

Weekly School News Roundup

**Withycombe Raleigh
C of E Primary
School**

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News from your Headteacher

Half Term has arrived! I hope you all have a lovely week away from school and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th November. I really hope the weather is nice!

Although children and staff are all ready for the half term break, everyone has settled into the new routines brilliantly and school feels like a very happy and calm place. We've certainly crammed a lot into the past 7.5 weeks including trips off site, swimming, sailing, theme days, a cake sale, mufti day, a school disco and parents' evenings! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make all the 'extra' events possible.

It's hard to believe that after half term we will be starting the countdown to Christmas! Many of the seasonal events like the nativity plays are already on our school calendar, which you can find on our website. The website has been updated a bit recently, with a new live events calendar and a search bar to make it easier for you to find what you're looking for. Along with our official Facebook page, the website's Home Connect page is a good place to start if you want to stay on top of things at our busy school! <https://www.wrpschool.org/homeconnect-2024>



I hope your children enjoyed the discos on Friday. They ran really smoothly thanks to having lots of parent and staff volunteers. Events run by our hard-working PTFA enable us as a school to provide 'extra' things that our usual budget just cannot afford. During their last meeting, the PTFA agreed to fund: new construction toys for Y1, visualisers for EYFS, the festive panto performance for the whole school, and a new fridge to store fruit and milk! They have also agreed to subsidise trips and visits for children, bringing the cost down for all of our families once again. PTFA fundraising events like the school disco and mufti days enable this support to continue.

One of the biggest fundraisers is the Christmas Fair! This year it will take place on Friday 6th December. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider doing so this time even if it is only for an hour. We need of lots of people to help support this event, so please keep the date in your diary! The PTFA would love you to make **Jazzy Jars** over half term!

Collective Worship



This week in Collective Worship we launched our Shoebox appeal. As a school we have participated in this tradition for many years and the boxes that our families generously donate each year are sent all across the world, including to Ukraine. If you would like to find out more about this appeal, you can watch their short video which we've shared on our Home Connect page, or visit <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

Have a very lovely half term.
Mrs. E Jones



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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.

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:

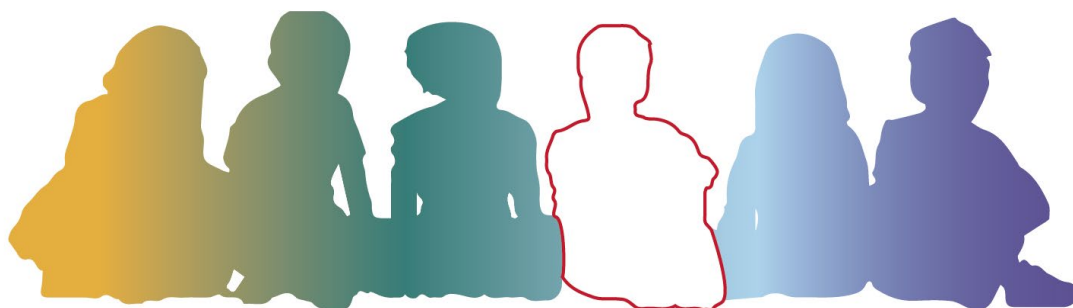
- ensure that their children of school age are receiving a suitable full-time education
- notify a school where a decision is made to home-educate a child
- if home educating a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), provide suitable education that meets the special educational needs of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

Our school has a responsibility to:

- 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 main school number (01395) 263397.

Mr Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Understanding the Safeguarding Implications of Children Missing from Education.

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Children really love the school discos, which also raise additional funds for the school PTFA.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help!



Megan and her sister Amber voluntarily did some litter picking around the playground! Mum was very proud to see how they care about their school and helped keep it clean for everyone.

Story club members have been busy learning new skills this term! Along with talking about books, they now have writing skills including knowledge of how to use narrative hooks, dialogue, developing characters, showing not telling, and how to write to create tension.

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Please be reminded that the lane adjacent to Jewson's is a **private lane**, with non-resident parking restrictions.

A concerned witness has also informed us that some of our children returning to cars when their parents *have* parked there are doing so unsafely - as though the lane is pedestrianised, and forgetting that vehicles drive in and out of the lane to access premises.



Creative writers of Withycombe - it's time to get writing for the 500 words competition!

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**.

