

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very wet and windy week at school. We have been very impressed with how well the children have interacted with each other during our indoor play times.

After school clubs will start on Monday. Your child is bringing home their club confirmation letter tonight. If your child has not got a place in a club, they will be placed on a reserve list.

The calendar is filling up with lots of exciting events in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on the future date’s section.

Best wishes,
Miss Ratcliffe

Spelling

This term we are introducing a new spelling programme for Year 2, Class 3 and Class 4 called 'Decision Spelling'. This approach aims to teach children the strategies they need to make the correct choices about spelling in all their writing. Rather than having set lists of words to learn in advance, children will instead have a home learning activity to complete at home each week, designed to help them to develop their understanding of the spelling pattern or rule learnt in school that week. Please do talk to your children about their learning in spelling - explaining their understanding to you will really help them to remember it!

Wonderstruck Science Day at High Bickington

Last Friday, Class 4 visited High Bickington School to take part in a Science in Action Day led by Wonderstruck Science. In the morning, we watched a hair-raising demonstration of science experiments. Then the children had a fantastic time designing and building their own air-powered rockets and launching them across the football field. In the afternoon, children built and modified battery-powered cars in order to create the fastest vehicle in a drag race. All the children showed excellent team-working skills, and staff at High Bickington commented on their excellent manners. Well done, Class 4!



Athletics Final

This week pupils from Class 4 were invited to take part in the North Devon Sports Hall Athletics Final at the Barnstaple Leisure Centre. We had been invited as one of only sixteen teams to represent North Devon following on from our success in the preliminary round at South Molton Community College.

We took along a team of six boys and six girls to participate in running events and field events. In the running events we started strongly, in the two lap event our boys came second in their heat. Our girls put in a fantastic effort coming in 3rd. All students then participated in the standing long jump, speed bounce, vertical jump and chest ball push. In the one lap running event we had success with our boys coming first in their heat and also first in the obstacle race.

Throughout the competition, all the children showed determination and great sportsmanship. They represented themselves and the school excellently, we were extremely proud and impressed by our students as we were up against a lot of larger schools than ourselves.

Overall Witheridge School came 13th at the event, certainly not bad out of 56 primary schools in North Devon. Well done to all the pupils who took part.





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

Wednesday 29th of January 2020
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 22nd of January if you want to attend so that we have enough snacks and crafts available.

Thank you, Sue and Adrian Wells

VACANCY

Required as soon as possible
Foundation Stage Unit post

School: **Witheridge Academy**

Status: Temporary maternity cover

Hours: 15.5 per week with the opportunity to work additional hours.

Weeks: 38 per annum

Closing date: noon 27th January 2020

Interview date: 29th January 2020

For more information about the above vacancy, please check our website

www.teamacademytrust.com

or the Devon Jobs website

www.devonjobs.gov.uk

We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email

admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Caroline Tucker

Trust HR Manager

School Dinner Menu week commencing 20th January 2020

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Burger in a Bap	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Turkey & Vegetable Casserole	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Cheese & Baked Bean Wrap	Veggie Burger in a Bap	Vegetarian Roast	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Vegetables	Pasta, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Rice & mixed Vegetables	Golden Fries, pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Angel Delight	Fruit Platter	Sticky Chocolate Slice	Banana Muffin



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



Work	
Class 1 – Lily-Sue and Isabelle for a fantastic start of term – 2 fantastic weeks of learning Class 2 – Liberty for her fantastic progress in reading Class 3 – Cruize for persevering with his reading and starting on accelerated reader Class 4 – Daisy-May for great effort to improve your presentation	
Extra	
Rock Star – Henry, Blake, Nicholas, Ava, Marlie, Ellie, Daisy-May, George & Finley Athletics Tournament – KS2	
Contribution	
Holly – For joining the year 5/6 Athletics team to represent the school Courtney B for her perseverance at the Athletics Tournament	
Pre-School Reaching 20 on the Wow Caterpillar	
Lola, Freddie, Archie & Betsy	
20 Merits	
Class 1 – Scarlett, Talayla-May Class 2 – Harry, Molly, Zack, Scarlett-Louise Class 3 – Blake, Tristan, Cruize & Harry Class 4 – Zak, Cameron	
40 Merits	
Class 2 – Abbie & Liberty	
Discovery 100	Endeavour 110
Enterprise 95	Voyager 88

