



Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

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‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Friendship	Courage
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Newsletter – Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking all the Parents and Carers who came to our Parent/Carer's Evenings this week. It was great to see that most of our teachers were completely booked up! It is so important to maintain regular communication with your child's Class Teacher, and Parents' Evening is a fab opportunity to do this. If you were unable to meet with your child's Class Teacher, please contact the office to book an alternative appointment.

We had a bit of a sad day on Thursday as we bid a fond 'farewell' to Miss Reed who retired this week after been working at Witheridge Academy for 15 years! We would like to wish Mrs Manley the very best for her retirement and we hope she enjoys a well-deserved rest. Thank you to Mrs Manley for all your hard work and service to the school.



Today, Class 3 are on their trip to the Roman Baths alongside children from High Bickington and Beaford Academies. We cannot wait to hear all about their exciting adventures on Monday.

Next week, on Thursday, is our school Harvest Festival. If you are able to make a small contribution, children can bring in tinned or fresh food donations to put in the Harvest box. The box will be taken with us to the Church on Thursday and is then due to be

donated to CHAT our local food bank. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us at the church on Thursday 5th October for our Harvest Festival. It will start at 10:00 and refreshments will be provided at the end of the service at Church. All children from Reception up to Year 6 will be contributing to the service, either through a song, or reading something out.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

All the best,
Miss Ratcliffe



Life, Love and Learning to the Full

**Building Community ~ Building Futures ~
Building Learning Power ~ Building Self Esteem**

NASAL FLU VACCINATION (Reception to Year 6)

We are due to visit your child's school on **20th October 2023**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE.

The code for your child's school is: DV144560

Please submit your consent form by midday 18th October 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01392 342678 and the team will be happy to help.

Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.



Celebration Assembly Well Done For receiving a Certificate of Achievement



Class Award

Nursery – Monty for inspirational learning.

Reception – Wren for showing kindness and encouragement to others during scissor skills.

Class 1 – Monica for clearly showing thoughts through workings in maths.

Class 2 – Jacob for demonstrating a great attitude to his learning.

Class 3 – Archie for using a mistake in maths as a brilliant learning opportunity.

Class 4 – Ben for a fantastic attitude to his learning in maths.

Writer of the Week:

Reception – Elliot for his effort and listening to how he can do his best writing.

Class 1 – Aurora for trying really hard with writing (and recognising) numbers as words.

Class 2 – Sam for his super sentence work.

Class 3 – Max for using a thesaurus to make better vocabulary choices.

Class 4 – Emma for amazing character description in Oliver Twist.

Contribution::

Reggie – being an excellent play leader.

Bethan – Being helpful to another child when going out to the playground after lunch.

House Points

Discovery 20

Endeavour 27

Enterprise 20

Voyager 26



Weekly Attendance	
Nursery 1	97%
Nursery 2	96%
Reception	94%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	97%

Every Day Counts

Attend and achieve.

Absences add up and have a detrimental effect on your learning.



Attendance Update

It is great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beating our **96.5%** target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for the week is **96%**

Our attendance for the year to date **97%**

Together Each Achieves More!



Please inform the school office if your child has a medical appointment during school time, giving as much notice as possible in advance of the appointment.

Also please let us know by phone 01884 860518, In-App Messages or email of any sickness absences by 9.20am.

Thank you

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023

Monday 2 nd October	Class 3 – PE Class 3 Group 1 - Forest School Teacher Led Club – Story Club, Jambie Jams & Girls Football Club
Tuesday 3 rd October	Rocksteady Teacher Led Club – Board Games Club
Wednesday 4 th October	Class 4 – PE Class 4 - Forest School Group 1 Farm School Infant A Group 1 Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Stay and Play Session in FSU at 13.45 Teacher Led Club – Times Table Club
Thursday 5 th October	Harvest Festival @ 10am St John the Baptist Church (Wetheridge) Class 2 - PE Infant B Group 1 – Forest School Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Teacher Led Club – Sewing Club
Friday 6 th October	Stay and Play Session in School Hall at 9am Reception Class – PE (AM) Class 1 – PE (PM) Infant A Group 1 - Forest School PTFA Treat Friday at 3.30pm
Dates for your diary: Tuesday 10 th October Individual School Photograph Day Wednesday 11 th October Messy Church – Details to follow Friday 20 th October Nasal Flu Spray Monday 23 rd October HALF TERM These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes.	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 / 2024

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day 6 th September 2023	First Day 3 rd January 2024	First Day 15 th April 2024
Half-term 23 rd - 27 th October 2023	Half-term 12 th - 16 th February 2024	Bank Holiday 6 th May 2024
Last Day 15 th December 2023	Last Day 28 th March 2024	Half-term 27 th - 31 st May 2024
		Non Pupil Day 3 rd June 2024
		Last Day 23 rd July 2024

Non-pupil days and occasional holiday days:

4th & 5th September 2023, 2nd January 2024, 3rd June 2024, 24th, 25th & 26th July 2024

Team Meal Menu – Autumn Term 2023	
Week 2: W/B 2 nd October	
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Vegetables or Salad & Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit Salad & Yogurt
Tuesday	Cottage Pie V – Quorn Sausage & Mash Mixed Veg Peaches & Ice-Cream
Wednesday	Roast of The Day V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg Fruit Cocktail Platter
Thursday	West Country Sausages V – Vegetarian Sausage Mashed Potato, Vegetables & Beans Artic Roll & Strawberry Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers V – Toasted Baguette Golden Fries, Baked Beans & Seasonal Veg Chocolate Cracknel



Also available every day: - Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and/or Beans. Yogurt or Fresh Fruit.