All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. All the stories must:

- ✓ Be 500 words or less (title is not included)
- ✓ Be written by an individual and not a group
- ✓ Be a child's own original idea
- ✓ Be prose, not rap or poem

Children of all abilities are encouraged to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity! Visit their website for more information, including how to submit your story (we'll pop a link on the Home Connect page too).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

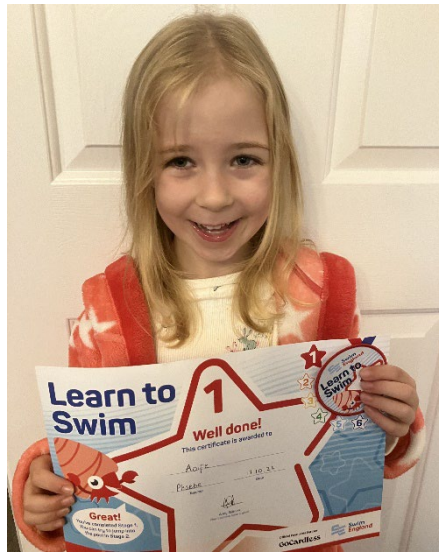
Submit your stories online before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024

There are some brilliant prizes!

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Zach from Beech Class received a trophy for Rugby.



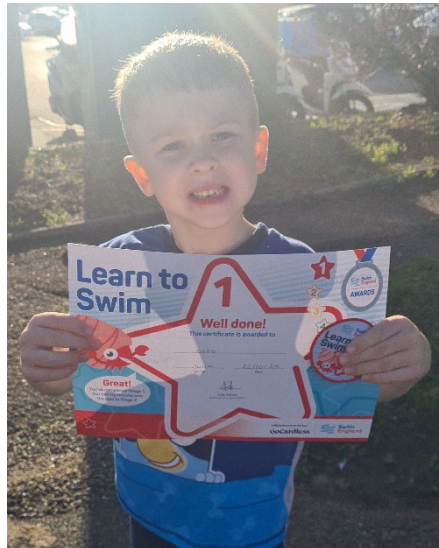
Well done Aoife on your swimming award – keep it going!



Imogen in Year 2 Sealn Class has passed her stage 2 swimming.



Nyla from Dolphin Class has grown her very own pumpkin on her Nanny's allotment, just in time for Halloween!



Jacobs has completed stage 1 swimming and has gone up to stage 2!



Charlotte from Kingfisher Class, competed in the Lindsey Powell Memorial meet, coming home with

3 gold medals

in 100m and 200m backstroke and 100m individual medley, and

4 silver medals

in 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle and 200m individual medley.

She is currently ranked:

4th in the UK for 10 year old girls in the 200m backstroke

and

5th in the UK for 10 year old girls in the 100m backstroke!

WOW!!



Zach won player of the session in his LD football session!



Oliver played in goal in his first hockey tournament. His team won 5 out of 7 matches and he kept 4 clean sheets!

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IT WOULDN'T BE THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WITHOUT...

JAZZY JARS!

the best jazzy jar wins a prize for the class!

- use a clean, empty jar (any size)
- Decorate the jar and lid
- Fill with wrapped sweets, small toys - whatever you think the children would like!

Hand your jars into school after half term!

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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the BOOK FAIR

And earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

School Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in the KS2 school library (by the pond) on:

Monday 4th November 3:15 – 4pm
Wednesday 6th November 3:15 – 4pm
Friday 8th November 3:15 – 4pm

Children will have an opportunity to browse the book fair with their classes. They may write a wish list to share with you. *Purchasing from the book fair is not compulsory.*

The Book Fair raises funds to buy more books for the school library!



Alternatively, you can order and pay online! Please scan this QR code and return the order form with your payment reference to Mrs Board-Medley.

Libraries Unlimited

HALF TERM AT EXMOUTH LIBRARY

Lego Club

Saturday 26 October 11am-1pm
 Tuesday 29 October 10am-12pm
 Thursday 31st October 1pm-4pm
 Saturday 2nd November 11am-1pm

Pop along to the library and use your imagination to create with our Lego. Free drop-in, no booking required. Lego & Duplo available.

CoderDojo Club

Saturday 2nd November
 9.30am-10.30am

Join us to code & create! Suitable for 7-17 year olds. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to experienced coders.

Games Club

Saturday 26 October 1pm-3pm
 Monday 28 October 2pm-5pm
 Friday 1 November 3.30pm-5.30pm
 Saturday 2nd November 1pm-3pm

Come and play some games in the library! We have board games, chess, card games and jigsaws. Bring your friends with you or make new ones here!

Crafts

Monday 29 October 9.30am & 10.30am
 Friday 1 November 9.30am & 10.30am

Join us for some seasonal craft sessions! More details coming soon. These sessions need to be booked - please purchase your ticket (£2) from the library in advance.

We'll have a free character hunt running over half term. Come and find them all to claim your spooky sticker!

And don't forget we run Bounce & Rhyme sessions every Thursday - 10am for babies and 11am for toddlers!

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity 1170092. To donate, please visit librariesunlimited.org.uk.

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Spotacular Mufti Day

Friday 15th November

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes – with an optional spotty theme!

Pudsey headbands, T-shirts, or other Pudsey merchandise welcome, but not essential.

Voluntary donations can be made via your ParentPay account.

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