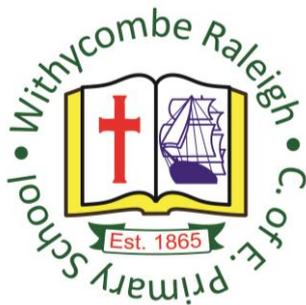


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News from your Headteacher

Just one more week before the Christmas holidays. I think after such a long and busy term we are all ready for a well-earned break. This week the highlight has been our EYFS and KS1 Nativities. We were so delighted to welcome our families back into school to watch the children perform. Our last 'in school' performance was back in 2019 and for many of our families and children it was their first Withycombe Nativity. All three performances were magical. I am always amazed by how, even our very youngest children, manage to learn all the song words and be in the right place at the right time (well almost all of the time) A big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to produce such fantastic performances. It is very stressful but definitely worth it. Please remember that if you took photographs or videos, please do not share on social media as we have several children who do not have permission for their image to be shared online.

Christmas Fair

What a fantastic turn out to the PTFA Christmas Fair last Friday! It was lovely to see so many families perusing the stalls and enjoying the mulled wine and hot dogs. Thank you to the PTFA and all the other volunteers who manned stalls on the night. They made a staggering £5666!

Scarlett Fever and Strep A infections

You may have seen in the news this week that there has been an increase in Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A Strep infections in children. It does feel a bit déjà vu to be giving health advice in the newsletter but I thought it might be useful to share the latest information from Devon County Council.

Parents and carers know their children best, so we want to remind you of the symptoms for both illnesses and share advice on what to do if you are concerned about your child. As always, if your child is at all unwell, please keep them at home. Any absence must be reported to the school office please.

What is Scarlet Fever?

[Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection](#) which is usually a mild illness treated with antibiotics, but it is highly infectious.

It is caused by bacteria called 'group A streptococci'. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep. While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10 year old.

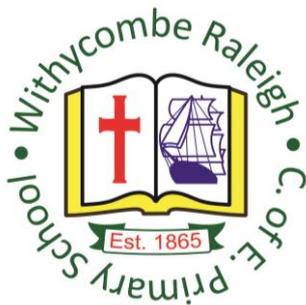
What are the symptoms of Scarlet Fever?

The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other areas, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

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The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be there.

Patients typically have flushed cheeks and may be pale around the mouth. They might also develop a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

What is invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)?

Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a common bacteria. Lots of us carry it in our throats and on our skin and it doesn't always result in illness.

The most serious infections linked to GAS come from invasive group A strep, [known as iGAS](#). In rare cases, an iGAS infection can be fatal.

Strep A infection is spread by close contact with an infected person and can be passed on through coughs and sneezes or from a wound.

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs.

By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.

You can help stop the spread of infection at home through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating cutlery, clothes, bedding and towels. All used tissues should be binned immediately.

When should I seek medical help?

If you think you or your child might have scarlet fever:

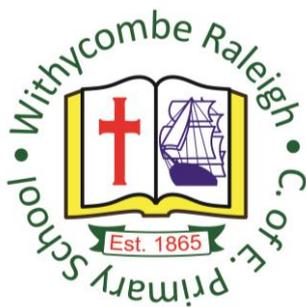
- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible. Early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection
- make sure your or your child completes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work, for at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others

Contact [NHS 111](#) or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
 - your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
 - your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
 - your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
 - your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
 - your child is very tired or irritable
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Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

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.

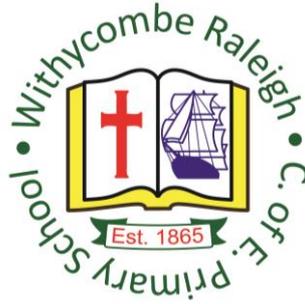
Please be aware that teachers do not have the opportunity to check emails during the school day and therefore if you have an urgent message for staff within the school day, please ring our office or email as indicated.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. E Jones

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Crawl

Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 4th January

Children return for Spring Term

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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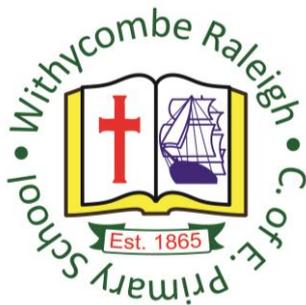
Collective Worship

Our theme this week has been 'Finding kindness at Christmas'

We have looked at examples of kindness that can be found in the story of the nativity. We also thought about how we can show kindness at Christmas-this has included looking at ways we can support local charities such as Exmouth Foodbank or by having a 'random act of kindness' task each day. This is something that lots of our classes are doing during Advent.

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Safeguarding – Internet Safety: Roblox (rated 7+)



Roblox is used widely amongst pupils at our school – it is popular particularly because it allows creativity, children can build custom levels and their own games.

Like all games / gaming platforms, Roblox comes with its risks.

