

Weekly School News Roundup

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C of E Primary School**



Date: 02/12/2022

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News from your Headteacher

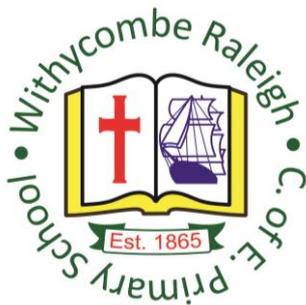
Just two weeks left of this term and it is definitely feeling very Christmassy in school! On Wednesday we held our Christingle Service. This is one of my favourite events in our school calendar and always starts our Christmas celebrations off in a very special way. It is a beautiful service with lovely carols and readings all done by candlelight.



Tonight is our Christmas fair, the first one for over two years and we are delighted that this wonderful Withycombe event has returned. The new PTFA committee have worked very hard to get things organised for tonight's event and I know it is going to be a fantastic evening. We are still in need of volunteers to help run stalls and help to clear up afterwards. If you can offer a little bit of time to volunteer, please contact Mary Walker or Alison Longhorn via the PTFA Facebook page or just let them know tonight. Please remember that PTFA events are 'cashless' events so we advise families to purchase tokens beforehand. If you haven't got your tokens yet, don't worry, you can purchase these at the fair.

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Parkrun

At Withycombe, we like to promote physical activity and well being at every opportunity. In Exmouth, we are very fortunate that we not only have a weekly Parkrun on the seafront but we also have a Junior Parkrun on a Sunday morning. On Sunday 11th December, I will be inviting our running club to participate in the Junior Park Run, wearing a festive hat or similar, and it would be great to have even more children from Withycombe taking part in this community event. If you don't know much about Parkrun, below is some more information about the event and how to register.

What is Phear Park junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Phear Park, Withycombe Road, Exmouth, EX8 1TJ. See Course page for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please register before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode (request a reminder). If you forget it, you won't get a time.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=phearpark-juniors>

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

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

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Upcoming Events

Term dates can be found at:

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

Friday 2nd December 4:30-6:30

PTFA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th December

Year 2 Nativity

Wednesday 7th December

Year 1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Crawl

Christmas Lunch

Seasonal Events 2022

	PTFA Christmas Jumper Event In the main school hall	Friday 25th November 3:15pm
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	Christmas Fair Choir performance, attractions, games, gift room & more! Jazzy Jars + Chocolate Mufti Day	Friday 2nd December 4:30pm-6:30pm
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Nativity Performances

All performances start at 2:15pm. The main school doors will open 20 minutes before.

	Year 2	6th December
	Year 1	7th December
	Foundation	8th December

Christmas Celebration Day

	Xmas Jumper Day + Christmas Crawl! Please see posters about our NEW Christmas Crawl!	Wednesday 14th December
	Christmas Lunch Roast lunch with all the trimmings ~ including a cracker to pull! Please book via ParentPay	

	Last Day of Term Friday 16th December <i>We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!</i>
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Collective Worship

Our theme this week has been Christingle. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red ribbon / tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

The orange represents the world

The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

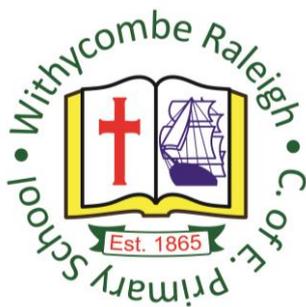
The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's gifts to the world

The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



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Environmental Update



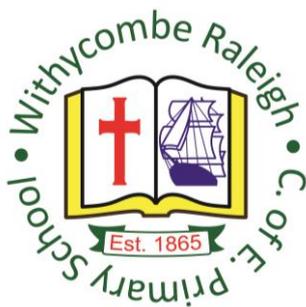
It's December, and Christmas is coming!

I'm hoping to avoid sounding like The Grinch in pointing out that this celebration is regarded as one of the worst offenders when it comes to piling up single-use plastic. For this reason, and to reinforce our school's commitment to reduce plastic waste, I have shared some ideas about how Christmas can be creatively adapted to reduce the use of single-use plastic at home and at school!

