



**‘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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very busy week at Witheridge Academy!

All week we have been spending a bit of extra time thinking about maths, because this week was Maths Week! All the children have been trying to think about maths in different ways, either through outside learning, cooking or problem solving. It is wonderful to see the different ways that maths has been looked at and explored across the school.

On Wednesday, we spent some time thinking about Remembrance in our Class Bubbles. Although we were not able to come together as a school, we still felt the awe and wonder of a completely silent school at 11am on a Wednesday morning. Thank you to all the children who bought Poppy Appeal items this week - I will let you know how much we rose once we have the total back to us.

Today, we have been raising money for Children in Need. The children have been able to come to school dressed in whatever they like for a small donation and Bobbie made some special Children in Need themed cakes for us to purchase (and eat!) at playtime! Yum! Thank you very much, Bobbie! Well done to all the children for their fundraising - our Grand Total for Children in Need is **£240.90!** Fantastic effort!



Next week, it is Road Safety Awareness week. The children in Class 4 and Class 3 are ahead of the game as they have already spent some time thinking about Road Safety and the best way to cross the road. The children in Class 2, Class 1 and Preschool will be finding out all about Road Safety next week too. To support our efforts in school, please ensure you are not parking in the bus shelter or outside the school as this makes it difficult for the children walking in.

As always, if you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school via our admin email address ([admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)) or on the phone on 01884 860518.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

All the best,  
Miss Ratcliffe

**ParentPay**

Please remember that ParentPay is not a credit facility – balances should be kept in credit or at nil balance to avoid unnecessary reminders. All balances/money owed are in red writing.





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



<b>Work</b>	
<p>Pre-School – Rosie over the last two weeks have been showing lots of kindness to children who have been coming in upset. She has encouraged them to play with her and she has been trying to find out from them what they like playing with, then going to fetch the toy for them.</p> <p>Class 1 – This week class 1 have been using their knowledge of numbers in real life situations – measuring and counting when making firework biscuits and also counting and making shapes at the farm. This week I have put Jacob in the book because Jacob is always enthusiastic about numbers. He like to solve problems when we take the register and doing the calendar and Jacob impressed Farmer Olly when he told him an egg is ‘Oval’!</p> <p>Class 2 – Jack for his brilliant explanations of his understanding and thought processes during our Maths week learning this week. Jack has also been challenging himself to try the Dive Deeper tasks in our maths sessions.</p> <p>Class 3 – Harry B – For coming in every morning and making the most of every opportunity to improve his Maths and reading. Harry is the first one into school and as soon as he steps into the classroom he settles in and shows a fantastic attitude whilst working with Miss Stafford. Keep up the hard work Harry! ☺</p> <p>Class 4 – Kirsty For an excellent start to your Matthew Henson diary writing.</p>	
<b>Class 4 – Maths Superstar</b>	
Zak P – For finding solutions to a maths problem that no-one else could think of.	
<b>20 Merits</b>	
Class 4 - Lucas	
<i>Discovery 21</i>	<i>Endeavour 20</i>
<i>Enterprise 15</i>	<i>Voyager 15</i>

**Flu Vaccinations**

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

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.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](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)



School Dinner Menu week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	West Country Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Hunters Chicken	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Roast Vegetable Tart	Tomato & Veg Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Roast	Roast Vegetable Tart	Vegetable Wrap
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg or Baked Beans	Garlic Bread & Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Pasta & Mixed Veg or Salad	Golden Fries, pasta, Seasonal Veg or Baked Beans
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Peach Melba	Fruit Platter	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Cracknel

**Forest School News**

We were blessed with a glorious afternoon to kick start our Forest School with some of Year 5 and 6.

Pupils learnt about our native trees here in Great Britain and made a collection of leaves and seeds from the variety of trees on our site. We discussed the seasonal changes in trees and the different type of seeds and seed dispersal methods.

The pupils then learnt about fire lighting and in pairs had the opportunity to see if they could collect kindling and start a fire. It was quite tricky as the day before a lot of rain had fallen and it was quite windy, but I'm pleased to say that some were still successful.