- Contact with strangers is encouraged via online chat groups, potentially exposing children to scammers, online predators, online daters (known as ODers), harassment and harmful messages.
- The games are free but there are hidden costs e.g. buying the game's currency (Robux) to purchase cosmetic items.

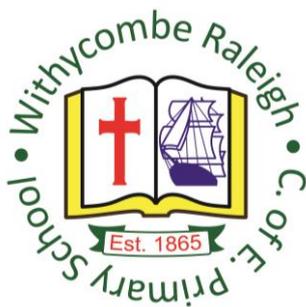
There are a few tips for parents from National Online Safety, shared below that might well help to keep your child / children safer online!

- 1) Make sure that parent controls are activated. By inputting your child's date of birth, age appropriate filters are activated. You can also set up monthly spending limits if you wish to do so.
- 2) Disable private messages from anyone who has not been added as a friend on your child's account.
- 3) If your child and their friends are avid players, you could consider paying for a private account.
- 4) And most importantly, continue to educate your child (at an age appropriate level). Children will eventually need to be equipped to deal with strangers online. You could consider showing them how to block and report issues e.g. if situations arise where someone asks them an uncomfortable question or is abusive. Please also ensure that they understand what they should never tell a stranger, in order to keep them safe online.

Mr Smith – Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Top Tips for Wellbeing



Understanding your child's behaviour: The Solihull Course for parents and carers

We still have a few spaces available for parents and carers to join our FREE 10-week course, starting Tuesday 10th January, 9am-10.15am.

The Solihull Approach Parenting Group aims to help parents and carers understand more about their child's behaviour, and learn more about sensitive and effective parenting.

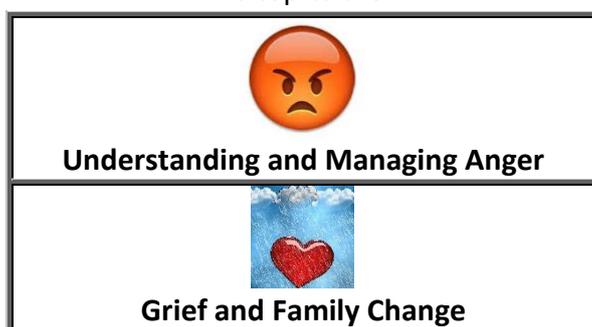
If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office via admin@wrpschool.org giving your name, your child's name & class, your contact telephone number & email address.



Need help with understanding your child's emotions?

Look out next week for **2 new videos** we have made for our **Wellbeing page** of the main school website.
<https://www.wrpschool.org/wellbeing-2022>

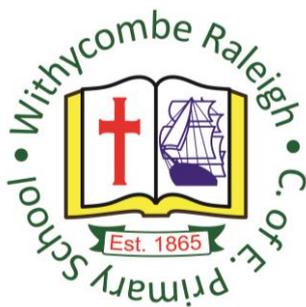
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Sports & Achievements

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:

Flo (Year 5) achieved these medals last weekend in ballet and street dance. She also received a beautiful award for her jazz performance!

Jayden (Year 4) won this trophy for saving lots of goals in Exmouth Town vs Honiton last weekend.

Maisie (Dragonfly Class) receiving her medal and certificate for completing her first ballet exam

Oliver (Year 3) was awarded player of the day at rugby last weekend.



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20 of our KS2 children competed in an Exmouth Schools' swim gala on Wednesday at Exmouth Sports Centre.

There were 5 events, 25m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke, 25m Front Crawl, 25m Butterfly and the 100m Individual medley. Our school team WON the whole event, though faced with some excellent competition from the other Exmouth schools.

Congratulations Team!

Year 3- Emilia, Sophie, Alice, Megan and Fin

Year 4 - Connie, Benjamin, Alys, Charlotte and Eliza

Year 5- Danny, Callum, Theo, Moran and Jack

Year 6- Hattie, Molly, Connie, Jack and Zach

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Musical accomplishments:

Saule-Osprey class, took part in the Exmouth Winter festival with Exmouth Youth Theatre.

Cowyn was awarded the Gabriele Atkinson Cup by the Sidmouth Town Band Academy lead Josie Simmonds at their annual Christmas concert in Sidmouth on Friday for his Baritone playing in the Academy. The cup is awarded each year for the member of the Academy who has shown most improvement and dedication during the year.

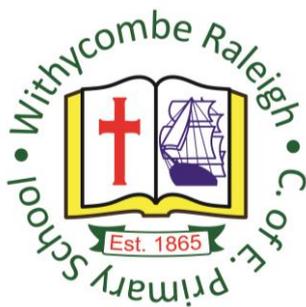
Year 4 have been learning to play the J Flute as part of our 'Wider Opportunities'. We are excited to share what they have learnt today at 2.30pm



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Mrs Smith and Mrs Tied
Schwill took a group of
children to All Saints Church
to decorate a Christmas Tree.

All schools in Exmouth are
invited to create decorations
for one of the trees on display
as part of the Town's Winter
Festival.

We think our tree looks
fabulous!