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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 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of our Year 5 children have had an extremely exciting week this week as they have had their residential to London! A huge thank you to Mrs Nott for accompanying the children on this residential. The children had the opportunity to visit the houses of parliament, the tower of London and the science museum! They also went to Harry Potter World and went to see The Lion King! It sounds like they have had a wonderful time, and we can't wait to catch up with them next week.



This week in school it has been DT week! Our theme for DT week is 'Building Communities'. In our classes, we have worked together to create a project that gives back and enhances our school community. In the FSU, the children have been working hard to create bird feeders. In Classes 1 and 2, the children have been designing and making a new playground and in Classes 3 and 4, the children have made soups and bread to run their own soup kitchen. We would like to invite all Parents and Carers in to school to have a look at the DT week outcomes. The display will be up in the school hall from Monday-Thursday 3:30 - 4:00. Please come and have a look at our fantastic learning. Class 3 and 4 are also hosting their soup kitchen from 3pm this afternoon in the school playground.



Life, Love and Learning to the Full



Building Community
Building Futures
Building Learning Power
Building Self Esteem



Please do not bring your mobile phone to school

This week saw the end of our play equipment in the school playground. This equipment has done incredibly well - it was built in 2005! In fact, Mr Manning was the first child to go down the slide when he was in Year 6! We thought it was only fitting that Mr Manning was also the last person to go down the slide as well. A huge thank you to Simon and Rosa who took down the play equipment for us. Our PTFA have been working hard to fundraise and apply for grants so that we can build some new equipment, however, this will not be in place for a while. Luckily, our OPAL project has been working really well in school, and thanks to your kind and generous donations, we have already filled the space with lots of exciting things.



■ Witheridge primary school's new playground: Cllr Jeremy Yabsley and Rosa Bolt, chair of governors, cut the ribbon being held by six-year-old Becky Turner and Connie Marshall, aged five. 0511m2803



Next week is the last week before half term! It is also 'Children's Mental Health' week. The theme for this year is 'My Voice Matters'. My voice matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. We will also be revisiting our learning from last term about ways to keep our minds healthy. On Friday 9th February, we are going to join children across the UK and join in with 'Express Yourself Day!' Children can come to school wearing clothes that express themselves! It could be their favourite colour, clothes linked to their favourite hobby or maybe a representation of their favourite film or book! If you would like to make a small donation to 'Place to Be' a charity, which supports the mental health of children, you can do so via our JustGiving page.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliffe

Peach Treat for the Blue Reading Group

The blue reading group with Mr.Wiggans had a real treat last week. They have been reading and studying a non-fiction book all week about how to make a peach treat.

Today the group had a real "Peach Treat" provided for them to sample themselves.



Mr Wiggans Forest School News....

This week pupils have been learning about fire. Investigation the three elements needed to make fire and how we can break this fire triangle to put fire out.

Some of the older pupils have learnt how to light a candle safely with a match and all pupils have looked at a range of ways that we can cook using a fire.



Pupils were able to sample the drop scones made on the fire or make their own twists using a type of dough.



Palaeontologists in the FSU

Reception Class adopted their role as palaeontologists superbly last week. From excavating bones to making salt dough fossils, junk modelling stegosaurus and becoming authors of their very own 'We Went on a Dinosaur Hunt' stories, their wonderful enthusiasm for this term's 'Let's Investigate' topic was palpable. On Friday afternoon, this culminated in a magnificent eruption of their paper-mâché volcano, and their joy was truly delightful.

Well done Reception!



Changes to Nursery Fees

From **1st April 2024**, TEAM will be increasing the charges for nursery places:

3/4 year old sessions - **£5.22** (6.5% increase on our current price of £4.90)

2-year-old session - **£6.30** (Less that DCC will fund at £7.10 but is a 6.5% increase on our current charge of £5.90)





Weekly Attendance	
Nursery 1	100%
Nursery 2	86%
Reception	98%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	91%

Every Day Counts

Attend and achieve.

