



Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

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‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

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| Thankfulness | Compassion | Perseverance | Forgiveness | Friendship | Courage |
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Newsletter – Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a long week for our wonderful Class Teachers as we have had our Spring Term Parents/Carers evenings this week. I want to say a HUGE 'THANK YOU' to our Class Teachers who have worked long in to the evening to ensure that all Parents and Carers have had the opportunity to meet with their child's Class Teacher. Thank you to you, Parents and Carers, for attending the sessions. By working together we can ensure that all children have the best possible opportunities to succeed. If you have not had an opportunity to meet your child's Class Teacher yet - please contact the office via email (admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk) to make another appointment.

On Monday, Class 1 and 2 had the opportunity to visit the Church to find out how the church prepare for Easter. Thank you to Vicar Adrian for answering all our questions!



We have such a busy week next week!

Tuesday:

- School Easter Service (for children in YR-Y6) @10am at the Church. All children will be contributing to this service.
- Rocksteady Concert (for children who participate in Rocksteady lessons) @2:30pm.

Wednesday:

- Mr Rogo's Music Concert (for children who have music lessons with Mr Rogo) @10am at school. please complete the Google Form to indicate how many people will be coming to watch the concert. We can have a maximum of 4 people per family.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8FEFos8Aphau3MYNe29L7eGGXJkDv_ThZD3VEpOdqjvFgXw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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

Thursday:

- Last day of Spring Term
- **Voyager Treat Friday in the playground after school.**

I hope you are all able to make it to the PTFA Easter Fair on Saturday - it looks amazing! Fingers crossed for good weather! 😊

All the best,

Miss Ratcliffe
Head of School

Class 1 and 2 Rangoli Pattern art workshop with Mrs Laurence

This afternoon, the children in Class 1 and 2 were fortunate enough to join a special workshop, led by Mrs Laurence - the Class 2 Teacher at High Bickington Academy! The children worked very hard to create some beautiful pictures, using pastels and watercolour paints. They also learnt how to create different patterns that are often used in Rangoli patterns. Thank you to Mrs Laurence for leading such a wonderful workshop.



**The whole school looks fantastic in their red outfits last week!
We have raised a massive £132.00
(£100 Red noses/£32 dress up) for Comic Relief**

Thank you





| Weekly Attendance | |
|-------------------|------|
| Nursery 1 | 96% |
| Nursery 2 | 94% |
| Reception | 90% |
| Year 1 | 99% |
| Year 2 | 100% |
| Year 3 | 99% |
| Year 4 | 100% |
| Year 5 | 98% |
| Year 6 | 80% |

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 **96%**

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.4%**

Together Each achieves More!

The world is run by those who turn up

Attending school every day = **100%** attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = **90%** attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = **80%** attendance = more than ½ a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career

Attending 3½ days a week = **70%** attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed

An average attendance of **80%** or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole **2 years** from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time
If your child is **5 minutes** late every day - they will miss **3 days** of learning each year
If your child is **15 minutes** late every day - they will miss **2 weeks** of learning each year

Make every minute count



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



Class Award

Nursery – Bille for trying hard with his sounds during phase 1 phonics.
Reception – Jasper for excellent recall of number bonds and doubles.
Class 1 – Olivia for trying hard to keep up with learning, after being poorly! Trying really hard in all lessons.
Class 2 – Linden for being a kind friend.
Class 3 – Khalid for always being kind, polite and helpful.
Class 4 – Austin for showing kindness and a positive attitude to learning.

Writer of the Week:

Reception – Chester for practising his writing independently.
Class 1 – Libby for amazing effort and progress in writing.
Class 2 – Hazel for beautiful presentation in her topic book
Class 3 – Arthur C for making a real effort to present his writing carefully.
Class 4 – Graeson for fantastic explanation of what Jesus' sacrifice means to Christians.

Reaching 10 on the Nursery Caterpillar

Riley & Jack

20 Merits

Reception – Charlie

40 Merits

Class 3 – Jack E

House Points

Discovery 37

Endeavour 37

Enterprise 24

Voyager 26

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 25 th March | |
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| 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 *Artic Roll (Dessert Change) |
| Wednesday | Roast of the Day V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Fruit Platter |
| Thursday | Sweet & Sour or Plain Chicken V – Macaroni Cheese Rice and Mixed Vegetables Apple Sponge Pudding |
| 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.

Tapestry is about to expiry for Children in Reception Year

The Tapestry account for Reception children who attend the Witheridge FSU will expire in the next 30 days.

Tapestry is the online Learning Journal which was used to record your children's learning and progress during their time in the FSU.

If parents/carers wish to download any photographs or reports linked to their child, then please ensure that you have done so before the account expires.



