Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

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News from your Headteacher

I hope your children have enjoyed their learning in school this week. I have had lots of children visit me to share their amazing learning. It has been wonderful to see the progress some of our children have made in reading and writing in such a short amount of time. I love to compare their work from the start of the year to now... the children love this too. As you are aware, reading is a key focus for us as a school this year and we are already seeing the positive impact of the Little Wandle Reading / Phonics scheme for those children using this. Parents often ask what more they can do to support their children's learning and reading is one of the main ways in which parents can make a massive difference to children's progress. Hearing children read regularly as well as reading stories to your children encourages their love of literature, develops their language and vocabulary as well as opening up a whole new world of opportunities. If you are able to read and share books (including the Little Wandle / Collins ebooks) with your children regularly, it does make such a difference.



If your child enjoys reading and books and you want to give them another exciting challenge, why not apply for a Blue Peter Reading Badge? I don't know about you, but I always wanted a Blue Peter Badge when I was a child!

Further details can be found here (we'll pop a link on the Home Connect page of the website too): https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peterapply-for-a-book-badge

School Lunches

We're so fortunate to have a dedicated catering team who prepare wonderful meals for the children each day (I enjoy our school meals regularly too). All our lunches are prepared freshly each day using quality ingredients from local suppliers. Our menus fully comply with the Government's Food Standards, with the appropriate frequency and range of healthy foods included on the menu. To find out more about our school lunches, please take a look at our 'myth busters' on the school website: https://www.wrpschool.org/parents.

Please remember to make your child's meal choices via Parentpay. You can make the choices for the whole half term. If you're having difficulties managing the Parentpay system, please contact our school office who will be happy to support you.

If your child is entitled to Universal Infant School Meals you will be aware that we encourage all of our children to eat school-based lunches with their peers. This has proved a popular way of children trying new foods and having a sociable lunchtime with their peers.

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However, from time to time, children are either:

- not ready for a school-based meal
- have particular challenges around certain foods
- have a medical need or a very specific dietary need.

To support this, we have set up a number of Meal Time Champions who will spend time encouraging and supporting children who struggle with a school-based option. If your child struggles with school meals, even if it's simply that there is nothing they like on the menu on one specific day, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance so we can make a plan to support your child and ensure they get enough to eat at lunchtime.

Water Bottles

Our school policy with regard to keeping children hydrated in school has for many years been that children should only have water in their drinks bottle (unless we have had recommendations from a health professional that states otherwise). Children may have a yoghurt drink or carton of juice with their packed lunch but the bottle in class should contain water. We follow recommendations by the Public Health Team regarding both food and drinks in school. We have been made aware that some children are bringing in 'sports' drinks or similar which are not recommended for consumption by children. We ask that parents prevent children bringing in any drinks that may be deemed as 'fashionable' or which are designed to be consumed pre, or post-exercise.

Parents Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings will take place during the week commencing 5th February. These meetings will be 'in person' within your child's classroom, and no longer virtual! Next week you should receive an email from our school office containing a link for parents to book an appointment. When you book, please add your child's name to the booking as this helps staff to identify which parents have made an appointment.

Collective Worship



Our Collective Worship theme this week has been 'Respect' – the second of our school's GRACE values.

The Bible story we use to help children remember what respect means is the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den. This week children have discussed how they can show respect to others and that they should show respect to everyone. We discussed ways in which actions sometimes speak louder than words when it comes to showing respect.

Your child may have come home with a Respect sticker relating to this topic!

Have a lovely weekend Mrs. E Jones

Contact us:

There are several ways you can contact us. You can email your child's class teacher using the class email account, which you can find on the school website under your Year Group (linked via the Home Connect page). Please be aware that teachers don't have the opportunity to check these emails during the school day, so if you have an urgent message please telephone the school office on 01395 263397. Our main office email account is: admin@wrpschool.org

Website: www.wrpschool.org • Facebook: OfficialWRPSchool

Safeguarding: Netflix

I have been made aware of some recent concerns surrounding children sharing what they're viewing when it comes to content, including series or films on Netflix. In some cases this has caused distress to children, and in others it has become evident that they have been exposed to language and concepts that are far from being age-appropriate.

I have shared a parents' guide poster by 'National Online Safety' about how to keep children as safe as possible in respect to their viewing habits. It's also available to view/download on the Online Safety page of our school website.

I hope you find it useful. I recently spoke to a member of staff who is a parent about setting up a child's profile on the system which restricts content. We agreed that this feature is particularly useful as it reduces the need to debate about what they should, or should not be able to watch.



More about Netflix:

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and films on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups — so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience. In this guide you will find tips on a number of potential risks such as screen addiction, inappropriate content, and hacking attempts.

How to create a profile for children:

You can create individual profiles with customised maturity ratings. Profiles can be added on devices made after 2013.

Go to your Manage Profiles page.

- 1. Choose Add Profile.
- 2. Name the profile: To use the Netflix Kids experience, select *For Kids, Kids Profile,* or *Kid,* depending on your device.
- 3. Select Continue. The new profile will show on the list of profiles on your account.
- If you can't create a profile from your device, or when using a mobile browser, visit netflix.com on a computer and follow the steps above.

