

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

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| Thankfulness | Compassion | Perseverance | Forgiveness | Courage | Friendship |
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Newsletter – Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

After 3 enjoyable and successful years as Head of School at Witheridge, I have made the very difficult decision to accept a position at another school much closer to my family home and I will therefore be leaving Witheridge Primary School at the end of this term.

In the interim, from the beginning of January until at least the end of the academic year, I am delighted to say that Miss Ratcliffe will take over as Head of School. Miss Ratcliffe will continue her work in Class 2 alongside her leadership role and her time out the classroom will be covered by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Milton. The Trust will be looking to appoint a new teacher for Class 3 and this will be announced as soon as possible. I have been incredibly proud to work as part of a very strong, talented and committed team of staff here and I have no doubt that they will continue to work their hardest to provide the children of Witheridge with the best possible education.

Please rest assured that from now until the end of the term I will continue to work as hard as possible in my role as both class teacher and Head of School. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff, pupils, parents, governors, trustees and the wider community for your continuous support and encouragement during my time at the school.

I will sorely miss working at Witheridge and will be keeping a keen eye on the future successes of the school.

Remembrance Day

On Monday, we held a special collective worship to mark an important time of the year, Remembrance Day. The children were impeccably behaved as we held a two-minute silence in the school hall to honour those who have died fighting in wars. We were also treated to a fantastic performance by Class 4, who had learnt a Remembrance song to mark the occasion.



Brilliant Book Lists

You may notice that you receive a 'Brilliant Book List' alongside your newsletter this week. These lists have been produced by Twinkl and have some fantastic recommendations for books relevant to the age and level of your child. Hopefully this might be a helpful guide if you're thinking of getting any book-shaped surprises for your little readers for Christmas!

The Two Moors Learning Partnership (TMLP)



Here at Witheridge; we believe working in partnership with other schools is a fantastic way to enhance the educational experiences that we are able to offer the children. You will already be aware of the fantastic benefits of being part of a group of schools from our membership of TEAM Academy trust, but you may not be aware that we are also part of The Two Moors Learning Partnership alongside 4 other local schools (Morched Bishop, Kings Nympton, Winkleigh and High Bickington). The TMLP was formed in 2014 with the aim of promoting excellence through collaboration between

5 schools. It draws on the knowledge and skills sets of each individual school to improve educational outcomes for all our pupils. This year a number of exciting events have been organised for the academic year, including football, tag rugby, cross-country, netball and cricket tournaments; Reception and Key Stage 1 music and dance festivals; and creative maths, writing and science days. We are also delighted to announce that this year will mark our first ever TMLP Community Music Project, which will be working on in the summer term. As well as opportunities for the children to work collaboratively, staff will also benefit from continued excellent professional development led by specialists within our own schools.

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

Best Wishes,
Mr Holding

Baby News



We have had some exciting news last week; Laura Coffey from our Pre-School has had her baby! She has had a happy and healthy baby boy on the Sunday of Half term, named Noah weighing 8lb 2oz; both Mum and baby are doing well. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Laura and her family many congratulations.

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 **45 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 18th October, containing a unique username & password set up for **ParentPay** for each child – If your child is not registered then a second copy of the letter will be coming home this evening.



We are aiming to be a cash free school by the end of November.

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.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 18th November 2019

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Main | West Country Sausages | Beef Lasagne | Roast Pork & Apple Sauce | Hunters Chicken | Fish Fingers |
| Vegetarian | Roast Vegetable Tart | Vegetarian Lasagne | Vegetarian Roast | Roast Vegetable Tart | Spanish Omelette |
| Sides | Creamed Potato's, Spaghetti Hoops & Seasoned Veg | Garlic Bread & Mixed Veg | Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy | Potatoes, Corn on the Cob & Salad | Golden Fries, pasta & Seasonal Veg |
| Dessert | Fruit & Yogurt | Peach Melba | Fruit Platter | Apple Crumble & Custard | Chocolate Cracknel |



Fight the Flu!

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Protect your children and family against Flu!
FREE annual nasal Flu spray!!

All years included: Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 &

**For further information and to complete a
Consent form please access:**

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



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2019:

- Monday 18th November – Year ¾ Indoor Athletics Festival @ SMCC
- Wednesday 20th November – Messy Church
- Thursday 21st November – Year 5/6 Bike Ability
- Monday 25th November – Year 5/6 Bike Ability
- Tuesday 26th November – Year 5/6 Bike Ability
- Thursday 28th November – Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Festival SMCC
- Monday 2nd December – Flu Vaccinations Year Reception to year Six consent forms on line
- Friday 6^h December – Elf Day – Dress up as an Elf for Alzheimer's Charity £1 donation
- Friday 6th December – Christmas Fayre 3.30pm in School Hall
- Monday 9th December – Performance Club Panto
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13th December – Pre-School Nativity Play (Details to follow)
- Monday 16th December – School Nativity at 6pm
- Tuesday 17th December – School Nativity at 2pm and 6pm
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 20th December Christmas Church Service at 9.30am

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**



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| Work | |
| Class 1 – Harry for fantastic effort naming 3d shapes Class 2 – Ebony for challenging herself in Maths Class 3 – Tristan for excellent effort in Maths Class 4 – Courtney B for getting 100% in an epic spelling test of 300 words | |
| Extra | |
| Year 6 girls – book review book Amelia – Circuit from Lemons | |
| Code Club Superstar | |
| Penny | |
| Pre-School Reaching 10 on the Wow Caterpillar | |
| Betsy, Arthur B, Lola & Freddie | |
| 20 Merits | |
| Class 2 - Faith Class 3 – Oscar Class 4 – Finley | |
| Discovery 9 | Endeavour 20 |
| Enterprise 14 | Voyager 23 |

Witheridge PTFA News

AGM Update to follow...

Have you booked your

**MINI CHRISTMAS PHOTO
SHOOT?**

The sessions/time slots are filling up nicely, so be quick to return your booking form to the school office along with the £20.00 to book your mini-photo shoot – We have attached the booking form again for your information.

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.



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TEAM VACANCY 2 x TEACHING ASSISTANT POST - SEND

Required: as soon as possible
Hours per week: post 1: 16.25
 Post 2: 13.75
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 27th November 2019
Interviews: to be arranged

Witheridge C of E Academy

The appointed persons will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support individual pupils 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 or the Devon jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker vacancies@team-mat.org.uk

Community News



IN NEED OF GOD'S FUEL?
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.
NEXT MDFS - Friday 15th Nov
Doors open 7pm, start 7:20
Witheridge Primary School.
Speaker: Rev Paul Seaton-Burn.
"Principles of the Kingdom of God"

HELE LANE METHODIST CHURCH - BLACK DOG

FAMILY SERVICE

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With *SHERRIN NEENAN*

WITHERIDGE Parish Hall
Presents **ABBA'S ANGELS**

A Tribute to...
ABBA

Playing all the classic hits.

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

Tickets available in 2 Moors Store, Witheridge or online at www.wegotickets.com. R.O.A.R Advance Tickets: **£10.00** On The Door: **£12.50**



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

Christmas lights switch on

We have been asked to find two special helpers to switch on Witheridge Christmas tree lights again this year! If your child would like to be entered into the Christmas tree lights turn on, on the 7th of December and will be available at 5.45pm then please let Mrs Eastman in the School Office know and she will put your child's name into the hat by Friday 29th November.

The Christmas lights are being switched on, on Saturday 7th December at 5.45pm. The evening will start at 5pm with Christmas carols in the church.