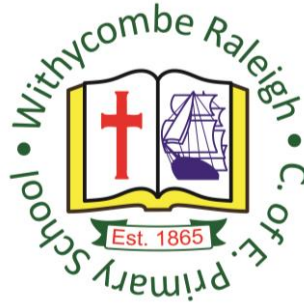


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News from your Headteacher

We were all so excited to be back in church this week to celebrate Harvest. It has been almost 2 years since we last all went to the church for a celebration and it was lovely to be able to attend once again. We had 3 services throughout Wednesday morning. As well as readings and prayers from our younger children, KS2 classes each prepared a Harvest themed presentation. We enjoyed some wonderful art work, poetry, drama and singing. We all especially enjoyed Year 4's Harvest song, sung to the music of George Ezra's 'Shotgun'.

Father Robert welcomed us all to the church and led prayers in each service. He spoke to us all about the importance of Harvest and Harvest gifts. Thank you all for your donations towards Exmouth Food Bank. We were delighted by your generosity and your donations will make a massive difference to families in need in our local community.

Christmas

Now that Harvest has passed, we set our sights towards Christmas! After lengthy discussions with staff, we have decided to again this year, to record our EYFS and KS1 Nativities and share the recordings with you. There are a number of reasons for this. Primarily, we want to keep everyone in our community as safe as possible, which means avoiding large crowds meeting together indoors. Anyone who has previously attended a performance in our hall will be aware how impossible it would be to ensure social distancing. Feedback from last year's recorded nativities was really positive as the recording ensured that all parents/grandparents had a front-row view and could clearly hear what was said or sung.



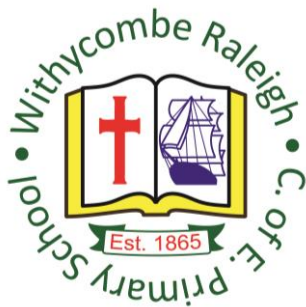
Collection and drop off

Now everyone has settled into the routines and expectations, things are running much more smoothly at the beginning and end of the day. There are a few things that would improve things even further and we hope that you can help us with the following:

1. Please avoid driving to school if at all possible. If you must drive, please do not park on the pavement or drop children 'in the road'.
2. The staggered starts are designed to ease congestion at the gates. Please arrive at school at your allotted time. The timings can be found on our school website.

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3. If you are dropping off or collecting children from Bumble Bee Class, please wait outside the school site until the Year 1 families have cleared the playground.

We are encouraging children to drink water throughout the day. Please can all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a fruit/vegetable snack for their break time please. EYFS and KS1 are provided with a snack but parents may wish to send an additional fruit/veg snack if preferred.

On Tuesday we welcomed back Oak Class!

As they missed their photographs, Tempest photography will return on 8th October to take individual and sibling photos.

Contact us

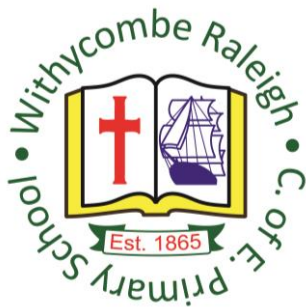
Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 263397. Please be aware that 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

Friday 8th October

Oak Class Photographs

Friday 15th October 2021

Just One Tree Mufti Day

Friday 19th November 2021

Children in Need

Friday 10th December 2021

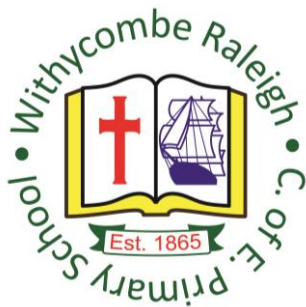
Christmas Jumper Day

Collective Worship

Our theme has been Harvest this week with donations towards Exmouth Food Bank. We have discussed how Harvest is a time to be 'thankful' for the food we have to eat but also we have thought about other things we are 'thankful' for.

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Safeguarding

On Monday this week, I invited Jon Galling, DCC's Safeguarding Lead for Education, to carry out a comprehensive safeguarding review of the school. This was an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of our school's safeguarding systems and processes.

