



## Wittering Weekly Roundup

Try Hard, Be Kind, Fly High

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had, the highlight was definitely Word Guerrilla who visited on Thursday. I'm sure many of the children came home talking about their day! He started the day with a whole school assembly with a focus on performance poetry; the range of poetry he brought into school was uplifting, inspirational and funny. All the children were so engaged, it was wonderful to see them enjoy it so much. They even had Mr D up dancing! He then visited each year group to carry out writing and performing workshops which definitely put the passion in poetry!

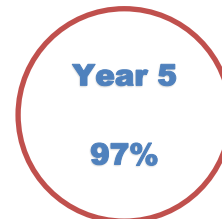
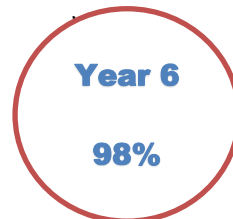


### Reception

Finally, a huge 'well done' to our new reception class, who have completed their first full week in school! I'm sure we have lots of very tired children, but they have been marvellous and have really started to find their feet, I have enjoyed spending some time in reception with them all!

### Attendance

Our attendance across school for this week was 97%. Our top three year groups for attendance this week

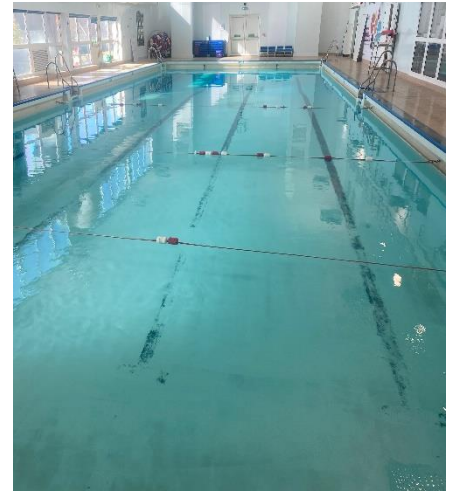


## Swimming

Year 6 enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week. The children were extremely well mannered and well behaved, we were very proud of them!

Children start swimming lessons in year 4 and continue through years 5 and 6, the government expectation is that all children will participate in this element of the curriculum and that they will be able to swim 25 metres by the end of year 6.

Year 5 are due to start swimming on the 7<sup>th</sup> January, and Year 4 on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, these dates are subject to change, more information will be sent out nearer the time.



## Sports

We are extremely excited to have been awarded the School Games Gold Award! We have been committed to increasing the sporting provision and opportunities for the children of Wittering and are proud to have received this accolade.

## Polite Reminders

### Bikes & Scooters

For the safety of our children if using a bike or scooter to travel to school, can you please dismount these on entering the school gates and keep them parked near the gates.

### Toys & Teddys

Toys and teddys should not be brought into school. We have a good selection of playground toys for break times and we have found increasing issues arising as a result of toys from home. Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.

### Parking

Please can we ensure when dropping children off we do not block the roads around and outside the school. Our neighbours are incredibly understanding, but we also have a number of elderly residents who have carers and medical needs that need to be accessible at all times. Private driveways are also being blocked, to prevent this from happening please either walk to school or make use of the Sports and Social car park.

### Trim Trails

Please can you ensure children do not go on the trim trails at the start and end of the school day, as these are not supervised by staff at this time.

## Reading Books

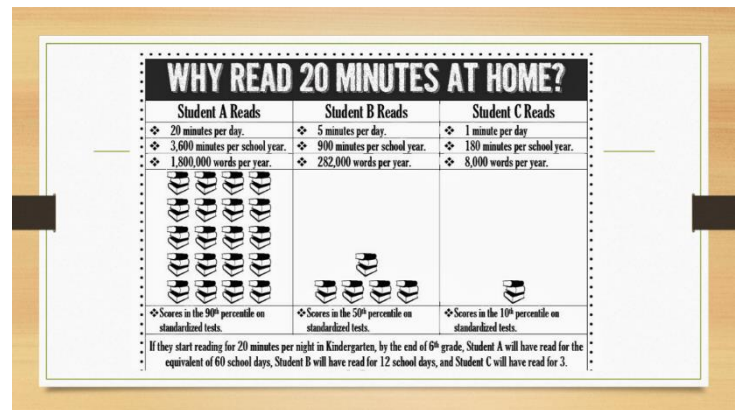
Schoolwide, we are making some changes in how we change reading books to streamline the system, free up adult time for other endeavours and to foster independence in the children.

- Years 5 and 6 will be able to continue to change their own reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Years 3 and 4 will be buddying up together so that the year 4's can show the year 3's how to be responsible for changing their own books. This will also happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- EYFS/ Key Stage 1- the books will be changed by an adult- this will happen on Mondays and the children will have 2 books for the week. We encourage re-reading over the week for fluency and an enhanced understanding of the book.

The above may differ from what has been sent out on class newsletters, but please consider these the procedures we now follow. Please bear with us whilst we implement these changes, as there may be teething problems whilst we settle in.

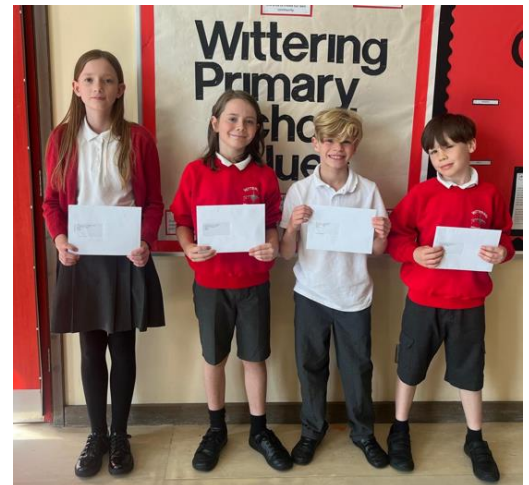
We would still welcome your invaluable help in reading with your child at least 3 times per week and noting this in the reading record- studies show how vital reading is, not only to children's academic success, but their understanding of the world around them.

Thank you!



## **Young Writers**

As many of you will remember, Key Stage 2 children were encouraged to enter the Young Writers writing competition last term. We are delighted to announce that the writing from 4 students has been chosen as good enough to be included for publication in a book! Each of our winners received a certificate and various stickers/ bookmarks, etc and we look can't wait to see your amazing writing in print in the near future. Well done you fabulous people!



## **Reminder**

If your child will be having a school dinner next week and you have not done so already, please make sure it has been pre booked in on Parent Pay. Thank you!



Here is our class assembly line up for the year, please note, they may be subject to change. You will receive information from your child's class teacher closer to the time.

### Class Assembly Timetable

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Mrs Ledbrooks Class  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – Mrs Kelwick & Mrs Brants Class  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Mrs Cadwalladers Class  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Mr Toma's Class  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Mrs March & Mrs Whites Class  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – Miss Russon's Class  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Mrs Potters Class  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – Miss Sears Class  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Mrs Throwers Class  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Miss Griffiths Class  
16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Miss Sutherill's Class

### Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Young Minds – Wear yellow day  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – SEN Parents evening - More information to follow  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – SEN Parents evening - More information to follow  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9am** – Harvest Festival  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual class photos  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Staff Training Day School closed  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Half Term  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Staff Training Day School closed  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Afternoon  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Morning  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent pop in session – More information to follow  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening – More information to follow  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening – More information to follow  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Nasal Flu Vaccination – More information to follow  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 Bikability  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Fayre  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Afternoon Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am** – Rock Steady Concert  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6pm** – Evening Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9am** – Rocksteady Concert  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas Parties  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term