Complete your security by adding a PIN to your other (grown-up) accounts, and keep that secret, so your younger family members can't accidentally watch something which is not age-appropriate.

Please get in touch if you have any concerns of this nature or with the wider safeguarding of children.

Mr Smith
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sports and other achievements

If you have any news you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter, please email a photo and brief explanation to admin@wrpschool.org. We'll include as many as we can!

Congratulations to Rowan in Sycamore class who last Tuesday was awarded "Player of the Week" for great defending and tackling at after school football with L&F Multisports! Rowan joined Withycombe Primary only 10 weeks ago, moving 3 hours away from his old school Waddesdon Village Primary in Buckinghamshire. Rowan is absolutely loving being part of Withycombe Primary and would like to thank all the staff, children and especially Sycamore class for making him feel so welcome!





What a great 8th birthday week!

Withycombe Girls Football Team secure a place in Devon's U11 Finals!

Below left: On a very chilly Tuesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a very competitive football tournament. They played **fantastic** football and showed superb sportsmanship towards the other teams they faced. They won 3 games out of 4 games, and for the second year in a row have secured a place in the Devon's U11's finals. **Incredible!** Well done Eliza, Flora, Hannah, Lola, Amelia, Tilly, Pearl and Poppy!

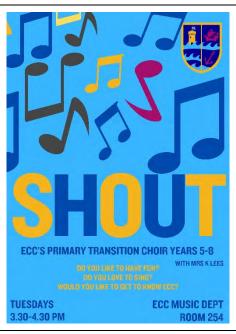


Olive in Year 1 Rabbit class got her Stage 2 swimming award!

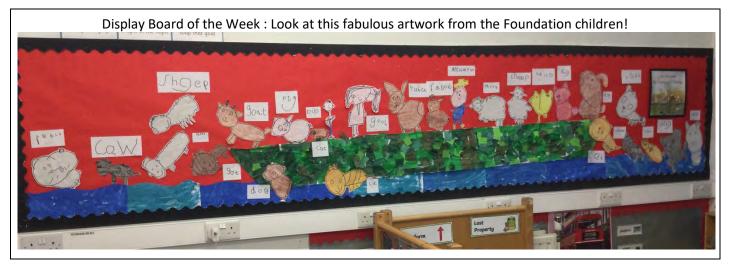


Willow Class have been enjoying tennis lessons with Miss Louis.











The problem of Lost Property!

We would be grateful if you would name every — *single* - thing your child brings and wears to school, including their clothes, coats, hats, gloves, shoes, water bottles, lunch & snack boxes - and even musical instruments!

We've had a sort through the HUGE pile of lost property and we've returned all named items to their owner.

If items are not named this becomes very difficult!

Sharpies are good if you don't have iron-on labels, and even a biro can last a while and is better than nothing!

We've moved the Lost Property box from the bike shed in the main playground and there will now be a lost property box in every year-group building, and in the school hall to help to manage this.

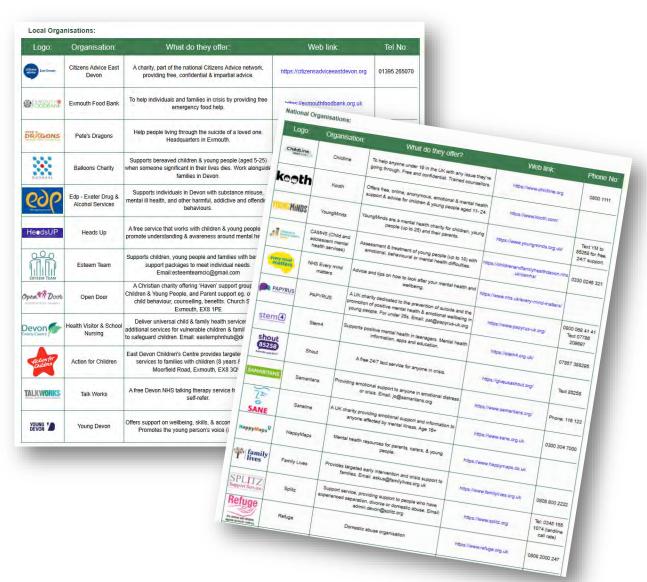
We do try to help reunite people with their belongings, but we can only do that for you if you add a LABEL!

Wellbeing: Are you in need of help and support?

If you are in any doubt where to turn, please speak with us so we can help you to find the right support for your issues.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Wellbeing TA at Withycombe Raleigh Primary. We also have a web page with a wealth of resources for you to access at home. We have collated the contact details for many of the fantastic local and national organisations and charities who can provide you and your family with targeted support.

Please visit the Wellbeing Page to view the full list, along with a brief description of what the organisations can offer, and how to contact them - usually with a web link to take you right to them.



As always, if you're worried about your own, or about someone else's safety, please contact the MASH Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk. If there is an emergency, please call 999.

If you have concerns about your child's mental health, please talk to your child's teacher as a first contact. If they think further support may help, our specialist TA Mrs Louise Jones supports specific children whose mental wellbeing is affecting their school experience and learning, and we have a referral process in place.