- 1. Christmas wrapping paper** - Wrapping paper with a shiny surface or glitter is likely to include plastic. You could opt for the understated elegance of brown parcel paper – adding natural decorations or even creating potato print patterns!
- 2. Make your own cards and decorations** - For cards, use materials from around the house to decorate (like buttons or scrap fabric). Things like tinsel and baubles are normally full of plastic. A tasty alternative could be to hang home-baked Christmas cookies from the tree or strings of popcorn and cranberries to add a bit of sparkle.
- 3. Give a planet-friendly gift** - There are plenty of options for gifts that are more sustainable: adopting endangered animals, and buying gifts that are sustainably sourced. Wooden toys are also making a comeback, there are lots of choices for younger children. Making and baking homemade gifts is always a great thing to do with children – I'm sure whatever you make - with your children - will undoubtedly be lovingly appreciated!
- 4. 'Green' Christmas trees** - If you've got a fake tree, that's great if you keep using it – make it last as long as possible. Friends of the Earth recommend buying real trees with an FSC logo or one approved by the Soil Association (but these can be more expensive of course...) If you are feeling a bit more radical, you could decorate a large indoor plant like a yucca.
- 5. Eco Christmas crackers** - You could consider buying or making crackers (from recycled materials). Search for cracker snaps and other materials from hobby and craft suppliers and choose some lovely personalised gifts.
- 6. Christmas dinner!** - For plastic-free vegetables and some of the best deals, consider heading to Exmouth's local shops just remember to take your own bags! Again, making your own food like mince pies, sweets and cakes could be cheaper, nicer and involve less plastic!

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Hopefully these ideas (there are many more) will enhance Christmas, reduce plastic pollution and subsequent environmental damage and provide some lovely moments to make and do things with your children!

Season's Greetings! – Mr Smith

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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:

Austin (Sycamore Class) was awarded Player of the Week at rugby for his persistence!

Zara and Poppy with their Dance trophies. These girls must be running out of space at home!

Jack (Year 5) Player of the week at Monday night Futsal training.

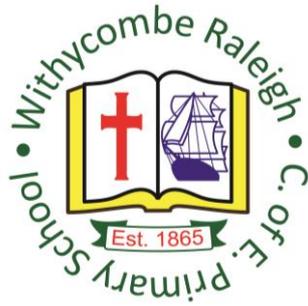
Elle (Rabbit Class) moved up a belt at little Ninjas



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Hector in Sycamore Class ran his 11th Junior Park Run on Sunday, the collective equivalent of a half marathon & received a wristband to acknowledge his achievement.

Molly, Oak class, achieved her Stage 5 Swim England award last week.

Reece in Sandpipers did really well at his Exmouth swimming club championships on Sunday. He got silver for 100m front crawl and bronze in 50m breaststroke and 50m front crawl.

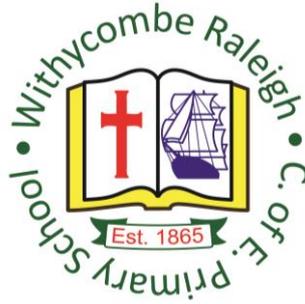
Bethany, Megan, Marnie, Piper and Kara in Beech class performed in a dance show at Ocean.



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Elsa from Sycamore and Florence from Otters both passed their primary tap and grade 1 modern exams.

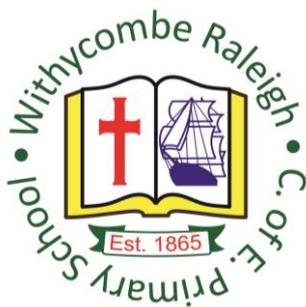
Paloma (Lapwing Class) passed her recent piano exam with a distinction!

Emmie-Jane in Otters completed level 2 in swimming so is now in Level 3



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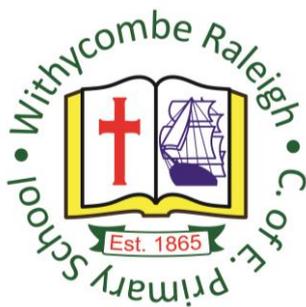
One of the parents from Year One came to talk to the children about the weather forecasting, they learnt lots of information to help them in their science lessons. They are learning about the seasons and they discussed how fun Autumn can be with puddles to jump in and leaves to catch. They also used leaves to help make number sentences in maths: Year One love learning outdoors!



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Last week, some of our Year 2 children participated in a super fun Multi-sports session at Exmouth tennis centre. The morning consisted of parachute games, relays, hot potato and gymnastic skills! They were fantastic! Well done, Theo, Ronan, Joseph, Rory, Abigail, Lily, Elliot, Maddie!