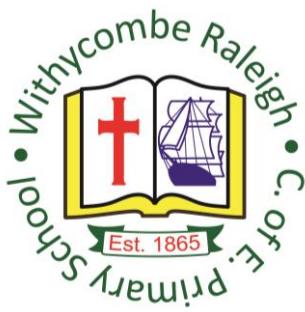


Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 9/09/2022



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Following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth, our thoughts and prayers are with the royal family and all the people she has inspired throughout her lifetime and her 70 year reign.



News from your Headteacher

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. Children have begun to settle into their new classes well and are getting used to the new routines. We also welcomed our new Foundation children and their families to our school on Thursday and Friday. Our youngest children have made a fantastic start to their school lives, adapting well to the routines of their new class and making lots of new friends. We hope that their time at Withycombe Raleigh will be very happy.

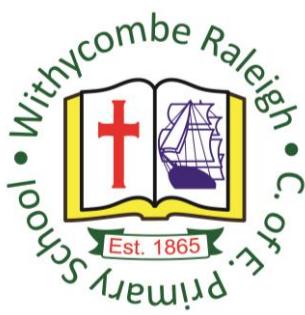
We are a large and busy school with lots of events and activities going on most of the time. Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date to ensure you receive all the notifications from school. We send the majority of our communications via text and email but our website and Facebook page are also regularly updated with information. The newsletter is sent out each Friday to our whole school community and as well as giving you all a 'round up' of the week, it also contains upcoming dates for your diaries.

I am aware that several children were disappointed to miss out on their selected clubs this week. We are a large school and our clubs are very popular. We have decided therefore to change our club booking system at half term. From October, clubs will be allocated randomly rather than a first come, first served basis. This will mean that children will all have an equal chance of being allocated a place. We will also rotate club membership half termly.

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I am sure, many of you, like me enjoyed watching the Commonwealth Games over the summer. Congratulations to ex Withycombe pupil Ben Lane who won a silver medal in Badminton. Ben is on the left of the picture with his partner Sean Vendy.

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.

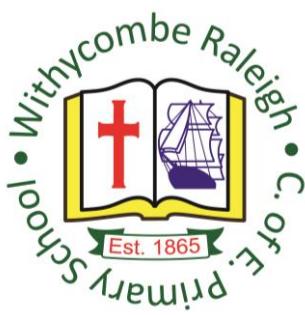
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. E Jones

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20th September

Tempest Photographer in school to take individual and sibling photographs.

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 reflected on our school vision and values.

Our school vision is:

'Growing Happy, Caring Hearts and Minds'

To help us to achieve our vision we have our Grace values, which are:

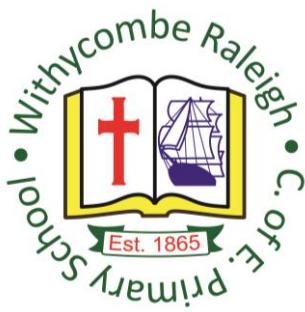
Generosity Respect, Agape, Courage Empathy



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Environmental Update – Plastic Free Schools and Packed Lunches

As many parents will already know, our school is working with Surfers Against Sewage on their 'Plastic Free Schools' initiative, helping us to take steps to eliminate unnecessary single-use plastic in our school.



<https://plasticfreeschools.org.uk/get-involved/>

The Ethos Council have helped with the launch of this campaign: we have held assemblies, completing a mass litter pick or 'trash mob!' and reduced the single-use plastic usage in our school. Our next steps towards gaining accreditation will be to challenge government and industry through some persuasive letter writing in an attempt to influence the system that produces single-use plastic!

In this week's newsletter, I am responding to a conversation with one of our wonderful year 6 pupils, who is concerned about the amount of single-use plastic used in a typical packed lunch (or break-time snack). We have already ascertained through our 'trash mob' litter survey that the majority of plastic pollution around our school is derived from this source.

The start of a new school year does seem like the right time to think about this, and I hope that some of the tips and ideas below might inspire some of our families to make some small changes!

- 1) Use refillable water bottles to save all those individual cartons, straws and plastic bottles. We do offer children the opportunity to refill bottles at school.
- 2) Use tubs, boxes, beeswax or paper wraps to store / contain sandwiches, fruit, veg sticks etc.
- 3) It might also be sensible to consider bulk-buying - things like crisps, nuts and yoghurt and decant into smaller tubs to reduce packaging. We already see a great array of home baked treats making their way into lunch boxes!
- 4) Have a school dinner (every day or some days) and reduce single-use plastic that way!

It would be great if you could email your class teacher with any tips for creating a healthy, cost efficient and plastic-free packed lunch. The link below may also inspire you with some ideas.

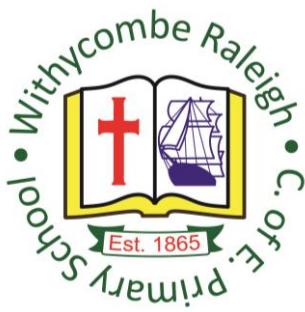
<https://www.trvst.world/sustainable-living/12-tips-for-packing-zero-waste-school-lunches/>

Mr Smith – Deputy Headteacher

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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:

During the holidays Poppy (Sandpipers) achieved her Stage 1 RYA qualification with Exmouth Sailing Club, being voted 'confident captain'!

Tilda (Seals) was awarded Level 4 swimming with Swim Devon at the end of term she also took part in the Library's Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge 2022.

Ella (Dolphins) finished the regional racing season in Tiverton before taking on 2 rounds in the National BMX series in Birmingham where she finished 3rd both days. Ella's biggest achievement was at the BMX British Championships in Bournemouth where she came 4th in the country in her category.

