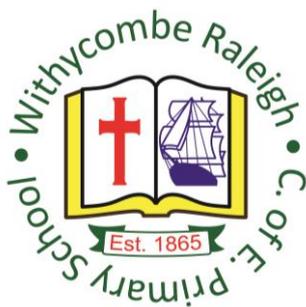


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**Withycombe Raleigh  
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## News from your Headteacher

I can't quite believe that there is just one week left of school until half term. The past six weeks have flown by. I hope that your children have enjoyed the term so far, although I am sure they are all looking forward to a week at home too. We have had a rise in absences this week with lots of nasty bugs being shared around children and staff. Please help us to keep the spread of infections to a minimum by keeping children at home for 48 hours after an episode of sickness or diarrhoea. It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. If you are unsure about if your child should attend school or not the NHS have some useful guidelines at this link. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### School Lane

If you use School Lane to get to or from school, please be aware that the road is a shared space for vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. Please ensure that vehicles are able to access the lane safely by moving to the side to give them a clear route. We ask that you remind your children to travel at a safe speed on bikes and scooters in the lane especially when there are pedestrians in the vicinity. Children should push scooters and bikes between the Holly Tree Pub and the School Lane gate please as this area gets particularly congested.

### Clubs

We informed you in September that we would be adapting how places for clubs will be allocated to make it a fairer process. This week you will receive an email asking you to 'express an interest' in the clubs we have on offer after half term. Once all the expressions of interest are received the admin team will randomly allocate places to children, you will then be asked to register for the club via Parentpay. Clubs will resume immediately after half term.

### Cross Country



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Well done to all the children who took part in the Exmouth Schools' Cross Country Competition at Bicton College on Wednesday. Mrs Harris and I were so proud of all the children who showed great determination and excellent team spirit throughout the event. It was a team event and

were delighted that our Year 3 and Year 4 team were second overall and our Year 5 and Year 6 team were first overall. A special well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who were placed first, second, third, fourth and sixth! Amazing. That's not all...there were 4 races and a Withycombe child was placed first in each one! Well done to Jack and Tess (Year 6), Emilia (Year 3) and Max (Year 4).

If any parents took some photos that we could share with the organisers, please send them to [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org).



### 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](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org) or [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) or call us on 01395 263397. The class email addresses are listed below for your information.

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

**Tuesday 18th October 3:30-6:00**

Parents' Evening

**Thursday 20th October 3:40-6:30**

Parents' Evening

**24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term

Term dates can be found at: <https://www.wrpschool.org/parents>

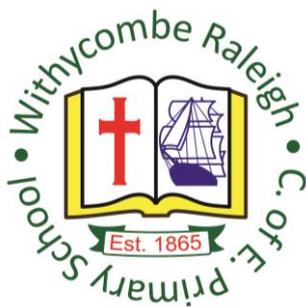
## Collective Worship

This week, the focus was our school community's Christian values and how they help everyone to live together well and make good decisions in life. On Monday we linked this to World Mental Health Day and we thought about ways we can all look after our mental health. Children are all familiar with the 10 a day: 10 things we can all do to take care of our mental health.



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## Safeguarding – FIFA 23 (and other games!)

In this week's safeguarding update, I am using the hugely popular 'must have' game Fifa 23 as an example, in order to share some advice with parents around online safety, which is likely to be common across a number of games!

Like many games, communication is a key element in Fifa, with many players taking part in in-game audio chat via headsets. Unfortunately it is possible for these mixed-aged groups to become offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

In-game promotions are increasingly common in games, including Fifa 23 where top-level players are made available in time-limited promotions, which cost a large amount of Fifa points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money). Similarly, on-line scammers have convinced many impressionable gamers to pay for non-existent coins or even to share their log-in details which could give them access to your payment information.

Fifa 23 is listed by 'National Online Safety' as being addictive in nature with its 'just one more game' mindset – disrupting important routines such as bed time. The 'Ultimate Team' aspect, where children strive to 'level up' in the game is also addictive in a similar way to gambling.



Some advice for parents and carers:

- Be selective with chats and restrict contact with strangers. It is possible to turn off voice chat and allow cross-party chat in the device's settings. Children can speak to people on their friends list, but won't be able to talk to strangers on line. An open door policy might also be sensible, allowing you to listen in to some extent.
- Control spending by ensuring your child's account (esp in Ultimate Team mode) is not linked to your payment methods, so they will need your permission to make purchases. You can also use parent controls to limit spending via a pre-paid 'allowance'.
- Stay alert for scams and be suspicious of anyone selling 'FUT Coins' or asking for account details.
- Avoid 'extra time' – if the amount of time spent gaming is becoming problematic, you can restrict this using parental controls or via a FIFA companion app for smartphones.

Hopefully being aware of risks and knowing how to take precautions will make gaming more fun and stress-free for all!

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](mailto: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.



Martha (Year 4) made this amazing cake for her Home Learning Ancient Egypt project!

This week's sporting stars:

Freddie from Otters got Man of the Match for Exmouth Town U8's playing against Feniton and West Hill, winning both games!

Benji from Beech Class came 10th overall in his first triathlon in Torbay.



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Ollie (Willow) was invested in to Beavers this week.



Withycombe U11s rugby team did amazingly well last weekend at the Land Rover Cup, Crediton. They won 5 out of 6 tournament matches and won themselves a trip to Twickenham for the Rugby premiership final 2023, where they will be on the pitch at halftime!

Year 6 team members:

Dylan I, Jago , Billy, Jacob F, Marley, Oliver and Rory.