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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 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you well at the end of this rather disrupted week. I wanted to say a huge thank you to all Parents and Carers for your Home Learning support for your children on Thursday. I have spoken to all Class Teachers who have reported back that all the Live Lessons were well attended and that there has been some fantastic work handed in today. Well done, everyone!

This week, Class 1 and 2 enjoyed showing off their learning from last half term when Parents and Carers came in on Tuesday and Friday to visit the Mary Anning Museum. It was lovely to see so many people looking at the 'exhibits'.



On Wednesday, Class 4 went to the Tiverton Museum to support their learning about the Industrial Revolution. Mrs Nott has reported to me that the children were fantastically well behaved and were a credit to our school. Well done, Class 4 and 'thank you' to the Class 4 staff for their efforts in making this happen.



Next week, it is UK Parliament week! We will be voting for our School Council representatives in each class today, and finding out about the important job of being a Member of Parliament. We will be linking this to our understanding of the British Values, specifically democracy.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Miss Ratcliffe



Life, Love and Learning to the Full
Building Community ~ Building Futures ~
Building Learning Power ~ Building Self Esteem



Weekly Attendance	
Nursery 1	100%
Nursery 2	97%
Reception	97%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%

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 **96%**

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

REMINDER

There will be no After School Club with Jayne & Laura
Or
Teacher Led Clubs on
Monday 13th November 2023

We need your support!
If you shop in Tiverton Tesco
Please grab some tokens and vote for
Witheridge C of E Primary Academy PTFA
to get some additional funding for our
brilliant school!

Thank you ☺



Team Meal Menu – Autumn Term 2023 Week 3: W/B 6 th November	
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza V – Veggie Nuggets Wedges, Beans & Mixed Veg Fresh Fruit Salad & Yogurt
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognaise V – Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Garlic Bread & Mixed Veg Cheese Cake
Wednesday	Roast of The Day V – Baked Homity Pie Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg Fruit Cocktail Platter
Thursday	Beef Burger V – Quorn Burger Potato Wedges, Beans & Sweetcorn Jelly & Ice Cream
Friday	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes V - Cheese Omelette Golden Fries, Baked Beans & Seasonal Veg Flapjack

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



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.

Thank you for your consideration and for safeguarding our students.



Celebration Assembly Well Done For receiving a Certificate of Achievement



Class Award

Nursery – Jack for trying hard with his listening during focused learning.

Reception – Nancy – Excellent resilience and problem solving.

Class 1 – Lily Eaton – For great understanding and presentation in maths when looking at systematic number bonds.

Class 2 – Mya – For being a kind and helpful friend.

Class 3 – Isabella for great maths talk with her partner and in class discussion.

Class 4 – Graeson for representing our school fantastically at Tiverton Museum.

Writer of the Week:

Reception – Isabel for participating well in writing her sounds.

Class 1 – Keeley for amazing group writing with Mrs Wyborn.

Class 2 – Ruby for her great recount of her half term holiday.

Class 3 – Freddie for fantastic expanded noun phrases in his Roman town description.

Class 4 – Abbie for consistent effort to keep your writing neat and beautifully joined.

Reaching 10 on the Nursery Caterpillar

Jack & Dylan

House Points

Discovery 14

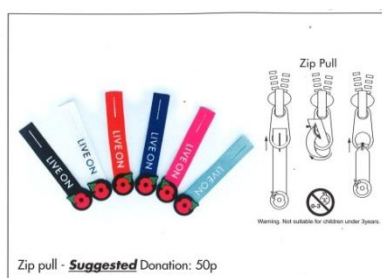
Endeavour 16

Enterprise 8

Voyager 6



We have poppies and other items available in school this week to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The collection box will be located in the School Office.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2023 - UK Parliament Week

Monday 6 th November	Class 4 – PE Class 4 Group 2 – Forest School Teacher Led Club – KS2 Football & KS2 Jambie Jams KS2 Football Match 4pm @ Exmoor Link
Tuesday 7 th November	Rocksteady Teacher Led Club – Film Club & Times Table Club
Wednesday 8 th November	Farm School Class 4 Group 1 Class 3 – PE Class 3 Group 2 – Forest School Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Stay and Play Session in FSU at 13.45 Open Afternoon 1:30 & Evening 18:00 for new Reception Starter 2024
Thursday 9 th November	Reception Class – PE (AM) Class 2 – PE (PM) Infant B Group 2 – Forest School Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Teacher Led Club – KS1 Story Cub Class 4 Christmas Craft - CANCELLED
Friday 10 th November	Stay and Play Session in School Hall at 9am Class 1 – PE (PM) Infant A Group 2 - Forest School