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



Attendance Update

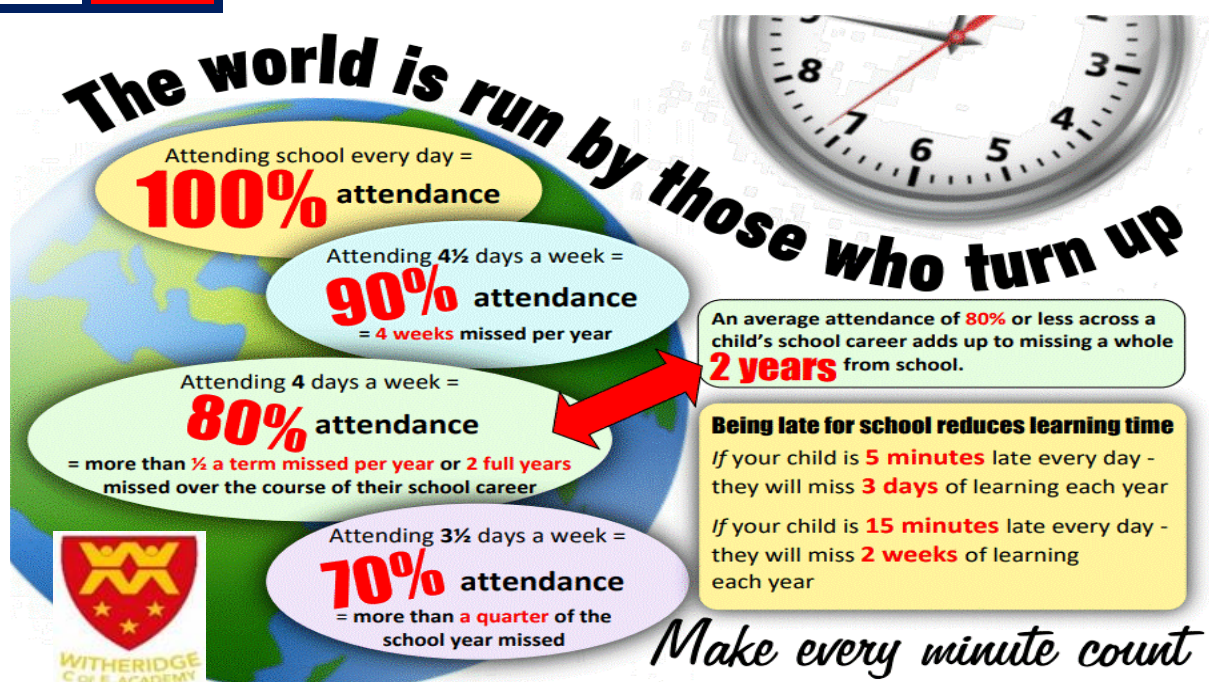
It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beating our **96.5%** target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for the week is **95.9%**

Our attendance for the year to date **96.0%**

Together Each achieves More!





Celebration Assembly
Well Done
For receiving a
Certificate of Achievement



Class Award

Nursery – Riley for doing so well in her longer sessions.

Reception – Jasper for dance in PE and always doing the right thing.

Class 1 – Whole Class – Showing exceptional kindness towards new friends.

Class 2 – Ronnie for fantastic involvement in her Maths learning this week.

Class 3 – David & Olly – For settling in so well this week and to Olly for being so kind and comforting.

Class 4 – Gladys for showing kindness around the whole school.

Writer of the Week:

Reception – Barney for his letter to the Zoo.

Class 1 – Ethan for a persistent effort in writing this week.

Class 2 – Amelia for her fab letter formation.

Class 3 – Lola for writing some lovely instructions on how to bake bread.

Class 4 – Ben for perseverance in writing.

Contribution Award:

Year 6, play leaders for setting up the playground.

Reaching 10 on the Nursery Caterpillar



20 Merits

Class 2 – Ronnie & Jenson

Class 3 – Freddie

House Points

Discovery 11

Endeavour 27

Enterprise 20

Voyager 22

Find us on:

Website: <https://www.teamacademytrust.com/witheridge>

Facebook: @Witheridge CofE Academy

Email: admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Witheridge Blog: <https://witheridge.edublogs.org/>

Team Meal Menu – Spring Term 2024 Week 3 - W/B 5 th February	
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Potato Wedges & Vegetables or Beans Fruit & Yogurt
Tuesday	Loaded Fries with Chilli & Cheese V – Quorn Hotdog in a roll Peas & Carrots Scotch pancakes & fruit with Ice Cream
Wednesday	Roast of the Day V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Fruit Platter
Thursday	Bobbie's Chinese Fake Away Please see menu below.
Friday	Cod or Salmon Fish Fingers V – Cheese Omelette Golden Fries, Peas / Carrots or Baked Beans Shortbread Biscuit

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.

