

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary School**

Date: 16/09/2022



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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

There has been so much going on this term already and we are really pleased that children are enjoying being back in school. School feels very calm and children are settled into the new class routines and expectations.

Living so near to the sea, we feel it is vital that children get to make the most of the amazing learning opportunities that our local environment provides. With this in mind we launched 'The Withycombe 60' - Sixty brilliant things to do while at our school. Each year group has a list of interesting activities to work towards, with each class having their own 'postcard' to record when they complete their activities. This week, 180 of our children (Years 5 and 6) took part in the first ever 'Sideshore Sea Safety Project'. This project was set up in collaboration with Swim Devon and Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School. The children started their beach sessions with a 'meet the lifeguard' talk from the RNLI beach lifeguards, who carefully explained the flag system on the beach and gave helpful tips on safer sea swimming. The children then completed a series of land based games and sea swimming activities learning about self-rescues, hazard spotting and cold water shock.

The children absolutely loved the sea swimming sessions and were already asking to go again before they walked back to school. Despite the red flag on day one, this project has been a huge success and highlighted the importance of taking care of the environment and checking that it is safe to swim. We hope to reschedule the 'swimming' part of the Year 6 day and include it within Activities Week to ensure that our Year 6 children do not miss out.

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A massive thank you to Edge Watersports, Sideshore learn to swim initiative for funding the event, Jane Hushon (Swim Devon) Mrs Rhodes for putting together the whole project and the super team here at Withycombe who worked hard behind the scenes to make this all come together.



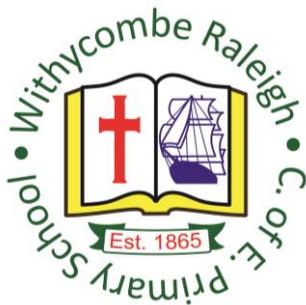
Our delicious school meals - are cooked on site each day by our wonderful catering team. Wednesday's roast dinner is always a very popular option. Please remember to book your child's school lunches via Parentpay, even if your child is entitled to a free school meal. If no choice has been selected, please be aware that your child will be given the 'red' hot meal option which may not be their preferred choice. If, once your child is in KS2, you opt to send your child with a packed lunch, please be aware that we are a 'nut free' school due to the fact that we have several members of our school community with a severe nut allergy. We have a packed lunch policy which can be found on our school website.

<https://www.wrpschool.org/policies>

Tempest Photography - will be in school on **Tuesday 20th September** to take individual and sibling photographs.

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The photographer will be taking photographs of children with siblings (older/younger) who do not attend this school. This will take place in the Community Room from 8.00 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. Please do not drive onto school premises. The School Lane entrance will be open for access to the Community Room. It is important that children in your care are properly supervised.

Please note that within-school sibling photos will be taken during school hours. All children will be photographed unless the school office is notified in advance.

Classroom Visits

We are aware that many parents will not have had chance to visit their child's classroom or to see where their child spends the day. We would like to invite families to **visit classrooms on 20th September** 3:20-3:45. Children will leave school as normal at 3:10 and then at 3:20 children can take their parents or carers to the classroom to see where they learn each day. Once you have visited the classroom, please exit the site via the kitchen gate.

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

Monday 19th September

School closed

Tuesday 20th September

Tempest Photographer in school to take individual and sibling photographs.

Tuesday 20th September

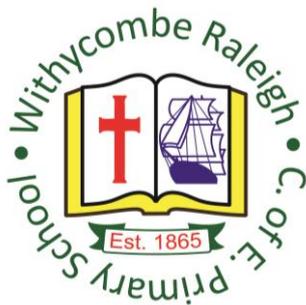
3:20-3:45 Opportunity to visit your child's classroom

Week commencing 26th September

Race for Life

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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 thought about who is a part of our school community and what we can all do to make sure everyone in our community is happy and feels valued. Sometimes, being new can make us feel like the odd one out. This week we used the story of Zaccheus to explore being the odd one out and what makes us belong.

Safeguarding: Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual safeguarding recognises that as our children grow up and develop they are influenced by a whole range of environments and people outside of their family situation.

These risks and influences could be apparent while: out and about in the local community, at a club, here at school, while out with their friends (including at a sleep-over) or when online. Children may encounter risks (these could be inter-related or multiple risks) in any of these environments.

Contextual safeguarding of children looks at how we can best understand these risks, engage with children and keep them safe. The challenges / risks that children might experience are likely to be very different for each individual, according to their age and circumstances.

In our primary school setting, we follow policies and procedures to keep our children safe. Our staff are all trained to keep children safe and respond to any concerns; we do utmost to identify and mitigate risks as early as possible.

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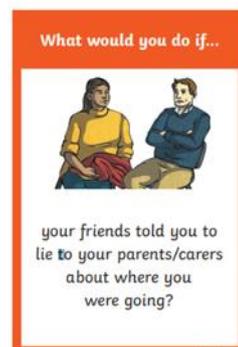
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Educating children about how to keep safe and recognise / understand risk is part of our progressive school curriculum (particularly our RSE lessons). This week, I have also shared some 'What if' scenario cards with class teachers to use to help children verbalise or act out responses to situations associated with contextual safeguarding.

It is of course recommended that parents and carers gain a good understanding of the contextual safeguarding risks faced by their children (including young people / older siblings). Please stop and consider for a moment what you know about the risks associated with the following contexts – Their visits to the local park or shops, their visits to friends' houses or their journey to and from school. The children themselves are of course often best placed to tell you about any challenges / risks they might face in these different environments – please make time to talk to them about how they perceive these and discuss how these can be managed.



You may be interested in exploring the NSPCC's 'Staying Safe Online' website, (link below) which provides excellent advice on how children can be safeguarded in an online context.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you are concerned about a child or young person's safety in different contexts (depending on circumstances) you should report this to the police, the school, MASH - Multi Agency Hub (0345 155 1071). You can also call the NSPCC Helpline (0808 800 5000) to discuss any concerns.

Mike 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.



Winners of our KS2 Dragon Art competition.

Children were asked to create a dragon for one of our Dragon Houses: Fire, Sun Sea or Forest.

Their designs will be used on certificates and House point cards.

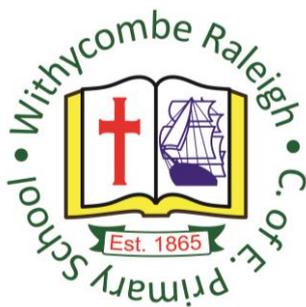


On Monday, Lapwing Class spent some time doing some drawings to celebrate the Queen's life and reign.

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As a school, we love to make the most of the local environment and get our children involved in as many outdoor opportunities as possible. We hope that trying these activities at school will encourage them to choose an active lifestyle and get the most out of the environment around them. This week two groups of our Year 5 children have begun their RYA Level 1 sailing course and have had a great time out on the water.



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This week's sporting stars:

Well done to Oscar and Albert in Year 4 who completed a 5km in the New Forest this weekend, alongside Stanley from Year 2, who completed a 1 mile race!

Walter (Barn Owls) achieved his 10m Swimming badge.

Ruby (Otters) achieved her 10m Swimming badge.