Dates for your diary

Saturday 4 th November	Wales vs Barbarians Rugby Trip
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th Nov	Go Beyond Residential
Monday 13 th November	NO ASC OR TEACHER LED CLUBS ALL CANCELLED
Monday 13 th November	PTFA Jumble Sale
Wednesday 15 th November	Reception Intake 2024 applications open
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – Wear something spotty
Tuesday 21 st November	Teacher Led Club - Times Table Club
Tuesday 21 st November	NO Teacher Led Club – No Film Club
Wednesday 22 nd November	Farm School – Class 4 Group 2
Thursday 23 rd November	NO PE Today
Tuesday 28 th November	No Film Club
Wednesday 29 th November	Reception Class Vision Screening
Thursday 30 th November	Dark Skies Event @ High Bickington
Friday 1 st December	PTFA Lantern Parade

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

Non-pupil days and occasional holiday days: ~~4th & 5th September 2023~~, 2nd January 2024, 3rd June 2024, 24th, 25th & 26th July 2024

Class 4 Visit to Tiverton Museum of Devon Life

On Wednesday, Class 4 visited Tiverton museum, where we completed a number of workshops to complement our learning about the Industrial Revolution and Britain at War. Our workshop leader, Kate, was fantastic and led a workshop on rationing for us. She also led one on Victorian schools, which, it turns out, were rather strict! The children were curious, interested and polite throughout the visit - a real credit to the school.



Well done, Class 4!



At Witheridge Academy, we have been enjoying the OPAL project at lunchtimes, the children love exploring different types of play and expressing themselves creatively through their play.

As the weather begins to turn and we experience more wet days, we would like all children to bring in a pair of named wellies that they can keep at school so that they can still engage with messy/muddy play at lunchtimes.

Please send your child in with their named wellies

If anyone has any OLD wellies that they would be happy to donate for general use or as spares, please send them in as well.





Parents
Teachers
Friends
Association

The PTFA AGM took place on Monday. We re-elected committee members Anna Payne, Laura Butcher, Kim Veen, Sarah Bragg, Katie McKenna, Rachel Stevens, Claire Bibby, and Hope Roberts. We reflected on the year and hope to learn and build on the successes of this year. A huge amount of thanks to past and current committee members and everyone who has helped out over the last year. We hope to keep school fundraising events low cost so they remain accessible for all and extend our fundraising capacity by more grant applications. As always, we welcome support from anyone who wants to help however great or small. Funds raised will go towards: school trips, transport for swimming and replacing the play equipment.

Personalised Christmas cards and gifts will be making their way home in the coming weeks. The online shop has now closed and we will let you know if Class Fundraising are able to reopen for any late orders.

The whole school tea towel is now available to pre order before 15th November from

<https://witheridgeptfa.sumupstore.com/>

£5 for one tea towel / £12 for three tea towels

Inevitably, one or two pupils may have been absent when this was completed at school. See the photo to check.



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



Keep putting your blue tokens in our slot at Tiverton Tesco and we could be in with a chance of getting £1500!!

Key dates:

- *Kids jumble sale 13th Nov
- *bags2school collection on 15th Nov for any adults clothes.
- *Christmas Market in the square 1st Dec



**LANTERN PARADE
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
GROTTO LIGHT
SWITCH ON, MULLED
WINE & MINCE PIES,
BBQ, CRAFT MARKET**

FRI 1ST DEC, PARADE 4.15 FROM
SCHOOL, STALLS OPEN 4.30 IN
THE SQUARE, WITHERIDGE
COMP TO SWITCH ON THE
LIGHTS - A CHRISTMAS
PICTURE/PAINTING FROM
A CHILD, HANDED IN AT
THE PAPERSHOP BY SUN
26TH NOV 12PM, JUDGED
BY ART TEACHER ELAINE
CURTIS

Event managed & sponsored
by Knights Of Witheridge

REDUNDANT CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED

In preparation for Christmas Lantern Parade & performance in the square.
If you have any you can donate to the PTFA jumble, please let us know so we
can pass these on to our School children.





Digi Dads Connect

Digital Drop in session

for male carers



Join us for
our new
**Digital Dad's
Drop in!**

Devon Children's
Centres, Digital Service
are offering **digital
drop in sessions** for
male carers.

So why not pop in to
this **informal, friendly**
drop in session and
discuss topics that are
important to you and
your family. The
session will give you
the opportunity to get
support from other
male carers in Devon
with the assistance of a
Family Practitioner.



Monthly sessions are
from

**7pm - 8pm on
Mondays**

Dates are:

**23rd October
27th November
11th December**

To book your place
on any of the
sessions, please
CLICK HERE or scan
the QR code below

You will join the session via
Microsoft Teams.



Topics can include: sleep, eating,
toddler tantrums, bath times,
getting to school on time...



SCAN ME



Any questions? Please contact:
devondigital@actionforchildren.org.uk

Struggling to top up your prepayment meter?

You might be able to claim fuel vouchers

If you have prepayment meters and can't afford to top them up, we can help. We may be able to give you fuel vouchers, and our specialist energy team can help you find ways to save money on your household bills

Call 01237 879233, email fuelvouchers@ruraldevoncab.org.uk or scan the QR code to request a call back



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