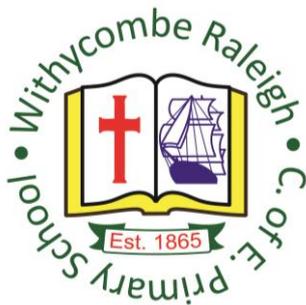


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News from your Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope that you all managed to have a restful week at home and that your children are looking forward to the remainder of this term. This half term is always a very busy and exciting part of the year, with lots of events leading up to Christmas.

Please would you endeavor to make sure that we have up to date contact details for you as the majority of our communications are done via email or text.

Please also remember to check our school website and Facebook page as these are regularly updated with information about upcoming events.

Calling all knitters!

'Exmouth Yarn Bombers' have launched their next community project and they have invited our children to be involved. They plan to create a 'Giant Knitted Christmas Tree' to be assembled around 15th December and displayed somewhere in the town. They have asked us to 'adopt' a branch of the tree by creating approximately 6x 6 inch green, knitted squares along with a selection of knitted or crocheted woolen decorations. My knitting skills are pretty poor so if this is something you feel that you and your child are able to contribute to / help with, please let me know by Friday 12th November. You can speak to me when I am on the gate in the mornings or email me at enquiries@wrpschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

Illness

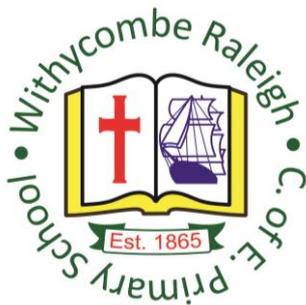
We have lots of nasty bugs going around at the moment as well as the ongoing concerns around Covid infections. The guidance around what to do if your child is unwell can be confusing, so if you are at all in doubt about whether your child should attend school or not, please contact our school office. As a rule of thumb, if your child is feeling unwell and has any of the following symptoms: a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell, then you should keep them at home and arrange a PCR test, even if a lateral flow test has returned a negative result. Lateral flow tests are really only to be used to identify asymptomatic cases and should not be used if patient is showing possible symptoms of Covid. If your child has sickness or diarrhea, again they should stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhea.

Attendance

We always strive for high attendance at Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School and work closely with families and the Education Welfare officer to raise children's attendance if it falls below 90%. If your child needs to be away from school for any reason, (unless they are ill), please complete an absence request form or bring in a copy of any associated medical appointment letter/card. All holiday requests for children are unauthorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. We are also required to report any absence over

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10 sessions (5 days) to Devon County Council in accordance with Government guidelines. If you want to find out more about school attendance you can follow this link to Devon County Council's website:
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-attendance>

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

2nd - 19th November
Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 5th November

Last day to for Cauliflower Card orders and to return artwork to school.

Wednesday 10th November

Christmas Shoebox Collection

Wednesday 17th November

Pantomime performance in school - Children can come to school in non uniform.

Friday 19th November 2021

Children in Need

4th-12th December Christmas Trail

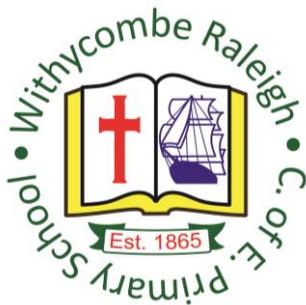
PTFA Christmas Trail

Friday 10th December 2021

Christmas Jumper Day

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Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week we looked what COP26 was all about. We learned about what the conference was hoping to achieve as well as looking at ways in which we can all do our bit to combat Climate Change. Children are extremely knowledgeable and passionate about protecting our planet and it has been great to hear their ideas about ways we as a school could help.

In Class Worship, children have been revisiting our school values and the Bible stories we use to remind us about what the values mean? Do you know which Bible Story we use to demonstrate our Generosity value?

Safeguarding – Firework Safety

With Bonfire Night approaching, it seems like the opportune time to consider firework safety.

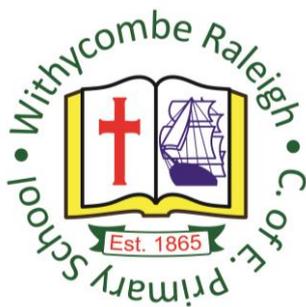
The basic advice from the Fire Service can be summarised as follows: please think twice about using fireworks at home at all. Fortunately there are some local displays taking place this year which could be a more enjoyable and safer option. If you must have fireworks at home, plan carefully and follow 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.

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Sparkler Safety – A fascinating fact! Did you know that sparklers burn 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

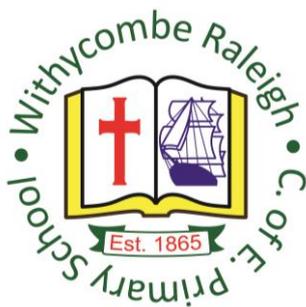
If you are having a firework party at home or visiting a display, we hope that by remembering the firework code it will make it a fun and safe time for everyone!

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead



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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 endeavor to include as many of your photos as possible each week.



This week's sporting stars are:

Freddie (Year 1) won Player of the Week
for Exmouth Rugby Club U6's

Enid (Year 1) was awarded her first
certificate and badge at Gymnastics.



Mrs Jones ran Newport Marathon in half term.

She completed the course in 3 hours 36
minutes...a personal best.

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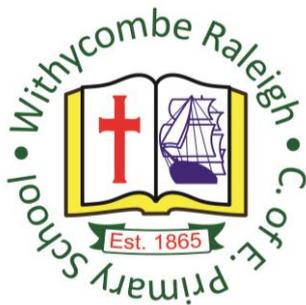
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Year Group News



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Before half term, Year 5 enjoyed a Viking Day where they learned lots about the way of life of Vikings which included trying out some Viking combat techniques.

Year 2 experienced the Space Dome as part of their Space Topic.



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Nature School Club created bird feeders using left over pumpkin.



Year 3 had a Pirate themed day to mark the end of their topic. It included a treasure hunt, pirate art and tasting fruits from the Caribbean



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Ronnie (Year 6) has been practising his creative skills and has made these fabulous cuddly toys.

Hedgehogs have been practising their ICT skills by using the chrome books to log on independently and use a paint app to create firework pictures. They are practising lots of ways to use the trackpads effectively and clicking dragging, and dropping.

They have also started their literacy unit on the Naughty Bus this week and as part of their immersion in the text, they have explored some of the scenes in a messy tray.

