

**‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’**

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	<b>Compassion</b>	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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**Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been a very wet, but otherwise enjoyable, week at school. On Monday, we hosted an information evening for next year's prospective Reception intake. It was a really positive evening and it was great to welcome so many potential new parents and tell them all about our great school! The pre-school also hosted the toddler group in the school hall on Wednesday morning and all of the children enjoyed a fantastic shared session!

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November will be Children in Need day. To help raise some much needed funds for the fantastic causes that this charity supports, we will be having a non-school uniform day (Pre-School are going spotty). We are requesting that each child brings in a donation of £1. We will also be selling Pudsey-shaped gingerbread biscuits, kindly made by Bobbie, for 50p each at play time. Many thanks for your support.



On Monday, Mrs Waters, Mr Wiggans and I had the pleasure of taking Class 3 to the Wild side Experience in Hemyock for an Stone Age Survival and Orienteering day. All of the children had a brilliant day and got to see a range of Stone Age weapons and tools and hear all about one of the instructor's experiences of living in a modern day Stone Age with tribes in Papua New Guinea! They also learnt how Stone Age people made and used fire and even got to make their own 'Smores' on the campfire.



As always, if you would like to discuss anything to do with school, please do not hesitate to approach me directly or contact Mrs Eastman in the school office to make an appointment.

Many thanks,

Chris



**Celebration Assembly  
Well Done  
For receiving a  
Certificate of Achievement**



<b>Work</b>	
Class 1 – Scarlett for fantastic explanation about the differences between squares and rectangles Class 2 – School Trip Day! Class 3 – Robert – Fantastic home learning Tiamii for great effort in Maths Class 4 – Neave for an excellent introduction to your Stonehenge story	
<b>Extra</b>	
Penny – Wind in the Willow Performance	
<b>Contribution</b>	
<b>Code Club Superstar</b>	
Harley for looking carefully and debugging errors	
<b>Pre-School Reaching 10 on the Wow Caterpillar</b>	
Arthur W, Declan & Angel	
<b>20 Merits</b>	
Class 2 - Abbie Class 3 – Nicholas & Henry Class 4 – Courtney B, Zak & Ellie	
<b>Discovery 58</b>	<b>Endeavour 73</b>
<b>Enterprise 55</b>	<b>Voyager 50</b>

**Communications and online payments**

We have now started using the new system! Thank you to the parents who have already registered with Parent Pay, we have had 38 students out of 89 register so far, we do require all parents/Carers to activate there account as soon as possible please. Your child would have received an activation letter on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, containing a unique username & password set up for **ParentPay** for each child – If you require a second copy please request one from the office. Please follow the simple instructions on the letter to set up your account, if you require any help with this please see Mrs Eastman in the Office.

Every child at Witheridge Academy needs to be activated on Parent Pay, even if your child is currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals/Free School Meals. This new provider is a complete one stop system for all communication online payments (Trips, lunches and Uniform) we will be a cash free school and communications.

## Pre-School News

It was lovely to welcome the children back after our half term break. We have enjoyed talking about things we done over the half term week and places we may have visited. Some children said they had been for lovely walks in the country side and to the cinema. Whiles other have been playing with their mummies/Daddies and others said they had been away on holiday. All of this tied in nicely with our first focused book "Harry and the dinosaurs go on holiday".

The children made postcards and thought about whom they could send it to and what would they like to tell that person. We also looked at how we could travel and what we may need if we were going abroad. We made passports and got the children to look in a mirror and describe what they looked like. This was lots of fun and was lovely hearing the children talking about themselves.

All the children got involved in making a bus during their role play. They acted out going to different destinations; some went on a shopping trip, whiles others went to the beach, and the odd few children went to see some friends.



The children liked exploring messy play; we used corn flour and shaving foam. The children said it was fluffy and soft. One child said the cornflour felt like the talcum powder she has on after her bath.

We looked at different ways we could draw a picture. The children were very keen to participate in an activity with Lisa using paint in a tray and using their fingers to paint with.



Our other focused books this half term are: Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs, Harry and the dinosaurs go wild, Harry and the dinosaurs at the museum, Dippy's sleepover, Tyrannosaurus drip. We will then be focusing on the Christmas story.

### Key Dates for the Summer Term 2019:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Festival SMCC  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Non School Uniform for a £1 donation  
 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Messy Church  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 Bike Ability  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Festival SMCC  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations Year Reception – Six consent forms on line – Pls see link  
 Friday 6<sup>h</sup> December – Elf Day – Dress up as an Elf for Alzheimer’s Charity  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre 3.30pm in School Hall  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Performance Club Panto  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-School Nativity Play (Details to follow)  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity at 6pm  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity at 2pm and 6pm  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Church Service at 9.30am

**These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes.**

### School Dinner Menu week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage & Bacon	Homemade Pasty Pie	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Cheese Pasta Bake	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Veggie Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Lentil Loaf	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Hash Brown, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Tomatoes & Mushrooms	Sauté Potatoes, Beans & Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sweet Corn & Peas	Golden Fries, Baked Beans & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Angel Delight	Fruit Platter	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Fudge Sauce	Cookies