Changes to Nursery Fees

With effect from 1st April 2024 the following session fees will apply for nursery pupils:

2-year-olds – £6.30 per hour

3 – 4-year-olds - £5.22 per hour



Outstanding amounts on the Arbor Accounts - Please can you make sure that all outstanding dinner, Nursery Fees and wraparound care debts are paid in full by the end of Spring term (Thursday 28th March) All Accounts need to be at zero or can be left in credit!
Thank you.

| 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

| SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024 / 2025 | | |
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| Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
| First Day 5th September 2024 | First Day 7th January 2025 | First Day 22nd April 2025 |
| Half-term 28th October - 1st November 2024 | Half-term 17th - 21st February 2025 | Bank Holiday 5th May 2025 |
| Last Day 20th December 2024 | Last Day 4th April 2025 | Half Term 26th - 30th May 2025 |
| | | Last Day 22nd July 2025 |

Non-pupil days and occasional holiday days:
3rd & 4th September 2024, 6th January 2025, 2nd June 2025 & 23rd July 2025

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024

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| Monday 25 th March | Class 3 Swimming (PE) Last Swimming Lesson! Class 4 Group 1 – Forest School Year 6 welcome evening to Chulmleigh College at 6pm |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Easter Service @ 10am in Witheridge Church Rocksteady Concert @ 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Class 1 – PE Infant A Group 1 – Forest School Mr Rogo's Music Concert @ 10am Stay and Play Session in FSU at 13.45 |
| Thursday 28 st March | Reception Class – PE (AM) Class 2 – PE (PM) Class 3 Group 3 Farm School – Consent required on Arbor Infant B Group 1 – Forest School Music Tuition with Mr Rogo TREAT FRIDAY – Voyager! END OF SPRING TERM |
| Friday 29 th March | <p>GOOD FRIDAY (Bank Holiday) – NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Good Friday is a Christian observance held two days before <u>Easter Sunday</u> and it commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at Calvary.</p>  |

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th April

Tuesday 16th April

Sunday 21st April

Thursday 25th April

Tuesday 30th April

Saturday 4th May

Monday 6th May

Wednesday 8th May

Sunday 12th May

Monday 13th May

Sunday 19th May

First Day of Summer Term

Reception Starters Sept 2024 – Admission's Offer Day.

Exmoor Challenge practice walk

School Council Meeting @ 1pm

Opal Working Party Group Meeting @ 3.30pm

Exmoor Challenge Day

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – NO SCHOOL

Whole Class Photo's Day

PTFA Meeting @ 7.30pm

KS2 SAT's begin

Year 6 Bude Residential

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

Mr Wiggans Forest School News....

This week the pupils have been looking at fire and how humans have used it, over the years to improve our lives.

Each group have learnt the basic tepee fire making method with varying success. Congratulations go to the pupils from class 2 for the best fire.

We have then made chocolate spirals and hot chocolate on our fire pit.

Mr Wiggans





PTFA

Parents
Teachers
Friends
Association

Our fantastic Easter fayre is tomorrow ☺ taking place at the football training field by the school. 11am-3pm.

Pony rides - Please wear closed toe footwear, and there is a maximum weight limit of 7 stone.

We will have cute animals to see including lambs, Guinea pigs, and Bunny rabbits

We also have Glitter tattoos, Face gems, Farm machinery, Easter Crafts, Hot food and refreshments, a fun assault course and the Raffle.

This year we also have stalls from lovely local suppliers.

The Family friendly dog show will be at 2pm, kindly sponsored by West Ridge Farm Vets, and St. Boniface Veterinary Clinic.

Only 50p per class per dog!!

Dog classes are:

- Best Female Dog
- Best Dog
- Best Puppy
- Best Veteran
- Best Child Handler

Please don't be put off by the weather! We have loads of things to do and plenty of cover.

Our next treat Friday is ironically on Thursday! Voyager are kindly providing the treats so please bring those in and leave at the school office, we will be selling them for £1 at the end of the school day.





Saturday 30th March 2024

11am - 1pm
At
St John the Baptist Church,
Witheridge.

We would encourage parents to stay
and take part.

For more details and to book your
place, so that we can ensure we have
enough crafts and food, please
contact Sue Wells 01884 861383

JUNIOR
TENNIS
COACHING

@ WITHERIDGE TENNIS COURT

£5
per hour

LTA Level 3
licensed
coach

10th April

9-10AM - KS1 (4-6 YRS)

10-11AM - KS2 (7-11YRS)

Booking preferred

Please message or call to book 07974688162

Parents to stay please. Siblings discount - £2.50.
Older than 11? More sessions available, please enquire.



Come and join our

Easter
adventures

Join the fun from
23 March to 14 April

at Knightshayes

CRUWYS MORCHARD
PARISH HALL

EASTER BINGO



ON



SATURDAY 23RD
MARCH 2024

AT

CRUWYS MORCHARD
PARISH HALL, EX16 8LD

DOORS OPEN 7.00 PM
EYES DOWN 7.30 PM

Raffle, usual good prizes plus prizes for
children – bring all the family!

