



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

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	<b>Compassion</b>	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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**Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children are really looking forward to the Christmas Fair this afternoon and we are hoping to see as many parents and carers as possible. Craft Club have been working hard to complete Christmas decorations which they will be selling and the children in Class 4 have enjoyed having time this week to design their own Christmas-themed stalls!

I have been really impressed with the effort the children have been putting into rehearsing the songs for the Christmas Performance this week. Next week we will begin full rehearsals with all of the actors, dancers and singers - from what I have seen and heard so far, I am certain it will be a fantastic watch! If you haven't already reserved your tickets, please do contact Kelly in the school office. Please do let us know if your child will not be available for either of the evening performances on the 16th and 17th.

**South Molton Football League**

The South Molton Football League has been curtailed a little over recent weeks due to the terrible weather we have been experiencing but I am delighted to say that, having played two games in the last two weeks, we are still undefeated in this year's competition. Last week, we welcomed South Molton Community Primary to play a game against our year 3 and 4 team. The Witheridge team were fantastic with all of the players showing huge levels of enthusiasm despite the very cold weather! Witheridge took an early lead and dominated the rest of the game but unfortunately couldn't score a second. South Molton Community took a late chance and the game finished 1-1. A big well done to all of the players.

On Monday, I then took a Year 5 and 6 team to Bishops Nympton for another league game. The players played some fantastic football and ended up winning the game 6-0! All of the children showed fantastic sportsmanship and the game was contested in a great spirit. We will look forward to our next set of league games which will take place in the New Year.

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 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm.

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





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



<b>Work</b>	
Class 1 – Mason for great reading at home and fantastic effort with writing. Amy for coming into school independently all week	
Class 2 – Jack for his improvement in reading	
Class 3 – Oscar for his fantastic effort in Athletics & Football	
Class 4 – George for fantastic effort with presentation despite having a broken arm!	
<b>Extra</b>	
Code Club – Isla	Book review – Holly
Bike-Ability for Max achieving level 1 and all others Achieving Level 2	Brownies - Neave
<b>Contribution</b>	
Faith & Sophia for their fantastic home learning ☺	
Lucas, Alby, Daisy-May & Zak for showing compassion by sharing your bikes so that all Children in Class 4 could complete Bike-Ability	
<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 – Betsy & Lily-Sue	
Class 2 – Jack, Ebony & Graeson	
Class 3 – George	
Class 4 – Courtney A & George	
<b>40 Merits</b>	
Class 3 – Holly	
<b>Discovery 32</b>	<b>Endeavour 29</b>
<b>Enterprise 35</b>	<b>Voyager 26</b>

**School Dinner Menu week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage & Bacon	Homemade Pasty Pie	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Cheese Pasta Bake	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Veggie Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Lentil Loaf	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Hash Brown, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Tomatoes & Mushrooms	Sauté Potatoes, Beans & Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sweet Corn & Peas	Golden Fries, Baked Beans & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Angel Delight	Fruit Platter	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Fudge Sauce	Cookies

## Pre-School News

We have enjoyed reading our focused books "Harry and the Dinosaurs at the Museum" and "Dippy's sleep over. First we discussed what a museum was and what they thought might be kept at the museum. We talked about the word artefacts and what its meaning was. In the story there were Egyptians mummies, Cave men, Romans, and Dinosaurs.

We had a go at making some mummies which the children were thinking about their mummies. We explained that in Egypt people are wrapped in a special material and this preserved them for many years and they were called mummies. We also had a go at making a skeleton dinosaurs and linked it into our number zoo number 9.



Our second book we looked at having a sleep over and what we would need to take with us. The children enjoyed having a go at making a sleeping bag and sewing it together, then making a person to sleep in their sleeping bag. They also thought about who they would like to invite for a sleepover.

We have also been discussing feelings and what type of feeling it may be e.g. worried, frighten, scared, sad etc and talked about what could we do if we were feeling these things. Some said talk to us, their mums/dads and some said a friend.

We have continued to enjoy looking at different ways to move and using a range of different equipment for movement.

We are now busy learning our Nativity songs ready for next week and we look forward to seeing you at the Nativity on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm, if it is not your child's usual session please drop them in at 2.15pm and a reminder we have our Christmas Party on our last day of the term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am-1.30pm.





## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2019:

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – NO FOOTBALL CLUB – Due to Xmas Fayre  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm in School Hall  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – The Snow Queen being performed at Witheridge – Kindly paid for by the PTFA  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Performance Club Panto – Letter sent home to Parents  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Pre-School Nativity Play starts at 2.30pm in the school hall  
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.

### Witheridge PTFA News



Witheridge Coff. Academy PTFA  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**Friday 6th December**  
**3.30 to 4.30pm**  
Reg. Charity No. 1079365

Santa's Grotto – External Stall  
Face Painting – Games – Raffles  
Refreshments – Tombolas

## Raise funds for

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Find us on easyfundraising to start:

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



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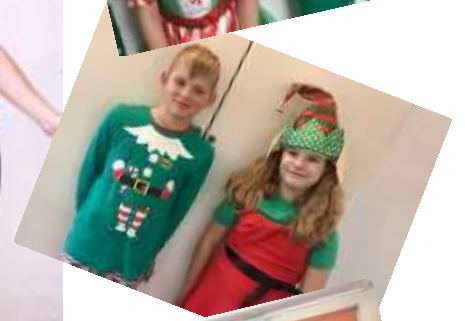
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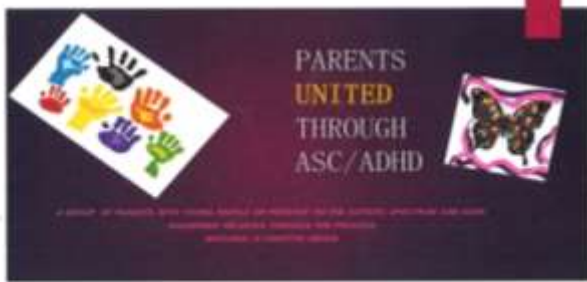
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Thank you





## Community News



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

If you require any more information please contact Hayley on: [h.hardy211@outlook.com](mailto:h.hardy211@outlook.com)

# 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

## Messy Church

### ADVENT

**At St John the Baptist Church, Witheridge**

**On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:roff.denise@yahoo.co.uk)**

# 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)