## Fight the Flu!

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 Consent form please access:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>





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[admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)



## TEAM VACANCY TEACHING ASSISTANT POST - SEND



- Required:** as soon as possible
- Hours per week:** 27.5
- Working weeks:** 38 weeks (term time only)
- Starting Salary:** £9.55 per hour (Scale C)
- Status:** Fixed term contracts linked to particular SEND pupils
- Closing date:** noon 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Interviews:** to be arranged

### Witheridge C of E Academy

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teacher and will help to support an individual pupil to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept cv's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon jobs website [www.devonjobs.gov.uk](http://www.devonjobs.gov.uk) Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk)



We have poppies and other items available in school this week to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The collection box will be located in the School Office.



**Witheridge PTFA News**

AGM Update to follow...

Thank you to everyone who donated bags to our Bags2School – We managed to raise a grand total of 330kg of clothing and shoes that will be recycled and kept out of landfill. This weight amounts to £132.00 for our PTFA.

Thank you for your continued support  
The Witheridge PTFA



After school club for pre-school and up to the  
end of Year 2

Wednesday 20th of November 2019  
3.30 - 4.45 pm  
in the school hall

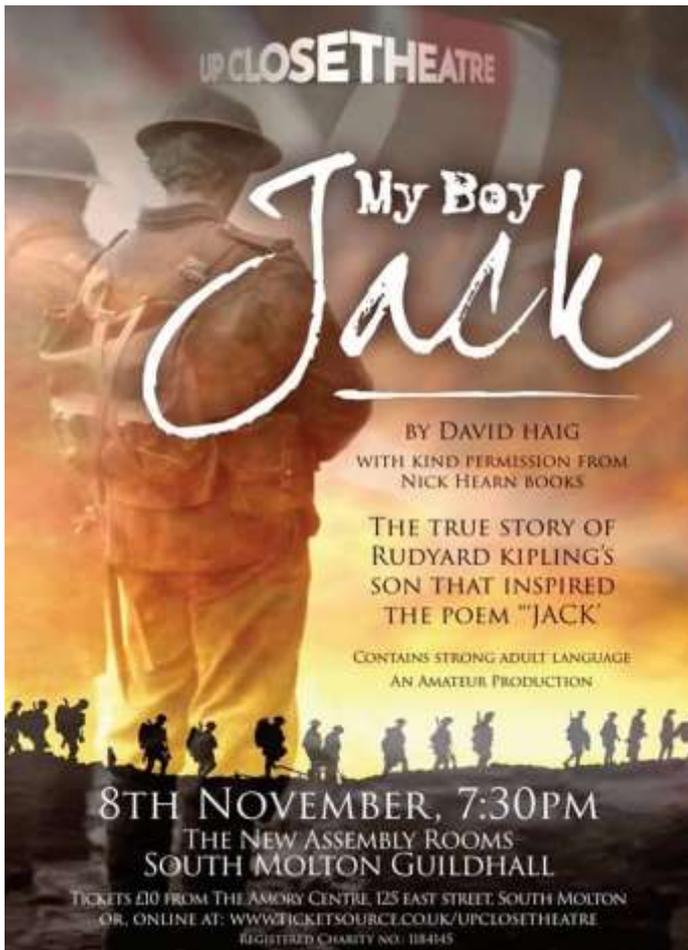
Parents and carers are welcome to join us  
and take part.

We will be offering some craft and activities  
based around a Bible story and a short  
celebration.

Please let Mrs Eastman know by the 13th of  
November if you want to attend so that we  
have enough snacks and crafts available.

Thank you, Sue and Adrian Wells

**Community News**



UP CLOSE THEATRE

# My Boy Jack

BY DAVID HAIG  
WITH KIND PERMISSION FROM  
NICK HEARN BOOKS

THE TRUE STORY OF  
RUDYARD KIPLING'S  
SON THAT INSPIRED  
THE POEM "JACK"

CONTAINS STRONG ADULT LANGUAGE  
AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION

8TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM  
THE NEW ASSEMBLY ROOMS  
SOUTH MOLTON GUILDHALL

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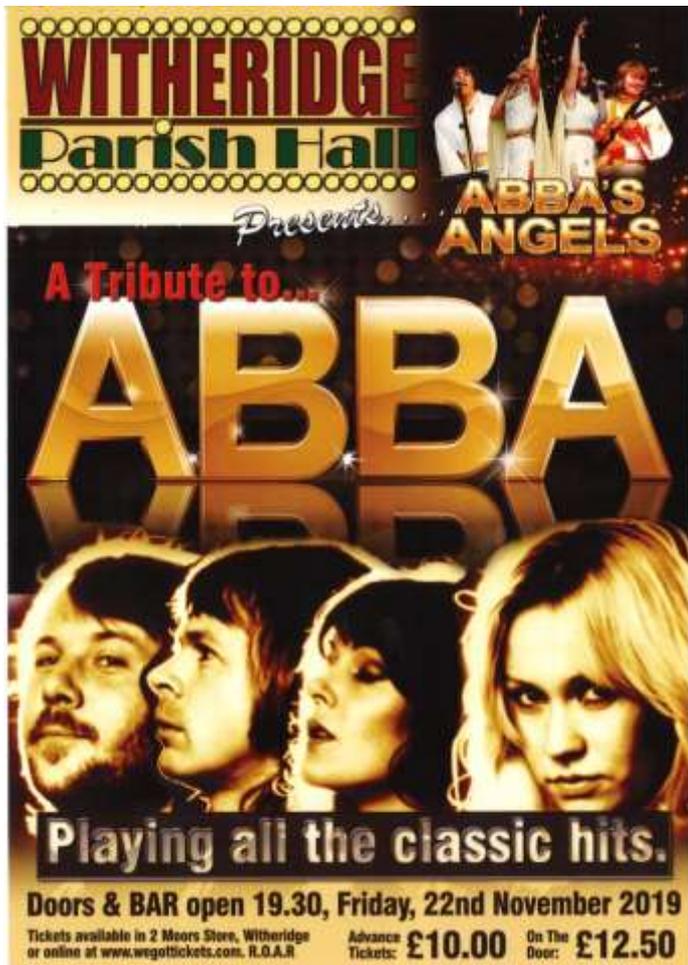
**Top up at the Mid Devon Filling Station**

The Filling Station is a multi-denominational group of Christians celebrating their faith in God in an informal and authentic fashion. Whether a long time believer or new to the faith, all are welcome.

**THE FILLING STATION**

**NEXT MDFS - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Doors open 7pm, start 7:20  
Witheridge Primary School.  
Speaker: Rev Paul Seaton-Burn.  
"Principles of the Kingdom of God"

 The Mid Devon Filling Station [www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)



**WITHERIDGE Parish Hall**

Presents **ABBAS ANGELS**

A Tribute to...  
**ABBA**

Playing all the classic hits.

Doors & BAR open 19.30, Friday, 22nd November 2019

Tickets available in 2 Moore Store, Witheridge  
or online at [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com). R.O.A.R

Advance Tickets: **£10.00** On The Door: **£12.50**



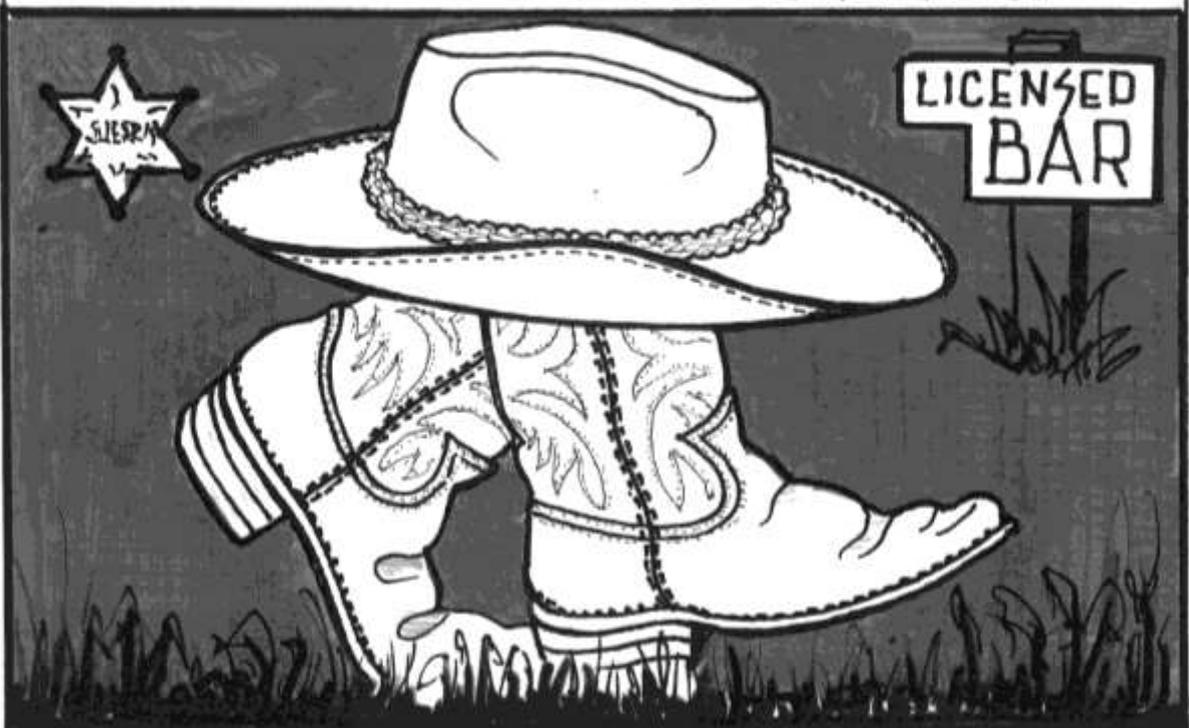
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CHILD TICKETS £ **4.00** → HOT DOG &  
PUDDING.

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