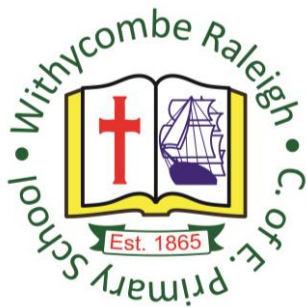


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News from your Headteacher

It's Half Term...I hope that you all have a lovely week away from school and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back on 30th October. I really hope the weather improves! Although children and staff are ready for half term break, everyone has settled into the new routines brilliantly and school feels a very happy and calm place. We have certainly crammed a lot into the past 6 weeks. We have had trips off site, sea swimming, theme days, mufti and a disco. Thank you to everyone that has made all the 'extra' events possible.

Family Fund.

During the pandemic, following requests from several parents, we set up the Withycombe Family Fund. This fund was set up to support families who had been affected financially due to the pandemic. Many of the families we have supported were not entitled to universal credit as they were working but were struggling to make ends meet each month. The Family Fund has helped many of our families and it has funded: vouchers to buy food at Christmas, school shoes, subsidised residential visits, to name just a few of the ways our school community has helped. Although the pandemic is 'over', we still have families who are struggling financially, especially with the cost of living increasing so dramatically. Families who are able to, can still donate to the fund via Parentpay if they would like to do so – and this is of course is hugely appreciated. If you are a family who is struggling financially or if you are aware of a family who would benefit from some financial support, please make contact via the school enquiries email. Any referrals are dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Items from home

We have reluctantly decided that after half term we will not allow children to bring trading cards into school. Although they are a popular pastime for children, issues with the cards are causing disruption to learning in school. Children become very upset if cards are lost and some of our younger children do not understand the 'trading' aspect of the game. Staff are spending increasing amounts of time sorting out issues and hence we have decided to stop these coming into school.

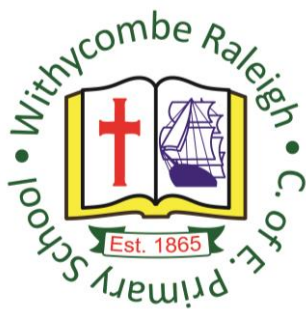
In addition, we ask that children do not bring any toys from home into school unless previously agreed with class teacher. Again, having toys in school can cause unnecessary disruption to lessons and learning.

Appointments and absences

If your child is absent from school due to illness or for an appointment off site, please inform the office via email, a phone call or face to face. Some parents are only alerting the class teacher which means our admin team are sometimes not made aware of an absence and will then call/text to chase up the reason for the absence. Feel free to alert the class teacher in addition to the office of course.

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Poppies

We will be selling Poppies and other merchandise for Remembrance Day from Monday 30th October. We have traditional poppies, wrist-bands, erasers, ribbons, pencil sharpeners and key rings. For poppies we accept any donation, however small; for merchandise we ask for a minimum donation of 50p for an item please.

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 half term

Mrs. E Jones

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Upcoming Events

23rd-27th October

Half Term

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

Thursday 2nd November

Flu Nasal Sprays administered to children Reception-Year 6

Thursday 23rd November

Panto visiting school for all classes

Tuesday 5th December

Nativity- Year 2

Wednesday 6th December

Nativity- Year 1

Thursday 7th December

Nativity- EYFS

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Gift and Open Day

At St John the Evangelist Parish Church
Withycombe Village Road

On Saturday 28 October

Church is open from 10am to 2pm

Refreshments, organ music, cakes,
children's activities. All welcome, do drop
in!

Collective Worship

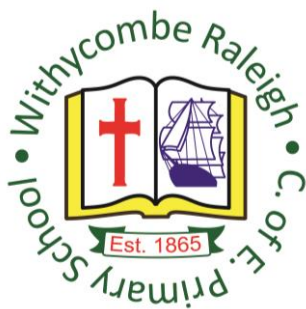
This week we launched our Christmas Shoebox appeal. This is something we invite our whole school community to be a part of each year. It is a wonderful way to put our value of generosity into action. This year, the shoeboxes will be distributed by Blythwood Care. You should have received further details about the scheme in a letter. With everyone feeling the strain financially, please only donate if you feel you are able to. If want to find out more about the shoebox appeal please go to <https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/>



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Safeguarding: Children Missing Education

Children missing education (CME) refers to children of a compulsory school age, who are either not registered at a school or not receiving a suitable education in place of a school setting.

Our school is committed to ensuring the best outcomes for children and we believe that all children, regardless of age, ability or special educational needs, are entitled to an appropriate and full-time education.

There are many factors in the life of a child or that of their family that can affect school attendance. We recognise that these factors may place a child at a significant risk of:

- not meeting their academic potential and underachieving
- being victims of harm, abuse or exploitation
- involvement in criminal or gang-related activity.

**Understand the
Safeguarding
Implications of
Children Missing
from Education**

To ensure that children are protected from the risks associated with being missing in education, I have summarised some of the main responsibilities of both parents / carers and school:.

Parents have a responsibility to:

- ensure that their children, of school age, are receiving a suitable full-time education
- notify a school where a decision is made to home-educate a child
- if home educating a child with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, provide suitable education that meets the special educational needs of the child.

Examples of our school's responsibility:

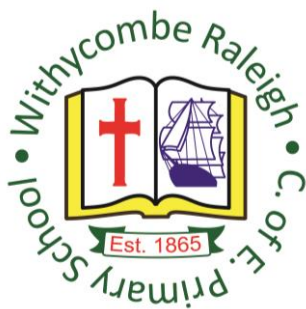
- follow our safeguarding duty, promoting the welfare of children and investigating any unexplained absences
- maintain an accurate register of student admissions
- notify the local authority within five days of adding a child's name to the admission register and where a child fails to attend school, make reasonable enquiries to establish the whereabouts of the child and consider notifying the local authority
- monitor student attendance through daily registers and take steps to address poor attendance
- inform the local authority of any students that fail to attend school regularly, or miss 10 school days or more without permission

If you have any questions or concerns about the protection of children being missing in education, please contact me on our school number (01395) 263397.

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



This week's stars:

Emi (Barn Owls) has passed his stage 1 swimming.

Phoebe and Astrid competed in the English Riviera gymnastics competition, held in Paignton - competing against other children from south Devon, Axminster and Exeter. Phoebe came first overall and Astrid second overall within their age category.

Maisie in Rabbits class has got her Stage 1 in swimming and is now moving into Stage 2.

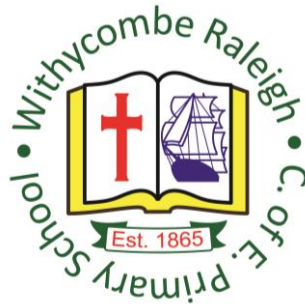
Clement from Bumblebees was delighted to pass his level 1 swimming level



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Beth (Year 6) was delighted to receive her Blue Peter reading badge this week!

Last week, some of our KS2 children attended a MultiSports event at Exmouth Tennis Centre. It was a very busy morning of target throwing, gymnastics, agility, running and parachute games. The children had great fun and worked brilliantly as a team, whilst working hard at their motor skills.

Well done Mason, Harper, Bodhi, Maddy, Dylan, Henry, Noah, Evie, Ethan and Lucas!

