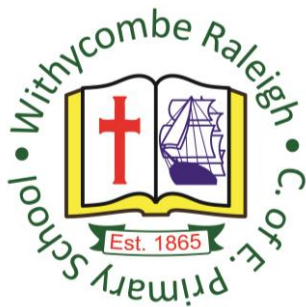


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## News from your Headteacher

We've made it to half term! I suspect every single one of us is ready for a break from Remote Learning for a week...I know I am looking forward to catching up with some sleep! I hope that you can all relax and recharge the batteries next week and hopefully spend time doing lovely things at home...away from a screen! A massive thank you to everyone for their support over the past 6 weeks. Although they have been challenging for us all, times like these really demonstrate what a fantastic school community we have and how, in times of need, we can support one another to get through it. Hopefully we won't have to deal with these restrictions for too much longer.

School reopens on 22<sup>nd</sup> February for vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers only. We await further guidance on the 'full' reopening of schools with an announcement regarding a *possible* 8<sup>th</sup> March start date expected from the Government on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Until we receive the guidance we are unable to plan for how things may look on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Until that time, places in school are limited and I ask that requests for places are only made if parents are critical workers and that there is no one at home who can supervise children during the day.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Remote Learning Survey. We had a fantastic response to this and, in general, it appears that the provision is working well for the majority of our families. We are currently analysing the data and, once this is completed, we will send out further feedback and details about how we intend to adapt our provision in light of the information received.

### Hope4Kibera

We had a wonderful day yesterday raising money for Hope4Kibera. Please take a look at some photos of the day on our website. Thank you to everyone for the fantastic response and generosity to this charity: raising money to provide essential food parcels for members of the Kibera community.

<https://www.wrpschool.org/hope4kibera>

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](mailto:admin@wrpschool.org) or [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto:enquiries@wrpschool.org) or call us on 01395 263397

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs. E Jones

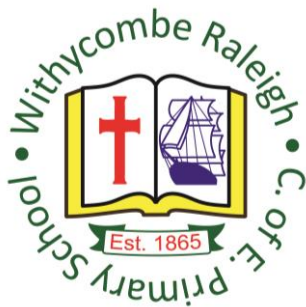
### Free School Meals over Half Term

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals-  
supermarket vouchers have been sent to you  
via email

We will continue to provide food parcels from  
22<sup>nd</sup> February

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### Half Term Activities

I really hope that weather is kind to us over the half term and that we can all get out and about. Here are some ideas to make sure that you have a break during half term, and make sure that the days feel different to other days at home.

This site has lots of ideas of things to do outside with children if the weather is warm enough:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2021/01/lockdown-activities-kids-winter/>

**Plan a Themed Day** - The key ingredients of a Themed Day are fancy dress, a themed lunch and some fun activities, maybe a film that fits with your theme. You could try...

- Pirate Day
- Fairy Day
- Frozen Day
- Dinosaur Day
- Mexican Day
- Fairytale Day
- Under the Sea

**Mini Garden Olympics or Football Tournament** - Weather permitting, create your own Olympics! Pick a country to represent, dress up in their colours and start your competition!

You could try one of the below events

- Garden Sprint
- Garden Distance Run
- Sack Race
- Triple Jump
- Long Jump
- Discus – try using a frisbee!

**Hold a Talent Show** - Get the children to design a stage and prepare their best talents for an evening production.

**Virtual Day Trips** - You can spend a day trip to London or even a virtual trip to a museum.

**Make a HUGE thing of Pancake Day** - Tuesday 16th is Pancake Day. Get excited about it and plan some extra special activities and mix up your toppings. Try both sweet and savoury options. Pancakes for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

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### Upcoming Events

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term Holiday begins

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

School reopens for children who are vulnerable or children of Critical Workers

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Comic Relief

### Collective Worship

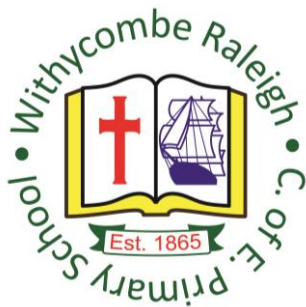
This week in Collective Worship we have been learning about Lent.

No doubt the children are looking forward to Pancake Day on 16<sup>th</sup> February which is the day before Lent starts. Although traditionally Christians 'give up' something for Lent, we discussed how children could spend Lent doing something 'extra' to help others in their family or community.



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## **Safeguarding**

Message from Mr Smith (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

We are pleased to have recently updated our safeguarding page on our school website and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to take a quick look at its contents. Please familiarise yourselves with our Safeguarding Team, who are here to support and advise you with regard to any concerns you might have around the safety and welfare of children and their families. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are ever unsure about what to do or where to turn in a safeguarding situation. Our webpage also includes a number of useful links, providing information on a wide range of safeguarding issues, including how to find help and support services. We will continue to update this web page.