We were pleased that the outcomes of the review demonstrated the excellent safeguarding practice in our school. I would like to share some of the key points below in order that parents and carers understand the central importance in which we hold for safeguarding children at WRPS.

Key outcomes:

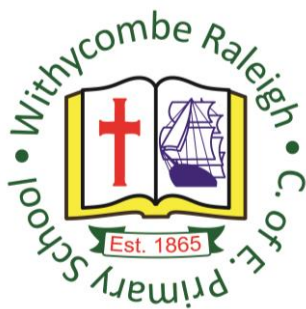
- Our school policies are accessible and appropriate and the school website is actively used to share safeguarding information. Safeguarding information is also shared more widely with parents and staff.
- Staff training and induction has appropriate content and the impact of this is monitored. Our school leaders maintain the expectation that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- Stakeholders and visitors are informed about what to do if they have a safeguarding concern about a child or adult in our setting.
- School record keeping is detailed and protocols such as GDPR are followed.
- Site security is appropriate and measures are in place to prevent intruders entering the site and children leaving.
- Attendance is monitored effectively and the school is proactive in addressing pupil absence.
- Online safety is addressed via our progressive curriculum through RSHE and computing sessions as well as wider curriculum opportunities such as assemblies. Children can also talk with confidence about being safe online and about the potential risks and dangers and how to manage them.
- Behaviour and anti-bullying issues including racism and sexual harassment are taken seriously and acted upon.
- Children reported that they feel safe at school and they are aware of who they can talk to both in and out of school (e.g, sources such as Childline).
- The school ensures that pupils with complex and challenging needs receive appropriate risk assessment and support. We have safe working practices for staff working with vulnerable children, including their personal care and first aid.

Please always talk to me or a member of our safeguarding team if you do have a safeguarding concern about a child or adult in our school. MASH may also be contacted if you are concerned that a child is being abused. Please call 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk. If it's an emergency call 999.

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



This week's sporting stars:

Ella (Year 5) passed her Grade 2 ballet exam this week and received her certificate and medal.

Mrs Rose (Year 5) took part in her first triathlon competition and was 3rd in Veteran Women category

Reece (Year 4) swam 600m and received a certificate.

Sam and Libby (Year 5) performed incredibly at the September Splash Swim Gala on Saturday 25th
Sam came home with 3 silvers and 2 golds.
Libby came home with 4 golds, 1 silver!



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Mr de Cruz (Year 6) ran the Bridport Half Marathon. This was his first time running this distance and he completed it in 2 hours 8 minutes.

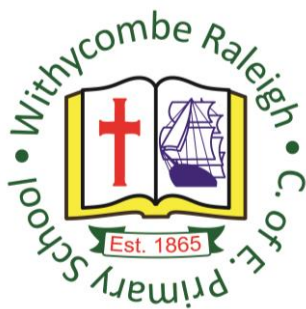
Brydn (Y5) attended the British Youth Sailing Regional Junior Championships in Weymouth last weekend. Hundreds of children attended, sailing many different dinghies and racing or doing sailing drills all day Saturday and Sunday. They had loads of fun and Brydn received a prize for 'character' on the water...possibly because they capsized so many times but still carried on with enthusiasm!



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Year Group News



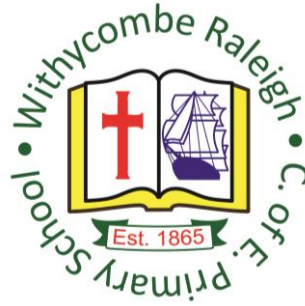
At Nature School Club, they have been busy picking blackberries from the hedgerows aiming to make the most of these delicious and versatile berries before they vanish at the end of the season.

They squished, mashed, pulped and boiled them to make a natural blackberry dye before using it to create these tie dye masterpieces.

They are thrilled with the end result.

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Hope4kibera-Overcoming Obstacles Day



Each class took part in a mini obstacle course to raise money for the Bright Hope School in Kibera, Kenya. We are delighted that we managed to raise a whopping £788



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