



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

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	<b>Perseverance</b>	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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**Newsletter – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and all the best for 2020. It has been a busy and enjoyable first week back at school. All the children have returned to school in good spirits and they are keen to get started on our new topic 'From Farm to Fork'. Further information regarding what each class will be learning about will be in our class newsletters, which will be coming home tonight, alongside this letter.



We are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff to Witheridge Primary School. Firstly Mr Manning who has taken over in Class 3 and also Miss Phillips who has joined Class 2.

Unfortunately, over the Christmas holidays our PE shed was broken into and some of our resources were taken. The police have been contacted and they have informed us that they will be making routine checks of the premises in the evenings. If you see anyone in or around the school grounds in the evenings, please inform Mrs Eastman in the office.

We have lots of exciting things to come throughout this term, so please keep an eye on the upcoming dates.

Finally, thank you for all the kind wishes, I am very proud to have taken over as Head of School and I am looking forward to supporting our school community to be the very best we can be.

Best wishes,  
Miss Ratcliffe

**Physical Education**

Monday – Class 1 & 2 with Mr Jarrod and Mrs Milton

Tuesday – Class 3 with Mr Jarrod

Thursday – Class 4 (Swimming) with Mrs Nott – Class 4 children will also have an additional PE session on a Wednesday Afternoon.

It is really important that your child has their full PE kit, including PE top in house group colours, black shorts or black jogging trousers/leggings and trainers in school at all times.

**ParentPay Accounts**

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to the ParentPay system, so far. This Newsletter will be sent home electronically using the new system and via paper copy, if you have not received the emailed copy please speak to Kelly as soon as possible. This new provider is a complete one stop system for all communication via Email and Text and online payments (Trips, lunches and Uniform).

School Dinner Menu week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pork Sausages	Sweet & Sour Pork & Rice	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Cottage Pie	Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausages	Toasted Tomato Baguette	Broccoli & Cheese Bake	Country Garden Crumble	Spanish Omelette
Sides	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Spaghetti hoops	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Peach Melba & Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Lemon Drizzle & Custard	Chocolate Cracknel



Reminder we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** At Witheridge, we have a number of children with allergies and as a result nuts and any foods containing nuts are not allowed on the schools site.



There have already been a number of children bringing in items that contain nuts as part of their school packed lunch or healthy morning snack. In the event that your child brings something to school containing nuts, the item will be confiscated and returned at the end of day in a sealed bag.

For example items:

Peanut butter sandwiches  
Cereal bars  
Cakes that contain nuts  
Peanut butter cakes

Chocolate spreads  
Some granola bars  
Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). Our First Aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

**We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.**



## 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](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon Jobs website [www.devonjobs.gov.uk](http://www.devonjobs.gov.uk)

We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)

Caroline Tucker

Trust HR Manager

#### **Key Dates for the Spring Term 2020:**

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Athletics festival for Year 5/6 at North Devon Leisure Centre
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4 Swimming
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Class 4 Swimming
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Messy Church in the School Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4 Swimming
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Exmoor Challenge Practise walk – detail to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4 Swimming
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4 Swimming
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February HALF TERM	

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

## **School Term Dates 2019 / 2020**

### **Spring Term**

First Day 6th January 2020

Half-term 17th - 21st February 2020

Last Day 27th March 2020

### **Summer Term**

First Day 15th April 2020

Bank Holiday 8th May 2020

Half-term 25th - 29th May 2020

Last Day 22nd July 2020

Non pupil days:

- 14th April 2020
- 23rd July 2020



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