

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hopefully you all received our letter earlier this week regarding the upcoming Christmas events here at the school. Please do make a note of any relevant dates and times as this is always a very busy (and enjoyable) time of year and we would not want anyone to miss out on joining in with the festivities. A reminder that all children will be expected to attend both evening performances of this year's Christmas Production on the 16th and 17th December and will need to be in school by 5.30pm. If you know that your child will be unable to attend please do let us know as soon as possible as it may affect the casting of the production.

Tag Rugby Tournament

A mixed team from our class 4 attended a tag rugby tournament at Morchard Bishop School as part of the Two Moors Partnership. Despite the appalling weather conditions with driving rain and freezing conditions the pupils played superbly.

Our team lost their first game to Morchard Bishop 3-0, won our second game against Kings Nympton School 3-1 and then lost our final game to Winkleigh School 3-0.

Congratulations to all those pupils who took part. I think by the end we were all looking forward to warming up!



The BIG Climate Fightback – Woodland Trust

Class 2, 3 and 4 took a trip to nearby Mill Barton Farm this week to take part in the National Tree Week. We were met by Toby the farmer and helped him plant over one hundred trees in sections within one of his fields. The tree saplings included Silver Birch, Sweet Chestnut, Oak, Holly, Rowan, Beech, Alder and Spruce.

National Tree Week is the UK's largest annual tree celebration, marking the start of the winter tree planting season (November to March each year).



All our saplings were dug in and fitted with a stake and protecting sleeve to prevent animals nibbling at them. We were lucky with the weather and the pupils really enjoyed their outing. We hope to return in the Spring to see the growth of the trees.

Athletics Festival

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of taking 12 children from Class 4 to a Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Festival at South Molton Community College. Competing against 10 other schools from within the local area, the children did themselves and school proud, putting in a great performance of running, jumping and throwing and managing to finish in 2nd place overall, despite their being a number of much larger schools present. A huge well done to Max, Finley, Lucas, Josh, Adam, Cameron, Ellie, Marlie, Courtney A, Courtney B, Kirsty and Daisy May!

Bike Ability

This week children in Class 4 have had the opportunity to earn their Level 1 and Level 2 Bike ability Awards. For their Level 1 badge, children demonstrated their cycling safety and proficiency on the school playground, leading to all children being able to cycle around the village to earn their Level 2 badge. All the children represented the school fantastically. Richard and Peter, the instructors, commented on the positive attitudes and politeness of the children throughout. Well done to all involved!



As always, if you would like to discuss anything to do with school, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly in the school office to make an appointment.

Best Wishes,
Mr Holding

Christmas Lights Switch on

We would like to say massive congratulations to **HOLLY HARRIS** and **BLAKE EASTMAN** who will be pressing down the plunger, to switch on the Christmas lights on Saturday 7th December at 5.45pm.

The evening will start with Christmas carols in the church at 5pm.



Second Hand Uniform

Our second hand uniform sale will take place on Friday 6th December at the Christmas Fayre. With this in mind we are looking for donations of any Witheridge School Uniform that are no longer required. Please can you hand any items to Mrs.Eastman in the school office.



School Dinner Menu week commencing 2nd December 2019

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage Rolls	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Vegetable Bite	Quorn Bolognaise	Cauliflower Cheese	Cheesy Pasta with Leeks	Cauliflower Cheese
Sides	Mash Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Potato Wedges, Beans & Vegetables	Golden Fries, pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Pineapple upside down cake & Custard	Cornflake Crunchie

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2019:

- Monday 2nd December – Flu Vaccinations Year Reception to year Six consent forms on line
- Friday 6th December – NO FOOTBALL CLUB – Due to Xmas Fayre
- Friday 6th December – Elf Day – Dress up as an Elf for Alzheimer’s Charity £1 donation
- Friday 6th December – PTFA Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm in School Hall
- Monday 9th December – The Snow Queen being performed at Witheridge – Kindly paid for by the PTFA
- Monday 9th December – Performance Club Panto
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13th December – Pre-School Nativity Play starts at 2.30pm in the school hall
- Monday 16th December – School Nativity at 6pm
- Tuesday 17th December – School Nativity at 2pm and 6pm
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day – Please purchase through Parent Pay
- Thursday 19th December – KS1 (Class 1 & class2) Disco in the school hall 2-3pm – children can bring a change of clothing. KS2 (Class 3 & 4) 5.30-7.00pm in the school hall. Both discos are for a voluntary £1 contribution towards this year’s charities. KS2 can bring a maximum of £3 to spend on tuck.
- Friday 20th December - Christmas Church Service at 9.30am
- Friday 20th December – Pre-School Christmas party – 9am – 1.30pm – All children welcome to attend.
- Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term
- Monday 6th January – First day of the Spring Term