Cost of School lunches: Nursery – £1.94 per meal.

Reception & KS1 children – Universal Infant Free School Meals, KS2 children £2.53 per meal.

Payment to be made via The Arbor App



NUT FREE SCHOOL

A gentle reminder that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and we have a number of students, staff and visitors with serious nut allergies.

With this in mind, could we politely ask that NO products containing nuts be sent into school.



If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact the School Office on 01884 860518.

Thank you for your consideration and for safeguarding our students.



After School Club

Monday to Friday

3.30 to 5.30

Booking essential

01884 860518

admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

£4.00 per hour (Pre-School hourly rate)

Breakfast & After School Club

Bobbie's Brekkie served at 8am (£4.00)

Or

Drop off at 8.30am (£2.00)

After School Club

With daily activities

3.30-4.30 or 3.30-5.30

£4.00 per hour

All payable on the Arbor App

Discount for Pupil Premium

(Nursery aged children charged

At hourly rate.)

Parent & Toddler Group at Witheridge Foundation Stage Unit

This group will run every **Wednesday**

1.45pm-3.30pm

A range of indoor and outdoor activities will be available for your children, who will have the opportunity to play alongside 2 and 3 year olds who attend the setting. A quiet area for babies will be available until 3pm.

A small charge of £1 per family will include a drink and healthy snack for the children.

Please arrive via the main school entrance and follow signs to the FSU (by 2pm).

Parents/carers are welcome to bring your own drink in a cup with a secure lid.

An undercover area is available for pushchairs.

Please note that all parents/carers must be responsible for their child while on school premises.



Parents
Teachers
Friends
Association



Christmas Card Templates

You need to return your Christmas templates to school by this **Tuesday 3rd October** if you want to buy personalised Christmas cards and gifts through Class fundraising - something fun to do together this weekend.

You can complete a Christmas design as a family or each individual child can make their own.

Class Fundraising offer so much more than just Christmas Cards. Check out the products that will also be available with your child/rens design

<https://www.classfundraising.co.uk/sch.../new-for-this-year/>

Treat Friday and second hand uniform sale

Next Friday (6th October) after school in the playground.

We would be very grateful for treat donations from class 4. Please drop off at school on Friday morning. There is no expectation for a showstopper bake or to spend lots if you are buying. Please let the PTFA know witheridgeptfa@gmail.com,



our Facebook group or via the school if you would prefer to contribute £ rather than buy or bake cakes (or if you are feeling the pinch and not able to) and the PTFA will sort extras so there are treats available for all.

Kids Disco

Friday
@Witheridge Parish Hall
13th October
5:00 – 7:00pm

bit.ly/3YmF5ZS



PREORDER TICKETS NOW
Child entry + sausage in a roll = £2

ON THE DAY TICKETS
Child entry = £1
Sausage in a roll £1.50

Pre-school to year 6 (any school welcome)
Additional refreshments available
Adults and under two's free
Bar open – responsible drinking! ;)

Facepaint
Glitter Tattoos

Children to be supervised by parents/carers. Proceeds to Witheridge PTFA. Charity Reg No. 1079365

We raised over £600 last year doing Treat Fridays. With everyone pitching in it's a great way to raise funds. Our current fundraising goals are to go towards class trips.

*If you have a child in after school club and you'd like them to be able to buy a treat let us know and we'll sort something

Kids Disco

Still time to return your song requests for the **Disco Friday 13th October 5:00-7:00pm** and pre book you ticket and sausage in a roll. This helps us better cater for the event.

Kids jumble sale

toys, puzzles, books, shoes, coats, clothes from baby up to 12yrs



13 NOV
3.30 - 5 PM
WITHERIDGE C OF E ACADEMY

DROP OFF DONATIONS ON THE DAY 8:45AM OR 3PM
PLEASE SEPERATE CLOTHES BY AGE RANGE

PROCEEDS TO WITHERIDGE PTFA CHARITY NO: 1079365

Kids Jumble Sale

Kids jumble sale is on **Monday 13th November** - check out the poster for details. Followed by Bags2school collection on 15th November.

Lots to keep us busy!

Interested in becoming a committee member, getting more involved in events and having a greater say in how funds are used to support the school? We have our **PTFA AGM on 30th October** 7.30pm at the school. Come along to join the committee or just to hear a bit more and get involved in other ways. Check out what the different roles involve.

Witheridge PTFA ☺

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/.../pta-committee-members>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**PARENT TEACHERS
FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

30.10.2023

Monday, 7.30 PM - 9 PM
at Witheridge CofE Academy

Our Agenda

- Previous year reports
- Elect committee
- School's funding requests
- Fundraising plans



FOLLOWED BY TRIP TO THE PUB





WITHERIDGE PARISH
HALL

Open Evening

4TH OCTOBER 6-8PM

FREE GLASS OF WINE &
NIBBLES

Meet the team, find out about our exciting plans
and learn more about current activities you
might want to join.



TELL US YOUR VIEWS!

Make suggestions for new activities.
Get Involved.

This is YOUR Parish Hall.

It's time for a Macmillan Tea Party

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.



Witheridge Parish Hall

Tuesday 3rd October

2pm to 4pm

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (004). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC15431_Power2



Mini PLANT SALE & fab LOCAL APPLES



Two Moors Cafe
Saturday 30 September
in aid of people4ponies



Plants from 50p, Apples 20p each