



Witley C of E Infant School



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**Newsletter no. 14 Autumn Term
Friday 16th December 2022**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to see all of the amazing gifts given to the staff at Witley School from our children and families. Snuggly socks, handmade biscuits, Christmas decorations, chocolate and treats have all been warmly received. Thank you all for your continued support in helping our children and school flourish this year.



Our Christmas Jumper Day last week raised £87. Thank you for your generosity and the money will be donated to Save the Children.

Our Christmas performances went ahead this week despite so many children being absent with illness. We hope you all get well soon! We will be holding a special performance at 2.40 pm on Thursday, 5th January for these children and their parents are invited. If, as a parent, you didn't manage to see the play please come along. However, please do not attend if you have already watched the performance.





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We were delighted to join Revd James and Revd Ann at All Saints Church on Monday for our Christmas service. The children sang their hearts out and listened to the story of the Nativity.

All Saints Church are holding a number of events in the church over Christmas. Please see below for further information.



Wishing you all a very merry Christmas!
Mrs Szczepanski

A message from All Saints Church Witley:

Please note the details of our Christmas Services to which you are all warmly invited -

18th December – 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve – 4.00pm Crib Service; 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Morning – 8.00am Holy Communion; 10.00am Parish Communion

New Year's Day – 9.00am said Holy Communion only

We hope to see you over the festive period.
Blessings, All Saints Church Witley

Cake raffle winners!

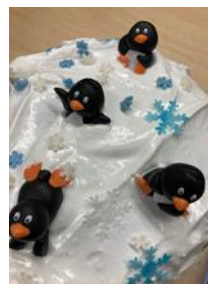
This week's winners are:

Katie K in Year R

Henry S in Year 1

Wilfred in Year 2

Thank you to the Frackiewicz family for the wonderful cakes. One for each class!



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

Reception: Isla Hi & Henry G

Year 1: Vinny & Ben

Year 2: Dilly & Sebby

The Head Teacher's award goes to Winona in Year 1.





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Loads of money!

Well done to our children for collecting so many coins last month as part of our FWS challenge. We collected over £250 in various currencies. We received coins from all over the world including Malawi, Japan, Sri Lanka and Greece.

A great effort by Year 1 for collecting the most.

Dear Parents/Carers

Our hearts go out to the families, friends and community of Babbs Mill Park, near Solihull, with news of the tragic deaths of four young children. Surrey Fire and Rescues Service have asked us to raise awareness of the dangers around water in winter. Please share this advice with your loved ones and keep them safe.

Regards

Mrs Szczepanski

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service advice; Safety around water in winter

Children and young people love to play, it is how they learn and build relationships.

On cold winter days when there is snow there are lots of fun activities to do like: building a snowman, making snow angels, going on snow walks, going on sleigh rides.

As fun as these activities are, it's important that we remind children and young people of the dangers associated with snow and ice.

- To keep away from frozen lakes and bodies of water – the bankside of rivers and lakes maybe slippery and a fall could result in entering the water
- Although a lake or pond may appear completely frozen, there is no way of knowing how thick the ice is, whether it will hold a person's weight, or the depth of water is under the ice.
- Water and Ice is very cold, hypothermia can set in quickly a person falls into the water.

Please remind your children:

- Keep off ice formed on bodies of water – it is temporary and in a state of change
- Stay a safe distance away from the edge of rivers and ponds, so if you do slip over you don't fall onto ice formed on a pond or river.
- Whenever possible, it is best to stick to well-lit journey routes, use a torch at night to help you keep on the path, wear warm clothing and stay away from water.
- Play in groups so if someone does need help it is easier to summon assistance



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1st Witley Beaver Lodge needs Leaders! Can you help?

As you may be aware 1st Witley Beavers have had to close and have put their waiting list for new Beavers on hold because we have insufficient volunteer Leaders to run the meetings and activities.

Whilst we have had offers of help from existing parents to come along as helpers the issue is that we have to have at least 2 uniformed leaders in order to be able to run our Beaver meetings. The Scout Group management are actively looking for new Leaders and Assistant Leaders. Volunteering is rewarding and fun - check out what other volunteers have said: <https://www.1stwitleyscouts.org.uk>

So please, ask around, ask your friends, ask family members, do you know of anyone who could commit to being a Leader? It maybe that you'd consider teaming up with a friend and share the role. If so please contact us to find out how you can make a difference.

To find out more speak to the 1st Witley Group Scout Leader, Richard Bacon on 07968166310 or Beaver Leader, Cheryl Knight on 07967724329.

1st Witley Scout Group
www.1stWitleyScouts.org.uk



ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SPRING TERM 2023

Start of term -Tuesday 3rd January

Thursday 5th January at 2.40 pm – Extra Christmas Performance

Monday 23rd January - Open Classrooms for parents/carers 2.45 – 3.30 pm

***Friday 10th February – INSET DAY 3**

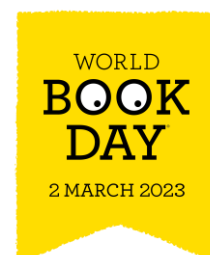
Half term – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Start of term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day - come dressed as a book character

Tuesday 28th March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm in The Jubilee Hall

End of term - Friday 31st March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**





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SUMMER TERM 2023

***Monday 17th April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – school closed

WitStock event – Saturday 13th May

***Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5**

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Wednesday 28th June - Class photos/siblings

End of term – Friday 21st July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**



Merry Christmas
From all at Witley C of E Infant School