BOBBIE'S CHINESE TAKEAWAY

Thursday 8th February 2024

新年快樂



Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls / Veggie Balls
Chicken / Quorn Chow Mein
Boiled Rice & Prawn Crackers
Jelly with whipped Cream & Sprinkles

2024
YEAR OF THE DRAGON

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5 th February	Dog Trust Visiting School Class 4 Swimming Class 3 Group 1 – Forest School Teacher Led Club – Choir Club
Tuesday 6 th February	Rocksteady Teacher Led Club – Dance, KS2 Football NO Times Table Club NO FILM CLUB Teacher Led Club – Finished Opal Working Party Group Meeting at 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th February	Class 3 – PE Class 3 Group 3 – Forest School Farm School Infant B Group 1 Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Stay and Play Session in FSU at 13.45
Thursday 8 th February	Reception Class – PE (AM) Class 2 – PE (PM) Infant B Group 3 – Forest School School Council Meeting at 1pm Music Tuition with Mr Rogo Teacher Led Club - Coding Club Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk – Local
Friday 9 th February	Dress to Express – Children's Mental Health Share our learning session for Reception Class from 8.45am Reception & Year 6 National Children Measurement Programme Stay and Play Session in School Hall at 9am Class 1 – PE (PM) Infant A Group 3 - Forest School

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Wednesday 21st February

Thursday 22nd February

Tuesday 27th February

Wednesday 28th February

February Half Term – NO SCHOOL

Start of Spring Term 2

Year 5 Mini Police Programme

ALL ASC / Teacher Led Club CANCELLED due to Staff Training

Cross Country Competition @ High Bick - Rescheduled

Year 5 Mini Police Programme

Farm School Infant B Group 2

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

Residential Trips

Year 6 Adventure International Bude

Please do not forget to sign your child up to their final residential trip of Primary School by the 6th February.

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
Last Day — 15th December 2023	Last Day 28th March 2024	Half-term 27th - 31st May 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~~

Parent & Toddler Group at Witheridge CofE Academy

Foundation Stage Unit every Wednesday 1.45pm-3.30pm

School Hall every Friday 9am – 10.30am

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.

Wednesday 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.

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

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





PTFA

Parents
Teachers
Friends
Association

**NEW AND IMPROVED
TREAT FRIDAY**

FEB 02 ENTERPRISE
PROVIDING THE TREATS

MAR 28 VOYAGER
PROVIDING THE TREATS

MAY 24 ENDEAVOR
PROVIDING THE TREATS

JULY 19 DISCOVERY
PROVIDING THE TREATS

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR TREATS
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON THE
MORNING OF YOUR DATE

Valentines Kids Disco

@Witheridge Parish Hall Friday 9th Feb
5:00 – 7:00pm

bit.ly/3YmF5ZS



PREORDER TICKETS BY 4TH FEB
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



Witheridge Methodist Church
Saturday 3rd February
10am – 1pm
Coffee morning
With bacon rolls & jigsaw library.

Registered charity number 290640

North Devon Gang Show

AT THE LANDMARK THEATRE, ILFRACOMBE

*Wednesday 14th - Saturday 17th
February 2024 - 7.15pm*

Tickets £13

The Gang is back ready to entertain with a variety of singing, dancing and comedy in a non-stop action packed show!

For more information contact: chairman.ndgangshow@outlook.com

BUMPER HALF TERM

Join us this February half term to help us celebrate the Tivvy Bumper steam engine!

**Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th
February 2024 (closed Sunday 11th)**

Follow the railway map around the museum, collecting letters to spell your destination
Part of normal admission*



Plus, train toys, board games, dressing up, colouring station & more!

*Adults £8.50, accompanied kids go FREE!

CRAFT sessions on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February
From 10 - 12. Drop-in
£3 per child with paying adult (£2.50 per child with a museum member)


TIVERTON MUSEUM
 of Mid Devon Life

Special Half Term Opening:
 Monday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
 Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ
 01884 256295
Registered charity 1181976



 FOLLOW US
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Libraries Unlimited

Half term crafts

TIVERTON LIBRARY

Drop in to our free fun family craft session this half term. No need to book.

FREE




**Wednesday 14th
February
10am-12pm**



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from
From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Hey!



Did you know...
from April, even
more working families
can **save money on childcare**

We will be running parent
information sessions on what
funding is available, eligibility
and how to apply.

Childcare
Choices

Dates throughout February!

Devon
County Council

Want to know more?

We're running some free online information sessions in February about how to access funded childcare, what funding is available, the eligibility criteria and how to apply.

There is no need to book, just join by clicking on the links below:

- Monday 5 February, 10:30am to 11:30am – [click here to join the meeting](#)
- Wednesday 7 February, 7:30pm to 8:30pm – [click here to join the meeting](#)
- Wednesday 14 February, 4pm to 5pm – [click here to join the meeting](#)

While these sessions are primarily for parents, anyone that would like to know more about Early Years Funding is welcome to attend.