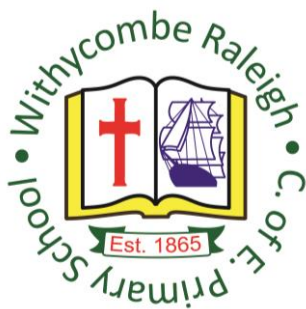


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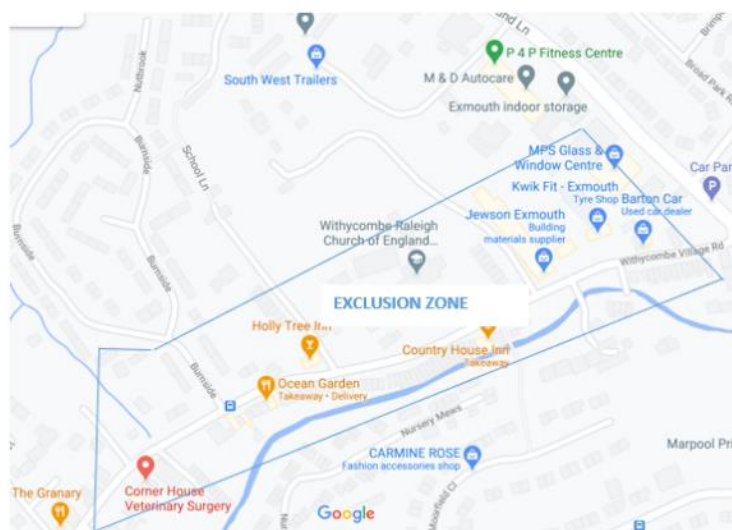
News from your Headteacher

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and that your children are looking forward to the next few weeks in school. As always, it's going to be really busy, so please keep tabs on what is going on via Facebook, our website and emails.

As the weather starts to turn wetter and colder, I am sure many of our families will be tempted to drive to school for drop off and home time! We promote an Active Travel Scheme where we encourage families to walk, scoot or bike to school. This has a number of benefits but primarily it is good for the environment to have fewer cars on the road. It keeps the number of cars on Withycombe Village Road lower, preventing parking issues and of course it is also beneficial to children's physical and mental health. Each day children record how they have travelled to school and are rewarded each term with an Active Travel Award for travelling actively a set number of times.

As a school we aim to be inclusive (allowing all children to participate in the scheme, whatever their circumstances). To facilitate active travel, we have created an 'exclusion zone' around the school (incorporating the most heavily congested areas).

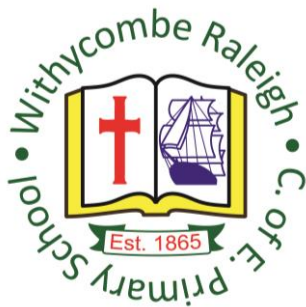
- If children live within the exclusion zone their journey to school will count as active travel.
- If children live far away, children may drive and park anywhere outside the exclusion zone and then complete a shorter walk, scoot, bike or skate to school. This will still count as active travel.



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We often receive comments from parents, neighbours and members of our local community regarding their concerns around parking and dangerous driving around our school site. We have tried lots of strategies to alleviate these issues including seeking support from Devon County Council and the Police. The issue is a regular agenda item at Governors' meetings with possible solutions discussed. Unfortunately, as a school, it is extremely difficult for us to deal with reports of parking violations or dangerous driving. We are committed to keeping our children as safe as possible and therefore suggest that if parents, staff or members of the public witness a parking violation or dangerous driving to report this to the police via their non emergency number 101 or via their website

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

Uniform Consultation

As a school, we are always looking at ways to improve and as part of this, we wish to review our current school uniform. In order to make a full and informed decision as a school community we will be consulting with parents, students, staff and governors. The decision about whether to retain the existing uniform or move to a new one will be informed by this process. The consultation is open for 4 weeks from 31st October until 28th November.

We are proposing to make one change to the uniform and that would be the removal of the school tie and white shirt / blouse, replacing it with a plain white polo shirt (no logo). All other aspects of our uniform will remain the same including: our jumper, cardigan, skirt, pinafore, trousers, shorts and summer dress.