In aid of Cruwys Morchard Parish Hall

SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

2024

**WITHERIDGE PARISH
HALL**

AT 2.00PM

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE AT THE
NEWSAGENTS**

**ORGANISED BY WITHERIDGE
GARDEN CLUB**



Contact 01884 861323 for further
details



PLAY HIVE EASTER PARTY

Thurs 28th Mar, 4pm-7pm

Celebrate the Easter holidays with
music, disco lights, Easter games,
Magic Times Face Painting and
soft play fun.



Tickets:

Child (5-16) £8, Toddler (2-4) £4,
Under 2s free, Adult £2, Members 50% off
(Advance booking is advised due to capacity limit)

For full details and to book:
(booking fee applies online)

www.quincehoneyfarm.co.uk
01769 572401

What's on this Easter?



Find the Chicks!

Easter Heritage Trail
50p per child

Free Colouring






Meet The Gruffalo
At Muddifords Court

MUDDIFORDS COURT
LIZNOJAN

Sunday 7th April
11 am-2 pm

- Story time with Liznojan
- Meet The Gruffalo and animals
- Gruffalo Crumble on the fire
- Gruffalo trail and prize
- Gruffalo Crafts
- Pop Up Cafe

£6 Per Child



Scan the QR code and book your space now!

The Gruffalo is coming to visit!

Join us to celebrate the Gruffalo's 25th birthday.



MACMILLAN Children's Books

The Gruffalo: The Book and the CD (1999, 2009, 2014) - Roald Dahl Children's Books

ACTION FOR CHILDREN & CHRIST CHURCH BARNSTAPLE

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FREE **TREASURE HUNT**

10 APRIL 10am - 4pm

Activities in the Pannier market and a visit from Exmoor Zoo!

Dear Zoo activities
Face painting, bouncy castle
Refreshments

Collect your **Treasure Hunt Clues** from the Action for Children staff in the Pannier Market and Get ready for a thrilling adventure as you navigate through clues to uncover the hidden treasure!

This is a free event, but donations are welcome towards the work of Action for Children



EXMOOR ZOO

Dear Zoo

WITH CARE

Fragile

northdevon

Pannier Market

Flourishing Barnstaple

EGGSCLELLANT

Easter

FAMILY FUN

CASTLE HILL GARDENS

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

BUNNY HUNT

Face Painting
Inflatables
'Emazdad' Magic Shows

Garden Trail
Chocolate Prize
Food & Drink

£8 Adults / £4.50 Child

Easter garden trail & chocolate prize
Magic Shows • Under 5s free
Additional charge for face painting & bouncy castle

CASTLE HILL GARDENS, FILLEIGH, BARNSTAPLE, EX31 0RG
www.castlehilldevon.co.uk






ESPECIALLY WELCOME @ TIVERTON LIBRARY

Enjoy our relaxed session during the school holidays

Children under 12 with additional needs and their families are especially welcome to join us at our relaxed library sessions. Share books, try out our sensory nook, explore our sensory toys, enjoy hands on activities and chat to other families and friendly staff.

tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk
01884 244 644



Monday 8 April
10am - 12pm
Tiverton Library

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FREE

TIVERTON LIBRARY EASTER CRAFTS

FRIDAY 12 APRIL
10AM-12PM



Drop into our FREE craft event to make some fun Easter crafts.

For children under 12 and their families. No need to book

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Libraries Unlimited presents

FINDERS KEEPERS

A magical play with music and puppets for 4-7s and their families from Boots & Moon Theatre.

SAT 27 APR, 1.30pm
Tiverton Library
Children: £4 Adults: £1 0-2s: Free



Get tickets: finders-keepers.eventbrite.co.uk




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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for a fun filled Easter of football, games, competitions & prizes
Girls & Boys
Ages 4 - 15 years
9am - 4pm

APRIL 2ND - 5TH 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER
£25 PER DAY
Offer closes 10th March

FULL WEEK OFFER
£90
Best Price

APRIL 8TH - 12TH 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER
£25 PER DAY
Offer closes 10th March

FULL WEEK OFFER
£110
Best Price

£30 Per day after the 10th March

TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G
Barnstaple, North Devon EX31 2AP

Book online TODAY
www.romarsports.com



More Information
e: info@romarsports.com





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS 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 in Half Terms 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

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

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

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

THE REAL GREEK

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

TGI FRIDAYS

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

PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

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.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

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

COCONUT TREE

One child (10 & Under) eats free per paying adult. Valid from 23/03/2024 - 14/04/2024

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

WHITBREAD INNS

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

BELLA ITALIA

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

BILLS

Two kids can eat free ALL DAY (Weekdays) from Monday 25th March - Friday 12th April 2024, with one adult main dish.

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!

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.