

Monday:	Chess Club
Tuesday:	Choir singing at Church
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	Lunchtime Choir Club <i>I Believe in Unicorns</i> performance

Kent's Cavern

What a brilliant two days the school had at Kent's Cavern this week! All children from across the school were able to experience this amazing Unesco Global Geopark site and find out about Stone Age cave dwellers. There were fascinating workshops and a tour of the mysterious and magical cave system. The staff at Kent's Cavern were great with the children; enthralled them with information and allowing them to handle artefacts - including a Stone Age cutting tool that would have actually cut up a woolly mammoth!!! As we left, one of the staff took the trouble to say, "all four classes have been so well behaved - so quiet and polite - and very knowledgeable! You should be proud of them." We certainly are!

Big Breakfast

A huge thank-you to Maria, Jo, Mandy, Nicole, Nicole, Donna (it was so good of you all to give up your time) for organising the delicious Big Breakfast last Saturday morning. The room was full while I was there, but service was excellent thanks to the efforts of Amy and Grace B from Class Four! The morning raised an incredible £200 for the PTA, and we've been told they will be organising another in the new year. Well done everyone!

Thank you also to all who contributed to our donation for 'Just One Tree' – we raised £83, so will be able to fund the planting of 83 trees.

As we move into December next week and thoughts will turn to Christmas, the school Christmas Post Box will be in operation. If children write cards to their friends and put them in the box in the corridor, Class Four's Postal Operatives will make sure they are delivered.

Rob Norton

Christmas Dates

There are lots of exciting activities happening before the end of term!

Friday 29th November – 2.30 – 4.00pm Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 2nd December – 3.30 – 4.30pm Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 3rd December – Choir singing at the church

Friday 6th December – Visit to see a performance of *I Believe in Unicorns* at Umberleigh Village Hall

Tuesday 10th December – Choir singing at Silver Hill Day Centre

Thursday 12th December – Afternoon instrumental concert in the Community Centre

Friday 13th December – PTA organised Christmas Jumper Day in return for a Christmas themed raffle prize.

Tuesday 17th December – 2.00pm Christmas Nativity/Service in the Church, followed by refreshments in the church hall and the PTA Christmas Raffle and Tombola.

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December – Last day of term

After School Clubs

After this week, there will be no more Netball or KS2 Sports Club until January.

Drum Kit Lessons

If any parent has not yet let Miss Trofa know their e-mail address to pass on to Miss Adie, please can you do so as soon as possible. Miss Adie will be starting lessons on Friday.

Outdoor Learning Clothing

Do any parents have any waterproof overalls or old, but not broken, wellies that you would be happy to donate to Class One? This would help to enhance the children's learning by being able to take their learning experiences outside of the classroom on a more regular basis. Please bring any items to Mrs Goss or up to Class One. Thank you in advance. Mr Northmore.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year, the PTA will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Church Hall on the following dates:

Friday 29th November 2.30 – 4.00pm

Monday 2nd December 3.30 – 4.30pm

With a wide variety of books starting from £2.99, we hope there will be something to interest everybody. Payment is required by cash or cheque. The school will receive a commission on books sold.



Stars of the Week!

Class One – Freddie M for trying really hard with his work to get an Independent WOW!

Class Two – Amelia S for loving learning and always working to her best ability.

Class Three – Lucy for always being an excellent role model, especially on the trip.

Class Four – Leyla for always taking a great pride in attaining the best possible outcomes for all of her work



To be presented on Friday 29th November, 10.15am in the Church

Reading Stars!

Class One – Jack for using his Fred fingers to help him sound out unusual words.

Class Two – Oscar for decoding new words with confidence and enjoying sharing books.

Class Three – Isla for sharing her love of books with others.

Class Four – Grace B for being so keen to read at every opportunity in whole class work and for doing so with fluency.

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



Learning Lions

Can I make a tally?

Can I use my sounds to produce some independent writing?

Can I become an archaeologist?



Exploring elephants

Can you make your own advent calendar to count down to Christmas?

Can you write a story about life living in cave?

Can you use the right coins to buy a small item in a shop?



Inventive Impalas

What did you learn at Kent's cavern?

What was your favourite part of Kent's cavern?

What did you include in your recount today?



Challenging Cheetahs

Which tests of divisibility can you remember?

What do we mean by 'show, not tell' when it comes to descriptive writing?

What was it like at Kent's Cavern: how was it different / similar to Big Pit?

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Reading.

Class Two – Reading, Year One and Year Two spelling practise

Class Three – Reading for Pleasure chart (Friday), Multiplication tables and spellings test (Friday). Guided reading comprehension (Friday)

Class Four – Reading for at least 45 minutes per night. Complete Book Review (for Tuesday 3rd). Learn / revise 7,8,9 x tables and (Y6) inverse division facts

Meals W/C 02/12/19

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese , crusty bread, peas & carrots. Fruit and meringue nests.	Sausage Rolls , creamed potatoes & seasonal vegetables Iced fruit smoothies	Roast Chicken , roast or creamed potatoes & seasonal vegetables. Fruit platter.	Cheese & Tomato Pizza , potato wedges & seasonal vegetables, Angel delight with fruit	Fish Cakes , golden fries & seasonal vegetables. Custard biscuits.



Vacancy

Witheridge Devon - Temporary Classroom Teacher

Employer information: Witheridge Academy – part of TEAM Academy Trust

Address: Fore Street, Witheridge, EX16 8AH

Telephone: 01884 860518

Website: www.teamacademytrust.com

Dates: Apply by noon 04/12/19. Job starts 1st January 2019 for 2 terms.

Salary: MPS

Location: Devon

Contract type: Full Time

Contract term: Temporary

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague commencing on 1st January 2020. The contract will run for two terms until 31st August 2020. Newly Qualified Teachers are encouraged to apply.

Why Witheridge?

- We have well motivated children who enjoy first-hand and practical experiences.
- We are able to offer high levels of support and personalised professional development opportunities.
- Our school is a friendly community where everyone is part of the team.

We would like to appoint a person who:

- is willing to be innovative in their own work and through the sharing of ideas;
- is able to bring their own talents and interests to enhance the curriculum;
- will enjoy working with our fantastic children.

Closing date: noon 4th December 2019

Please visit <http://www.teamacademytrust.com/witheridge> for further details about our school and to download an application pack.

Please email your completed application form and supporting documents to vacancies@team-mat.org.uk or post to Pilton Bluecoat Academy marked for the attention of Mrs R Nicholas



St. Mary's Church, Atherington

Christmas Fair

Atherington Pavilion

Saturday, 30th November

10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Various stalls including cakes, Christmas wreaths, gifts, raffle, children's games etc.

Refreshments available. Soup and roll lunch also available from 12 noon

