtful comments can be considered to be illegal.
- 2) When ‘banter’ is not funny! – help children to understand that something offensive can be disguised as humour.
- 3) Being your own person – encourage children to set a good example and think before posting a comment for the world to see. Don’t follow the pack or be provoked by others!
- 4) Be aware of extremist groups that try to recruit young people to a cause
- 5) Get some distance – when messages cause upset, it is probably time to step away from that site or app. Encourage talk with a trusted adult about these choices.
- 6) Turn off – mute, block or un-follow people if necessary.
- 7) Play it by the book – use screenshots of offensive posts and report them to the app or site.
- 8) Positivity wins! – add messages of support, encouragement, be funny and celebrate equality!

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email enquiries@wrpschool.org with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavour to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



This week's sporting stars:

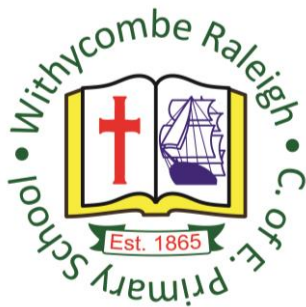
Ellyse (Hedgehog class) has achieved a hat-trick this week! She passed her stage 1 swimming award, earned her Gadgeteers Medal for the Library Reading Challenge and ran a personal best in the Junior Park Run!

Molly (Beech class) won player of the week at her girls' football club.



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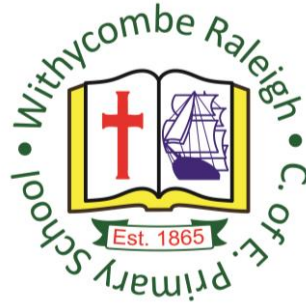
Well done to Barney (Y6) Beth (Y5) Alys (Y4) and Katherine (Y3) for competing in and winning the inter-school Budleigh Literacy Quiz!

The children showed incredible knowledge of children's literature and were also able to deduce the answers to some very challenging questions!

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Year Six had their Greek Day this week. They had drama sessions with Clive Pig, Mr Storyfella, tried out some 'Olympic'-style activities and tasted some Greek food - with some interesting reactions!

