



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

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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**Newsletter – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Alongside our work in the classroom, we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas performance this week. The children have been fantastic and are really looking forward to performing in front of a live audience. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets will be coming home with children tonight. Children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 will also be bringing home their half termly report cards. These are designed to provide you with information regarding your child’s progress and learning behaviours this half term. As always, if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

I am delighted to announce that, following an intensive interview process this week, the Trust has decided to appoint Mr Manning as Class 3 teacher from January. Mr Manning previously worked at the school as a teaching assistant before going on to complete his teacher training at university over the last 3 years. He thoroughly impressed the interview panel with his enthusiasm, positive attitude and dedication to provide children with the best possible. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming Mr Manning our school community.

Best Wishes,  
 Mr Holding

**After School Clubs**

Please note that there will not be any after school clubs running next week (w/b 16th December) due to the Christmas Nativity performances and disco that will be taking place. The After School Club in the Hive building will still be running 3.30-6.00 every day.

After School Clubs in the New Year will not begin until w/b 20th January, when all children will receive a new signup sheet within the first couple of weeks of the term with all the new clubs on offer.

**Pre-School Reminder - Pyjama party / Pretend Dippy's sleepover**

**MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children as they have filled their marble jar and to celebrate we have all decided to have a 'pretend sleep over' like our book Dippy's Sleep Over! We will be doing different activities throughout the week so every child is involved, when attending their Pre-School Session. All we ask is if your child could bring a pair of Pyjamas's and a favourite cuddly toy or blanket into Pre-School everyday they attend next week Monday to Thursday.

**Text messaging system**

The contract with our current text messaging system provider, Teachers2Parents expires at the end of the week. From next week we will be using ParentPay to send any necessary text messages (eg to inform of arrival times on trip days). Some parents have in the past requested for both parents/an additional contact to be added to the text messaging system. If you would like anyone that is not the main account holder on ParentPay to be receiving these text messages, please contact Mrs Eastman in the school office to set up an additional account. Thank you.



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



<b>Work</b>	
Class 1 – Harry for fantastic focus in Maths Class 2 – Reggie for his brilliant Newspaper report Class 3 – Leevi for excellent effort in writing Class 4 – Josh for fantastic effort to transform his presentation	
<b>Extra</b>	
Rock Legends – Adam & Cameron Code Club – Owen Swimming – Jake No New reviews in the Book Review Book! ☹	
<b>Contribution</b>	
Stonehenge model – Various member of Class 4 completed completely in their own time.	
<b>Pre-School Reaching 10 on the Wow Caterpillar</b>	
Archie, Linden & Joseph-John	
<b>Pre-School Reaching 20 on the Wow Caterpillar</b>	
Khalid	
<b>20 Merits</b>	
Class 1 – Harry, Joshua, Mason & Isabelle Class 2 – Milo Class 4 – Lucas & Neave	
<b>40 Merits</b>	
<b>Discovery 23</b>	<b>Endeavour 24</b>
<b>Enterprise 25</b>	<b>Voyager 23</b>



School Dinner Menu week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	West Country Sausages	Beef Lasagne	<b>Christmas Dinner day</b> Turkey, Cranberry & Stuffing, Pigs in blankets	Hunters Chicken	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Roast Vegetable Tart	Vegetarian Lasagne	Please let the office know ASAP if you require vegetarian	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	Christmas Pudding and Custard Or Jelly & Ice Cream	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Cracknel

Please can all children in KS2 who will be joining us for the Christmas School Lunch let Mrs Eastman in the Office know on Monday, so they can be added to the list – Many thanks.

**Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2019:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity at 6pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day – Please purchase through Parent Pay

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Church Service at 9.30am

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-School Christmas party – 9am – 1.30pm – All children welcome to attend.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of the Spring Term

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



## FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT WORKER

Required: From January 2020

Hours per week: 15.5

Days per week: Wednesdays 8am – 6pm and Fridays 9am – 3.30pm

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £9.18 per hour (Scale B)

Status: Maternity cover

Closing date: noon 17th December 2019

Interview date: 18th December 2019

Essential qualifications: at least a NVQ2 in CCLD (Children's Care, Learning, and Development) or equivalent

Witheridge C of E Academy

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the class teacher and Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will help to support the pupils to engage with their learning. In addition to the above core hours, there will be an opportunity to work overtime with agreement. 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](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon jobs website [www.firststop@devon.gov.uk](http://www.firststop@devon.gov.uk) Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk)

### **Witheridge PTFA**

Thank you to all the hard work from our PTFA, we really appreciate all you do to support us.

Well done to all the PTFA members for another fabulous Christmas Fayre!  
We believe an amazing amount of £359.40 was raised from the Christmas fayre.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who visited and supported the fayre.

**Community News**

**Christmas**

AT HELE LANE METHODIST  
CHURCH - BLACK DOG

CAROL SERVICE with Nativity Play

Followed by a tea.

DECEMBER 22nd at 4 pm

*Children are invited to come and join in.  
Dress as a Shepherd or Angel*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Service at 10.30 am

Donations received for  
ST PETROCK'S homeless charity in Exeter

[www.helelane.org.uk](http://www.helelane.org.uk)

The churches of Barnstaple invite you to join the

# Nativity Trail!

**WHEN?**  
Saturday 14th  
December,  
11.00am—1.00pm

**HOW MUCH?**  
Nothing!! Entry is  
free and there will  
be free  
refreshments for all  
participants.

**WHAT?**  
Various characters  
from the first  
Christmas will be  
dotted around the  
High Street and  
Green Lanes area!

**HOW?**  
Simply collect a  
passport from  
any of the  
characters to get  
started.

**WHO?**  
Children will be invited to  
find them all and collect  
stickers and a code word  
from them. Get a prize at  
the end in exchange for  
the coded message.

See you there! Come and be a TRAILBLAZER!