<https://www.wrpschool.org/safeguarding>

Over half term please continue to be mindful of the children's mental health and find the time / opportunities to engage with them in activities that they, and hopefully you enjoy! In addition to the ideas that Mrs Jones has included in this newsletter, our school website shows the 'pick and mix for mental health,' which encourages children to be proactive in helping their own well-being by looking at 10 things they can do to help their own mental health.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy half term holiday.

## **Sports & Achievements**

We love to hear about your children's sporting and other achievements. If you have anything to share, please email [enquiries@wrpschool.org](mailto: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.

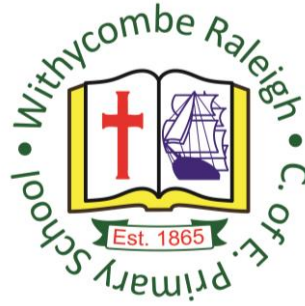
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## Year Group News



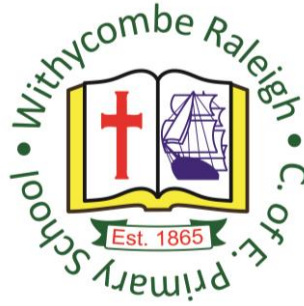
Sycamore Class have been very busy.

They had lots of fun making and testing parachutes



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Year 5 made and tasted hot chocolate after learning about Mayan Cacao drink.



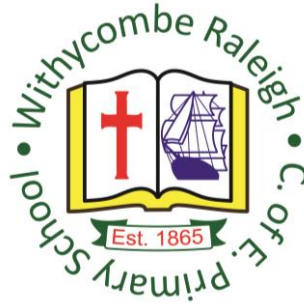
They made 'esteem' pizzas as part of Children's mental Health Week.





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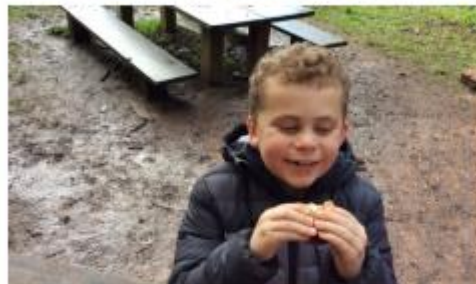
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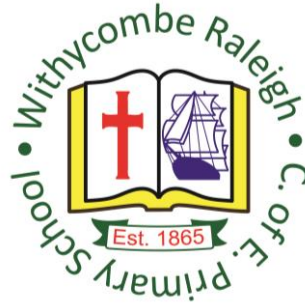
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Otters visited Nature School

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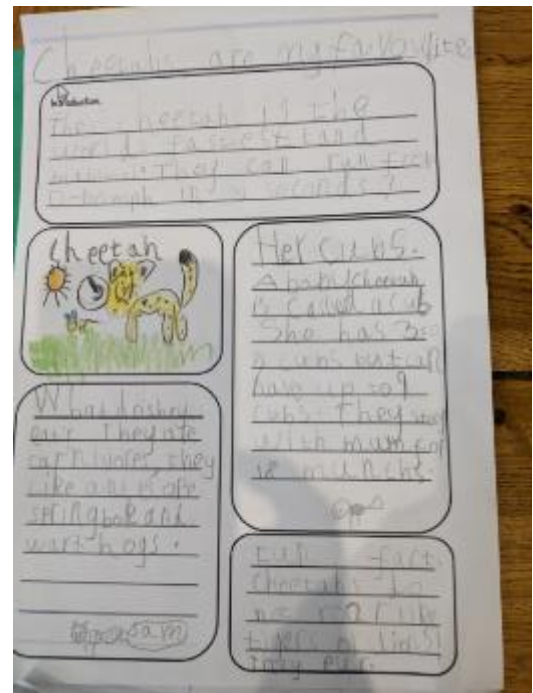
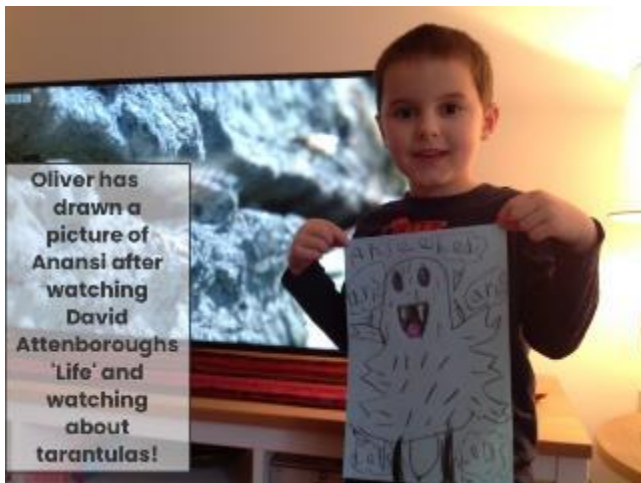
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Sophie has written a fantastic non-fiction page about cheetahs.

Year 1 have been learning about how to measure carefully using a ruler. Emilia has done great job!



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Neve and Erin have been baking!



Rabbit Class made bookmarks.

Bumblebees celebrated Chinese New Year.