There are a number of reasons for wishing to explore a change of school uniform including:

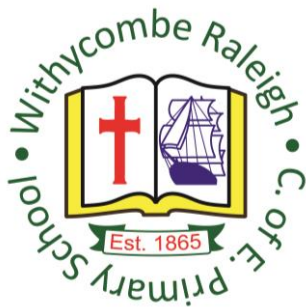
- Feedback from parents, pupils and staff about how practical and comfortable our school uniform is. Our young children struggle with the small buttons and children with sensory needs find the shirt and tie too restrictive.
- Our curriculum has changed over the years which means that we are now spending much more time learning outside or getting messy through 'hands on' learning; ties are not practical for this kind of learning.
- White polo shirts look much more presentable.

During this consultation, parents / carers and staff are invited to complete an on-line survey to indicate their preference. Please follow this link to open up the parental survey:

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/F6SwFFaXMMcMc9219>

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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.

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

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

16th November

Panto visiting school-funded by PTFA

18th November

Children in Need, Mufti Day

Monday 28th November

Uniform Consultation closes

Friday 2nd December 4:30-6:30

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Collective Worship

This week our Collective Worship has focused on the theme of our community. We have explored the idea that everyone is an important and unique part of the school community, and that the school community, like a jigsaw puzzle, is incomplete without each person.

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Safeguarding – Firework Safety

With Bonfire Night approaching this weekend, it seems like the opportune time to consider firework safety. The basic advice from the Fire Service can be summarised as follows: please think twice about using fireworks at home at all. Fortunately, there are some local displays taking place this year which could be a more enjoyable and safer option. If you must have fireworks at home, plan carefully and follow the Firework Code.

The Firework Code	
DOs	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only buy fireworks from registered and licenced retailers• Keep fireworks in a closed box• Follow the instructions on each firework• Light them at arm's length, using a taper• Stand well back• Always supervise children around fireworks• Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves• Keep pets indoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks• Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode• Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them• Never give sparklers to a child under five• Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

Misusing fireworks of course can lead to minor and serious injury – most commonly for children these injuries are burns caused by sparklers.

Sparkler Safety – A fascinating fact! Did you know that sparklers burns at about 2000°C?

When using sparklers, please follow these safety tips:

- Never give sparklers to children under the age of 5
- Show children how to use sparklers safely (holding them at arm's length) and supervise them at all times
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand
- Put finished sparklers into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out as they can stay hot for a long time
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes - they may catch light
- Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them

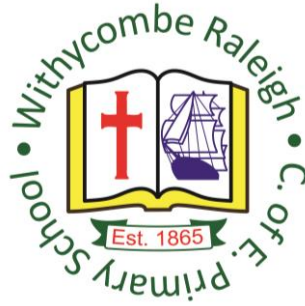
If you are having a firework party at home or visiting a display, we hope that by remembering the firework code it will make it a fun and safe time for everyone!

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

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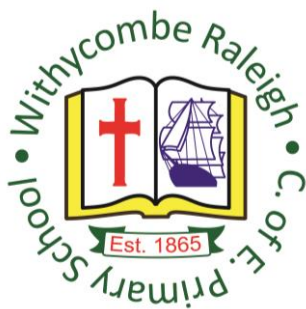
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Sports & Achievements

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.



Florence in Otter Class received star of the month from her trampoline/gymnastics coach for her hard work and progress.

Imogen and Blossom (Ladybirds) have both completed 11 Junior parkruns and have been awarded a half marathon milestone wristband. That means they ran over 13 miles!

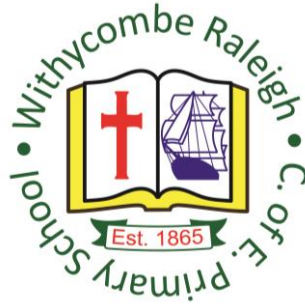
Alex (Beech) won Player of the Match on the 23rd for always supporting his team.

Harriet (Rabbits) was the first placed female runner at the 2022 Haldon 2.5k race.

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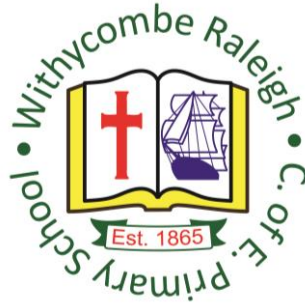
This week, the Foundation children had an Indian Dance Workshop to support their learning about Diwali. It was great fun!



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