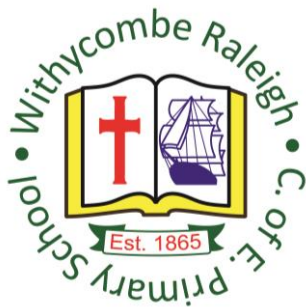


Weekly School News Roundup

Withycombe Raleigh C of E Primary School

Date: 2/10/2020



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News from your Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we have completed 4 weeks of school already and it's as if we have never been away! Children are well and truly settled into their new classes and the systems and routines that have been set up are all running well. Many thanks to all our families who are supporting us with staggered starts and collections, for wearing face coverings and for social distancing both on school site and on the streets surrounding school. Please could you endeavour to arrive at school as close to your designated drop-off and collection times as possible, avoiding unnecessary waiting times and allowing our staff enough time to be ready for their teaching days. With Covid cases across the country rising, it is good to know we can work together to keep our community as safe as possible.

You should have all received a letter regarding our upcoming Parents' Evenings which were sent via email and through a paper copy sent home in book bags. Please remember to return the slip before 9th October specifying your choice of either a virtual meeting or a short written report.

We continue to focus in classes on children's emotional well-being, ensuring that children are happy and feeling secure. We all know that happy children make the best learners and this is what we strive for. As a part of this, a major focus for us as a school is to promote an active lifestyle. The Government recommends that children participate in 30 minutes of physical activity within the school day. At Withycombe, in addition to PE lessons, each class spends time everyday doing something active. This could be running or walking for 10 minutes or doing 'Go Noodle' in the classroom. We have invested in lots of sport equipment for break times and lunchtimes to encourage children to be active at these times. We are also fortunate to have time from L and F Multisports who this term have been working with Years 3, 5 and 6 to develop the children's sporting skills. After Half Term, they will work with different groups of children with our aim being that all children have this opportunity. The children love these sessions and Lewis and Freddie seem to be able to persuade even the most reluctant of children to take part in the activities.

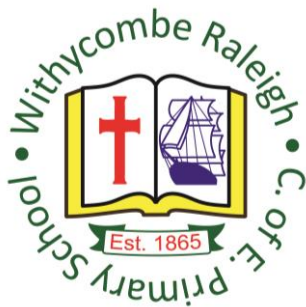
We recently conducted a survey to ascertain how children travelled to school. We were delighted that already 56% of our children travel to school actively (walking, scooting or biking). We would love to be able to persuade more of our families to leave their cars at home and travel to school in a more active way. Later in the term we will be launching a scheme to encourage children to travel to school - all or part of the way - in an active manner. More details of this exciting scheme will follow over the next few weeks.

A pie chart to show how the children at Withycombe travel to school



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As we referred to in our recent letter regarding reading, this week our PTFA have launched a 'justgiving' page. We are raising money so that we can purchase more reading books to promote a love of learning by providing children with a wide range of engaging and inspiring texts. If possible we will also use part of the money raised to purchase some 'Kindles', allowing children to read e-books and take on-line reading quizzes. We would be grateful for any donations, large or small. If you are able to donate, please follow the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wrps?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=wrps&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=a97eaf195c814666bd5f3c0f6c4117a1

Please remember that there are many ways you can contact school staff if you have any queries. You can email your child's class teacher directly using the class email account; alternatively, you can email admin@wrpschool.org or enquiries@wrpschool.org or call us on 01395 266397.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. E Jones

Upcoming Events

Monday 12th of October

KS2 Gymnastics Competition #DevonVirtualGames

I hope you are all having great fun learning the sequences for the gymnastics competition. Don't forget to send your competition video to Mrs Rhodes by Monday 12th of October, for your chance to win!

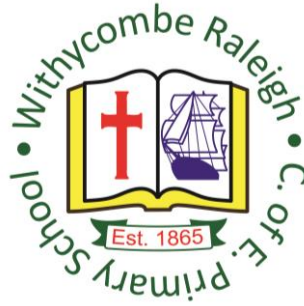
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Tuesday 13th October

Individual Photos

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Collective Worship

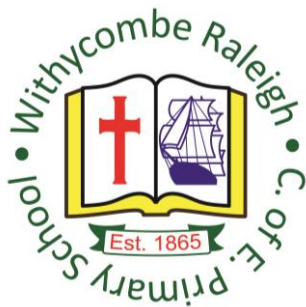
This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Harvest.

Many thanks for all your generous donations of food for the Exmouth Community Larder.



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Sports & Achievements

We love to hear about your sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email enquiries@wrpschool.org with your news and a photo if possible. We will endeavor to include as many of your photos as possible each week.

Year Group News

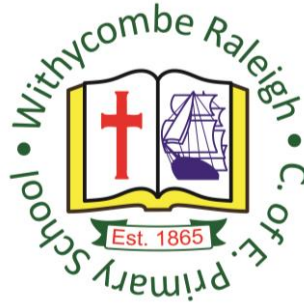


Year 5 enjoyed some football coaching this week from L and F Multisports.

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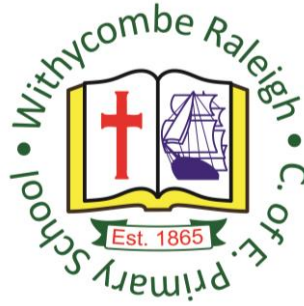
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As part of the European Day of Languages, Hedgehog Class learned some Spanish. They used colouring pencils or water colours to correctly colour the rainbow design.