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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last term I received this note from our School Council:

"Dear Mrs Frost,

The children in the school would like to adopt a child in another county so he or she could have clean water and clothes, if it is okay with you."

From this request, I have been working with Reverend Judy Darkins to explore possibilities for this to happen and on Monday two representatives from the New Way Charity came to speak to the whole school about the work they do in Northern Kenya to support communities that are particularly deprived. There was a short film showing how they support families by providing clean water, a decent level of nutrition, basic healthcare, sustainable agriculture and education. Our pupils were then able to ask questions and the visitors were impressed with the sensitivity and depth of these questions. What inter-

ested our children most was how the charity is providing an education to children who otherwise would never attend school. They were surprised to learn how many miles across arid land that children in this part of the world have to walk in order to learn to read and write and that it costs only £60 a year to maintain a child in the project. Typical of the children in Wittersham School, they are already asking about how we can raise enough funds to sponsor at least one child. Separate to any potential fundraising, we will be receiving pictures and letters from the Kenyan children which our pupils can reply to and, through this link, gain a better understanding of the other communities, cultures and faiths in a very different part of the world.

Today, the theatre has come to Wittersham! We have had a wonderful production of The Wizard of Oz in our school hall and the children have clapped, cheered, danced and applauded throughout. As the lights dimmed and there was a brief moment of silence as the show ended, one little voice from the Windmill class called out, "I loved that show!" which just about summed up the feelings of everyone.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the parent consultations this week and for the positive feedback about our new reporting system. I look forward to seeing Year 6 parents at the Key Stage 2 SATS information evening on 15th March at 6.00pm.

Claire Frost *Headteacher*

The closing date for applications for our Kitchen Assistant job is tomorrow. We have had a lot of interest so shortlisting and interviews will take place next Thursday morning.

Last Week's Golden Virtues Winners

Windmill—Sienna and Tilly
Smugglers—Emily and Lucy
Viking—Tom W. and Macy H.
Oxney—Molly and Maisie
Rother—Jack and Posie



The NHS are promoting a new website:

www.healthhelpnow-nhs.net to help you find the right service for a wide range of symptoms. A leaflet is being sent home today for your information.



RACE NIGHT ~ Friday 18th March

Doors open 7pm, first race starts at 7.30pm (finishes about 10pm)

Entrance tickets are **£5 per person** and need to be bought in advance. This ticket also includes a meal, but please bring your own drinks and glasses. *If you can't make up a table don't worry, we can sort tables out on the night.*

If you would like to be a 'horse owner' it will cost **£2 per horse**. If you are the winning owner you win £10. *(Can own a horse even if you aren't able to attend on the night)*

Contact Miriam on 01233 758589 / 07812951679.



Well done

Viking

—once again you are the winners of the Attendance Cup.

Parents have asked that we make a collection from children and parents for a present for Mrs O'Flaherty who is leaving at the end of the term. If you wish to contribute please send into the school office in a marked envelope—thank you.