



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’
 1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another week of fantastic learning at Witheridge Academy. This week was the last Farm and Forest school sessions for the current groups. Next week, Class 4 will be starting their Farm School trips. Please make sure you have completed the Parent Pay permission slip, otherwise your child will be unable to attend.

Next week, it will be the start of December! I think we are all ready to say goodbye to 2020, and hopefully during December we will be able to reflect on the year, and look towards a brighter and better 2021. I have attached to this newsletter a summary of the Christmas events that are taking place at Witheridge Academy. There will be some permission slips to be completed via Parent Pay, so please keep an eye out for these.

Unfortunately, this year, we will not be able to have our usual Christmas Card post-box at school. This is to limit the transmission of Covid-19 as much as we can, and to make the best use of our staff and contact time. Instead, children in Class 3 and 4 will be making an e-card to send to their friends via Google Classroom and children in Class 1 and 2 will be writing Class Christmas cards which we will display in the classrooms. We also have our Christmas Card Competition so that we can send cards out in to the community. Please make sure you have your entries in by Friday 4th December. Thank you for your understanding during these difficult times.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on 01884 860518. Alternatively, you can email us - admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Kind Regards,
 Miss Ratcliffe

Christmas Card Competition

Every year we send out a Christmas card to members of our local community. This year we would like to invite all children to design a Christmas card. Please submit your entry via email to admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk Cards need to be A4 size and they can be in colour. If you would prefer to submit your design on paper, please do so with 72 hours quarantine time. Christmas cards should be submitted to the school by Friday 4th December (email) or Wednesday 2nd December (paper). Good luck!





**Celebration Assembly
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Work	
<p>Pre-School – Olivia has really settled well now into the Pre-School and happily comes into the setting, smiling ready for the days learning.</p> <p>Class 1 – Khalid – This week Khalid has really impressed me with his writing. Khalid has been a great ‘thinking tortoise’ by trying hard to form his sounds and even remembering which sounds are tall. He doesn’t rush and looks carefully.</p> <p>Class 2 – Scarlett – This week in Class 2, the children were using observational skills to carefully draw pictures of woodland animals. Mrs Lewis was really impressed with Scarlett’s fantastic drawing and her careful looking. Fab job, Scarlett 😊</p> <p>Class 3 – Leevi – For showing a brilliant attitude to all areas of his learning. Leevi has made fantastic progress in reading and is consistently scoring well on his AR tests. As well as being a brilliant learner, Leevi is also very keen to help his class mated when possible. Fantastic role model and a brilliant display of compassion.</p> <p>Class 4 – Finley – For being an excellent role model of friendship and compassion. Finley also shows excellent learning behaviour by knowing when it is a good time to work by himself, and when it is a good time to work together with a partner. Well done, Finley! Excellent example Building Wellbeing AND Building Learning Power.</p>	
Contribution	
<p>Class 1 – Arthur B for being caring and helpful to the Pre-School Children.</p> <p>Class 1 – Mrs North wants to say a really BIG ‘well done’ to all the children in class 1 who have been reading and writing sentences this week. WOW!</p> <p>Class 2 – Molly – For showing this terms value Compassion by helping others at lunchtime.</p>	
Discovery 29	Endeavour 37
Enterprise 35	Voyager 27

Flu Vaccinations - FINAL CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Flu Vaccinations are taking place in school on Friday 11th December. For Reception to Year 6 children, please book your child’s space via this link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>



If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net



School Dinner Menu week commencing 30th November 2020

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage Rolls	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Vegetable Bites	Quorn Bolognaise	Cauliflower Cheese	Cheesy Pasta with Leeks	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Potato wedges & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries, & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Iced Chocolate Cake	Cornflake Crunchie

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2020:

Thursday 3 rd December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 3 rd December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 1
Friday 4 th December	Elf Day – £1 donation for the Alzheimer’s Society
Thursday 10 th December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 10 th December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 2
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation for Save the Children
Friday 11 th December	Flu Immunisation day
Monday 14 th December	Christingle
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 16 th December	Class 3 & 4 singing Christmas Carols at the Firs
Thursday 17 th December	School Nativity
Thursday 17 th December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 17 th December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 3
Friday 18 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	<u>Last Day of Term</u>
Monday 4 th January	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th January	<u>First Day of Spring Term</u>
Thursday 14 th January	Witheridge PTFA AGM

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



Over the next Month I'll be running to and from work every day to raise money for St Petrock's homeless charity in Exeter. The idea is that I will raise money to go towards making Christmas as pleasant as possible for the homeless and vulnerably housed. It's 2.4 miles from my house to work so I'll be running 4.8 miles a day in any weather conditions. The distance adds up to 110 miles in total.

On the last day of term, I'll be sleeping rough on the streets of Exeter to finish the challenge. If you'd like to sponsor me, you can do so by following the link below or searching for the challenge on Virgin's fundraising page.

Thank you,
Ryan

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RyanManning2>

Forest School News

We had another busy session in the Outdoor Learning Area taking a closer look at leaves. The pupils collected a variety of leaves from around the school and looked at the vein patterns.

We discussed similarities between tree leaves and humans, with breathing techniques (the leaves through their stomata, pores on their underside) and the use of veins to transport nutrients. Similar needs between trees and humans for water, sunlight, nutrients and sugar. Pupils learnt about parts of leaves and leaf venation patterns.

The group then made Jar Leaf Lanterns with the variety of coloured leaves they had collected.





Community News

Petroc College - Enhanced Adults Skills for the Future - Redundancy Support

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our nation's job market. Petroc is here to help anyone at risk of redundancy, or who has been made redundant, within the last three months. This course will support you with the tools that you may need in order to regain meaningful employment.

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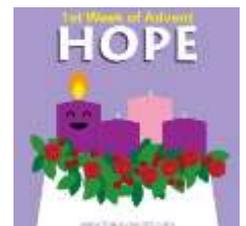
**BRAND NEW FOR 2021 -
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STARTING IN JANUARY**

Petroc has worked hard to ensure we offer a safe and flexible working environment for our learners at these challenging times, so you can still fulfil your dreams and ambitions.

For more information on this FREE programme, please visit:

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Mid Devon: <https://www.petroc.ac.uk/content/courses/enhanced-adults-skills-for-the-future-redundancy-support1>



Lighthouse Holiday Club is running the following events:

From Friday 29th November there will be an Advent Hunt around the village. Children will receive the worksheets from school this week and the hunt can be done any time between Sunday 29th and Saturday 5th December.

The next worksheets will be delivered on Monday 7th.

From Monday 30th December at 5pm there will be daily videos

@ [facebook.com/thelighthouseclubMidDevon](https://www.facebook.com/thelighthouseclubMidDevon) as we open our advent calendar.

Contact Sherrin for more info - 07711 123 542 / sherrin.ringsash@gmail.com