### Farm School – Class 1 - Group 1

It was wonderful to return to Essebeare Farm this week for our first visit of the year. Mrs North's group of Reception children were full of excitement as they donned their wellies and boarded the minibus! They thoroughly enjoyed meeting the rabbit and the chickens and were surprised to learn about the importance of animal manure in fertilizing the soil. The children collected a range of leaves, berries, flowers and sticks with great enthusiasm and created beautiful Mandala artwork. They also enjoyed meeting the cows and calves and finding out that cows have four stomachs and why farmer Olly needs to tag the calves ears. However, the real highlight for this group of young boys was undoubtedly the wonderful opportunity to dig up some potatoes and to discover beans in their pods - they were truly delighted, returning to school with even more excitement! Thank you to Farmer Olly and Mary for a superb afternoon.



- If your child is off school, please report their absence to the school office on 01884 860518 by 9.30am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office, as well.
- Ensure your child has everything they need for their school day before coming to school.
- Please ensure PE Kits are with your child on their PE Day.
- Warm and waterproof coats for outdoor play!
- All long hair to be tied back.
- Please clearly mark all uniform, including shoes, with your child's name.



It is never too early to book your child's place at our Preschool! Currently, we are full for Two Year Olds, and we anticipate that this will be the case for a few years to come. If you would like to talk to us about a Preschool place for your child, please contact us on 01884 860518 or email [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk) to request a registration pack.



## TEAM Vacancy

### Brayford Academy

#### **KS1 Maternity Cover Classroom Teacher**

**Dates:** Apply by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Job starts 22 February 2021

**Contract type:** Full Time

**Contract term:** Fixed term

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. The contract will be for a fixed term to cover Maternity leave.

Closing date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Interview date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Please visit [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) for further details about our school and to download an application pack.

Please email your completed application form and supporting documents to [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk) or post to Pilton Bluecoat Academy marked for the attention of Mr I Thomas.

## Community News

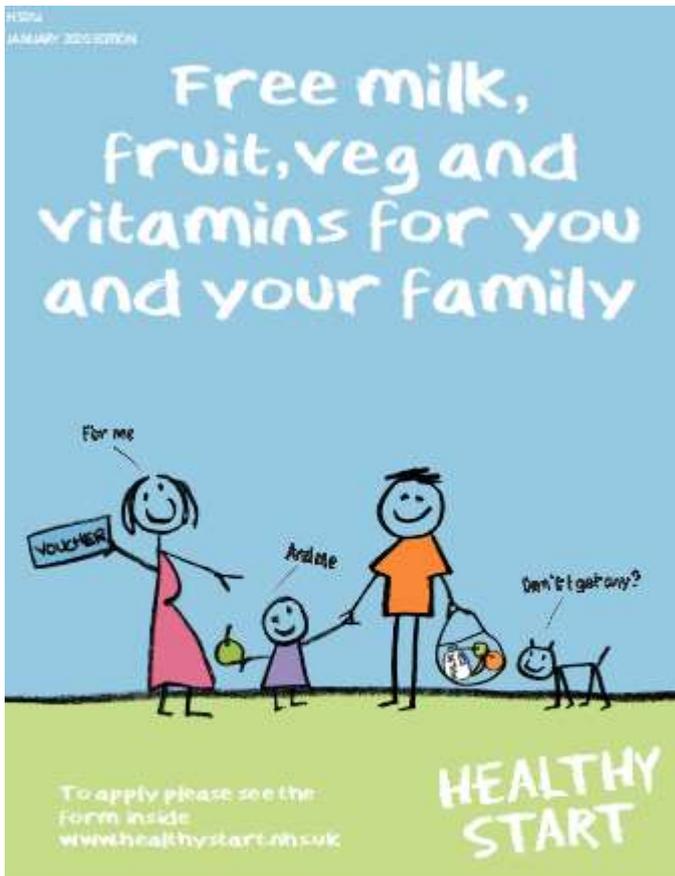
### **Witheridge Adventure Playground Survey**

Hello, we're a group of parents who are working with the Parish Council on the redevelopment of the adventure playground at the top of the village. We're really keen to find out what facilities local children and young people would like in the revamped playpark. Please help your kids complete our online survey, which can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9CHZNCK>

Thanks in advance for your help!

Beverley, Jackie, Kelly and Katie

(Witheridge Recreational Redevelopment - find us on Facebook)



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See if you or your friends and families can apply, have a look on their website.

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