

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary
School**

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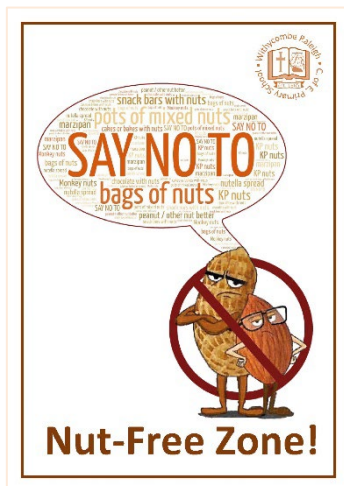
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News from your Headteacher

Year 4 have participated in some 'walkability' sessions. Walkability, is a brand-new 'Child Pedestrian Training' (CPT) programme, developed in collaboration with Devon County Council and Vision Zero South West. This structured programme is tailored to equip KS2 children (Years 3-6) with vital pedestrian safety skills – developing confidence and responsibility on their journeys to and from school. The main aim of the CPT course is to provide children with the knowledge, awareness, and practical skills necessary for safer pedestrian practices. It integrates classroom learning with real-world experiences. The CPT programme covers a range of essential road safety topics across a theory and practical session. You may have spotted the children out and about this week putting their new learning into practice!

Parents Evenings

On Monday you will receive a communication via the school office offering you the opportunity to book a Parents' Evening appointment on the week commencing 10th February. Please note that although bookings are done virtually, meetings are face to face in your child's classroom. This is a chance for you to discuss your child's progress since the start of the year and to find out more about the aspects of school life that they enjoy. We will also share with you some examples of children's learning and discuss targets to help them progress further. If your child has an individual 'Support Plan', this will be shared / reviewed with you at this meeting. Appointments last 10 minutes: in order that these appointments run on time, please help us to stick to timings as much as possible. If you have a more detailed issue you wish to discuss, please make an appointment with your child's teacher at another time.



We Are Nut Free!

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School! This is because we have several children who have a **severe allergy** to nuts - this includes ingestion, or any kind of contact with nuts or nut oils (which can even be picked up from door handles, or other shared surfaces).

Please do not give children any nuts or nut products (including nutella) for their snacks or lunch. Remember that nut allergies are not just a dietary preference, but for those with severe allergies it can be extremely harmful.

Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs E Jones, Headteacher

Contact Us

You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account. Alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org, or call us on 01395 263397.



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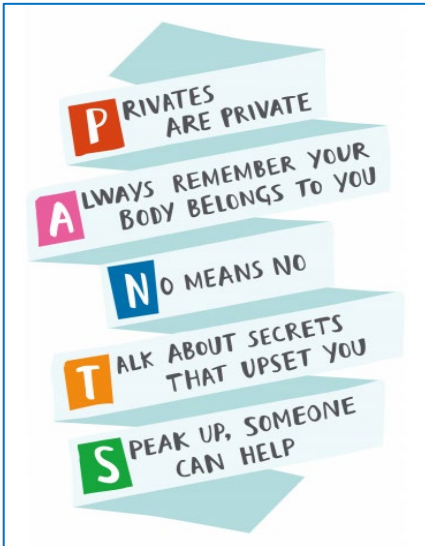
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Safeguarding Update



Periodically throughout the school year, teachers discuss some of the categories of abuse, including sexual abuse. All conversations held are age-appropriate and delivered with extreme sensitivity. These may be linked directly to our school curriculum, or take the form of proactive or reactive class-based discussions.

When speaking to children about staying safe from sexual abuse we agree with the NSPCC, who advise that discussions should be held as naturally as something like a road safety chat. We deliver this piece of key safeguarding education by 'Talking PANTS'. This enables children to understand that their body belongs to them (early concept of 'consent') and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

We recommend that 'Talking PANTS' is a useful method for parents to use too. You will know when they're ready for a chat, and how much detail to go into.



Some parents find that the following moments helped them to start a conversation: car journeys, going swimming and saying that what is covered is private.

You might even like to sing along to the PANTS song with Pantosaurus!

Please find information, including both parents' guide on the following links (we'll add them to our safeguarding web page to come back to):

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

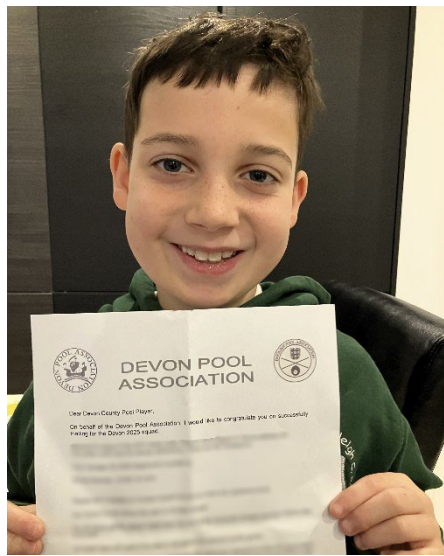
Reception Classes ~ Exploring Winter!

This term the children in Reception have been learning about the season of Winter. To help with their understanding, the Explorer Dome came to school! The children walked into the Dome through a tunnel lit with sparkly lights, and spent the next 45 minutes immersed in Winter. They saw images of the Arctic, they dressed up as seals and polar bears, experienced the floor of the Dome fill with dry ice, and then sat back as the dome became a winter planetarium of stars and constellations. What a magical experience!



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Sports and Achievements



On Sunday 19th January, Matthew from Avocet class took part in the Devon County Pool Trials at Allstars in Exeter. While he was the youngest there by at least 6 years, he played really well and earned a place in the U18 team!

As part of the team he will get to play against other county teams from Region 6 (South West) starting with a trip to Bristol on 2nd February. Well done Matthew!



Above left:
Maisie in Otters class has achieved her 15 metre award in swimming



Above right:
Last Saturday the Withycombe boys trampoline team travelled to Eastleigh near Southampton for the Southern Zonal Schools Championship. This follows their team gold success at the South West Regional competition last month.
Frankie (Avocets), Jack (Avocets), Ivan (Maple) and Jacob (Hazel) all performed brilliant routines, competing against a very high standard and coming away with a well-deserved **team bronze!**
Jack and Ivan also took part in the tough individual event, placing 13th and 14th respectively. Their extra training over the past few weeks with No Limits Trampoline & Sports Academy has definitely paid off and the team is very proud to now be **ranked 3rd best in the south of England!**

Breakfast Club Fun!

There's been lots of fun at Breakfast Club! If you need to make contact, the email address is breakfastclub@wrpschool.org
Remember to book your place in advance via Parent Pay!