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2020:

Thursday 23 rd January	Class 4 Swimming
Thursday 23 rd January	Class one and Pre-School visit to Bobbie’s Goats (Letters sent home)
Wednesday 29 th January	Messy Church in the School Hall
Thursday 30 th January	Class 4 Swimming
Saturday 1 st February	Exmoor Challenge Practise walk
Thursday 6 th February	Class 4 Swimming
Thursday 13 th February	Class 4 Swimming
Monday 17 th to 21 st February HALF TERM	

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

Witheridge Pre-School

We have had a very busy week doing lots of activities linked to our new topic "On the Farm". Our books for this half term are all about traditional stories. Our first story was "The three little pigs".

We started the week by making 3D houses out of junk modelling. The children extended their learning by making 2d houses, making sure they carefully chose the correct materials they needed for the correct pig's house and to make sure the wolf could not blow the house down!

The children enjoyed making Pig and Wolf Masks out of different fabrics, and then they were very keen to act out the story of the 3 little pigs.



Our books over the next half term are: Chicken Licken, Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Magic Porridge Pot and The Enormous Turnip. Alongside these we will also be looking at lots of books linked to farming.

Many Thanks
Jayne

The Children of Witheridge School
are invited to this
Sunday afternoon fun talk
on musical instruments.

Sunday January 26th 3pm.

Witheridge Parish Church

A Blast from the Past

A Fun Musical Talk
on the evolution of
Wind Instruments
All ages will enjoy it.

Jonathan Weeks
Pipe and Taborer

Following the overwhelming response
from our past audiences
Jonathan has agreed to visit us
again

We know we will be in for an extremely
amusing and entertaining afternoon as
Jonathan plays each instrument.
During a short break
suitable refreshments will be available.

Tickets: £7

Adult accompanied Children under 12 free

Box Office: astonguy@tring92.f2s.com
or Andrew Clark 01884 860612

POP UP CAFÉ

Fri 31st Jan 3.30-5.00pm

Witheridge Sports Club

Why not call in on your way home from school.....

No alcohol. Kids very welcome. Milkshakes. Posh
coffee. Normal tea/coffee/decaf/hot choc with
trimmings. Various cakes/treats. Gluten and/or
wheat free available.



Raising funds to repair sports club floor.

ALL STARS

All Stars is a new group that is starting in Witheridge. It starts on the 11th January 2020 in the Church Rooms. It is a theatre group for babies until 11 years old. This year we will working towards a performance of some great songs for all of the family and friends of the children to come along and watch. There are two groups depending on age.

The first group is our Young Movers which is for babies until 4 years old (not yet in school). This group will enjoy dancing around to familiar songs (the parents/carers may have to get involved if the children are a little young) and eventually joining the older group for one or two songs during the performance to sing and have fun but nothing too structured. The parents/carers must stay during this group.

The second group is our Junior Movers which is for 4 year olds that are in school until 11 years old (in primary school). This group will have both a physical and vocal warm up followed by learning the words to a song and eventually learning a dance routine. Over the weeks they will then have learnt a few routines and this will be what makes up the performance. The children will need to wear trainers or jazz shoes if they have them and clothing they can move around in (no jeans).

A little about me... My name is Hope and I live in the village I used to work for a theatre company in Plymouth and absolutely loved it. I moved here to work with horses but since having my daughter I have decided to go down a new path and seeing as there is nothing like this in the village I thought I would give it a go on my own! Eventually I would like to put on full productions with the children. I also have a DBS certificate which is clear. I look forward to hearing from you all!

For more information on how to book your child a place please call Hope on 07412445333 or join the group on Facebook All Stars!

Tiverton Signpost Club Presents
It's 75th Annual Pantomime

Sleeping Beauty

22nd January - 1st February 2020

New Hall - Tiverton

Tickets available from
Twyford Copy & Print

Adults - £9.50 Children - £8.50
Including 3 Matinees