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



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



Work	
Class 1 – Isabelle for fantastic effort to learn her sounds Class 2 – Harry for working hard to learn his tricky words and read them speedily Class 3 – Jake – A huge improvement in effort and a great set of instructions Class 4 – Marlie for your detailed and extensive reading record entries	
Extra	
Rock Hero's Lucas (0.72 seconds) and Max (0.99 Seconds)	
Contribution	
Kyah, Jayden and Sophia for Fantastic book reviews	
Pre-School Reaching 10 on the Wow Caterpillar	
Betsy, Arthur B, Lola & Freddie	
20 Merits	
Class 2 – Kyah, Cody, Sam, Ben, Lexi, Jacob Let & Sophia Class 3 – Robert, Tiamii & Leevi Class 4 – Marlie, Adam & Chloe	
Discovery 45	Endeavour 34
Enterprise 40	Voyager 47

Witheridge PTFA News

Apologies all for the delay in updating you all on the PTFA AGM its been a very busy month!! At the AGM Tracey Gillbard was re - elected as treasurer, myself (Kayleigh) am continuing as chair .

The PTFA are searching for a secretary? If this is something you think you would like to do please come forward, the role does not require any particular set of skills, anyone can do it!

Our Christmas fair will be taking place on Friday 6th December 3.30 – 4.30, you will have the opportunity to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto after arriving via a Sleigh ride powered by our very own Reindeer. The visit will cost £2.50 per child. We will have refreshments in the hall, alongside Tombola, Christmas decorations for sale made by our schools very own craft club , our fantastic raffle, which will be drawn at 4.15 and games put on by the children of class 4 .

We hope to see as many of you as possible there!

Our next meeting is WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 7.30PM @ THE FIRE STATION
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Join us for Elf Day

When Friday 6th December

Where Witheridge Academy
Dress as an Elf for the day for a donation.

Contact Buddy
the Elf and his
little helpers!



Raise funds for
Add your good cause here
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Find us on easyfundraising to start:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/witheridgepfa/>

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Argos Booking.com Boden next
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SCREWFIX JUST EAT moonpig ASOS

easyfundraising feel good shopping | £27 Million raised | 5.8 Million users | 150,000 causes



After completing last term's mammoth challenge of running the 9579 miles from Witheridge to Australia, the children have decided to run a slightly easier challenge for this term. They are running from Witheridge, all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to Cape Canaveral in Florida, and then up to space to the International Space Station, which is a total of 4415 miles!

So far this term they have already run nearly 500 miles which is amazing as we haven't been able to run all the time due to the wet weather. There have already been some star runners spotted and their names are on the Sport board in the library.

The Daily Mile is all about improving the health and wellbeing of children whilst having a bit of fun from running or jogging at their own pace for 15 minutes a day.



Messy Church
ADVENT

At St John the Baptist Church , Witheridge
On Saturday 7th December
Time 11am – 1pm
Craft, Stories, Songs & Food
All ages welcome!


We would encourage parents to stay and take part.

To book your place call 01884 860445 or email roff.denise@yahoo.co.uk


Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Free Community Event

Saturday 7th December
At the Parish Church from 5pm
In the square from 5.45pm
All local primary school children will receive a small gift from a special visitor

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year
from St John's Fair Committee



PARENTS UNITED THROUGH ASC/ADHD



We are a group of parents/carers with young people or persons on the Autistic Spectrum and/or ADHD. Diagnosed or going through the process.

We are a friendly casual group of parents meeting every 2 weeks on a Tuesday in term time.

Come along and join us at the Great Western Hotel in Tiverton 10am to 11.30am.

Forthcoming dates are:

- Tuesday 7th January 2020
- Tuesday 21st January 2020
- Tuesday 4th February 2020
- Tuesday 25th February 2020
- Tuesday 10th March 2020
- Tuesday 24th March 2020
- Tuesday 14th April 2020

If you require any more information please contact Hayley on: h.hardy211@outlook.com

Looking for Something Fun and Active to do?



INDOOR CLIMBING

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

The Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
81 King Street, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 5JJ



Weekly Kids Club Sessions—Spaces Now Available!

Get in Touch for More Information

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