



Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Attendance
for the Year
95.8%

Newsletter no. 21 - Spring Term
Friday, 23rd February 2024

Our value this half term is resilience

*For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control
2 Timothy 1:7*

Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrating success!

We all know how special we feel when we experience success and we'd like to share the awards and certificates that your child receives out of school. As part of our Celebration Assembly on a Tuesday, we would like our children to share their success. It could be a certificate awarded for swimming or have you been awarded player of the match at your Saturday football club, maybe you've achieved a certificate for dance, music or horse riding?



If you would like to share an award with your friends in our Celebration Assembly over the coming months then bring your award, cup, medal or certificate in.

Our Home School Link Worker – Sarah Dutton

Many of you know and have met Sarah Dutton, who is our HSLW. Sarah is based at The Chandler School and works between the two schools.



Sarah's role is:

- to help parents coping with challenging children, giving parenting guidance and support
- to offer advice on how to maintain positive behaviour
- to encourage communication between the school and the family
- to listen and offer support on problems and issues, using counselling skills
- to support children with difficulties and provide a forum to talk about concerns in a confidential and non-judgemental environment
- to provide emotional support and build self esteem
- to help families with access grants and information
- to help improve family relationships and be available for families in crisis situations
- to carry out home visits to support families and children by providing outreach support

If you would like to speak with Sarah, please make an appointment via the office. Sarah is also able to make home visits. Please do not feel shy about seeking advice and support. It's a tough job being a parent...and Sarah is here to help!

Dinosaur Run – FWS event

We've heard there might be dinosaurs in Witley on Tuesday 12th March. Can you run faster than a dinosaur? Look out for sponsorship forms in your child's bag. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day. Children will change into their PE kit before the event.



World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March. Look out for book tokens in your child's book bag. Local book stockists include Waterstones, The Works and WH Smith.



Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Costumes don't have to be fancy, the most important thing is that your child can talk about their outfit and character.

Parent/carer survey

Earlier in the week we sent out a parent/carer survey which takes just a few minutes. There's still time and we would appreciate it if you took the time to fill it out as we really do value your comments.

<https://forms.gle/DXPMBnr7CZhv9t5S6>

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15th March. Children can wear anything red! We'd also like the children to bring in a joke to share with their class friends in our 'Do something funny for Money' joke time in class. Please don't share your joke until then! Donations to Comic Relief will be collected at the classroom door. Thank you.



Can you help?



EYFS are looking for any parent/carer who is a vet, works with animals/farm, works as a dentist or dental hygienist or an artist. If you think you can come in to school and talk with the children then please see Mrs Stanton or drop her an email via the office.

Thank you Mrs Warren

Lots of you will know Mrs Val Warren, who has worked at Witley School for 38 years. Val mainly worked in the school office over the years but her recent role has been supporting the children during lunchtimes. Mrs Warren stepped down from this role just before half term, but we are pleased that she will be continuing her volunteering role in helping our Year 1 readers. We presented Val with an engraved vase, as a reminder and a thank you for everything she has done for our school. Thank you Mrs Warren!



Have a good weekend
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Well done to the following children who are in our Gold Book this week:

Year R: Harry and Evie
Year 1: Willa and Ted
Year 2: Winona and Phoebe

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to:

Year R: Ru
Year 1: Oscar
Year 2: Oscar



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Brett family for the delicious brownies.

Well done to Ted in Year 1 who will be taking them home!



The Rag Bag Scheme

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We raised over £250 last year. Please drop them off in the small playground shed over the next couple of weeks.

Rag Bag can only accept the following items:

- Good quality wearable men's, ladies & children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags
- Belts



PLEASE DO NOT PUT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE BAGS. Thank you



**FWS
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DINO RUN**

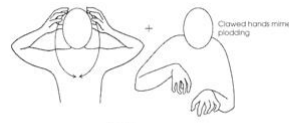
**ON MARCH 12TH LOOK
OUT FOR THOSE CHEEKY
DINOSAURS IF YOU SEE
THEM
RUUUUUUN!**

**SPONSORSHIP FORMS IN
BOOK BAGS**

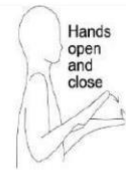
**PLEASE RETURN ANY
CASH & FORMS IN AN
ENVELOPE TO THE RED
POST BOX. OR
TRANSFER TO THE FWS
ACCOUNT REF DINO &
CHILD'S NAME**



Boat



Lion



crocodile

Can you sign as you sing Row Row Row your Boat?

We have been learning to sign and sing Row Row Row your boat.



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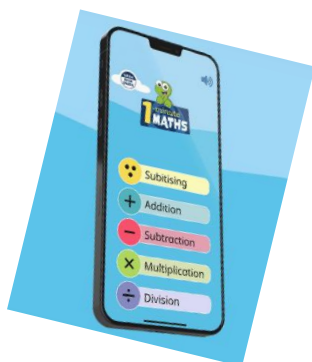
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<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>



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1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's **FREE!**



TERM DATES 2023/24

DAY	DATE	SPRING TERM 2024
Fri	23.02	Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale and uniform sale - FWS
Th	29.02	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Tues	05.03	Year R Trip to Haslemere Museum – morning
Th	07.03	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Tues	12.03	Dinosaur Run – FWS event – am. PE kit needed in school today.
Wed	13.03	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Thurs	15.03	RED NOSE DAY – Wear something red and bring a joke to tell!
Tues	19.03	Year 2 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall 9.05 – 9.30 am Parents welcome
Weds	27.03	Easter Service at All Saints Church – parents welcome 2 pm FOLLOWED by Open Classroom 2.45 – 3.30 pm for ALL year groups.
Th	28.03	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
Mon	15.04	INSET DAY No. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tues	16.04	First day of term
Mon	06.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Mon	07.05	Witley School will be participating in the optional Key Stage 1 Tests for Year 2 pupils this academic year. This will take place in the month of May.
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05
Mon	10.06	Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 – all week
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Th	20.06	Whole Class group photographs
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am

Wed	03.07	Year 1 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Th	18.07	Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft
Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

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If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel on: coordinator@godalminglearning.org

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