

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another brilliant half term at Witheridge. We have all enjoyed exploring our value of Courage this half term and the children (and staff!) have really tried to challenge themselves to overcome their fears. Well done everyone!

This week we want to say an ENORMOUS well done to our Year 2 children, Cruize, Leevi, Rowan, Acacia, Tristan, Jake and Harry V, who have been completing their SATs Tests this week. All the children worked incredibly hard and we are so impressed with their determination and perseverance.

Year 5 have had a very exciting week this week - they have been participating in a range of fun activities including surfing, cooking and rambling! As you can see from the photos, they have had a fantastic time.





We are expecting Year 6 back from their residential anytime soon and we can't wait to hear about their adventures. Mrs Waters and I visited them on Tuesday evening and they were very happy and having lots of fun.

We hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 4th June.**

Best wishes,
Miss Ratcliffe

Last week in Gardening Club

We have been blessed with glorious weather this week so the pupils have been busy direct sowing beetroot, spinach, kohlrabi, chard, dwarf French beans, parsnip and carrots. The tomato plants that we propagated have now been moved to outside and also the climbing bean plants. The potato plants have shot up and we look set to have a good crop this year.



The session was finished off with some pond dipping during which the pupils managed to collect thirteen newts that we then showed Class 4.



Art morning

Year 5 pupils were joined by Class 3 for an art morning with Mrs. Lewis. The pupils learned about a variety of different art techniques involving natural materials. In groups the pupils set about collecting a natural items and producing their own art and sculptures. There were some fantastic pieces of art produced and the children were so enthusiastic with their efforts.



After break we used our Leaf I-dials to identify and collect a range of leaves around the school grounds. We were amazed by the range of trees and collected nine different specimens. We then did our own "Observational Art", sketching leaves and flowers.

The morning was a huge success.



Exmoor Zoo

All the children in Year 1 and Reception were joined by Year 5 and the older pre-school on Monday for a fabulous trip to Exmoor Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals while keeping an eye out for those which originate from Africa. We had a very interesting session with one of the Zoo Rangers who allowed us to see and touch a real elephant tusk and an enormous snake skin and helped us to learn about the threat humans can cause to endangered animals. The opportunity to touch a meerkat, a snake and an enormous snail were among the highlights, not to mention seeing the Exmoor Beast and those hungry cheetahs being fed! A lovely time was had by all. Our sincere thanks to our parent volunteers Mrs James and Mrs Stewart and a big well done to the children for their excellent behaviour throughout the day.





Tip 7: DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS?

Your child may already know what their personal information is but they might not think about how it can be shared. Have a conversation about what personal information is and how this can affect them if it is shared beyond the intended recipient. It is important that your child understands the dangers of sharing contact details or photos, as information such as this can spread quickly online.

2019 Term Times

Summer Term	Autumn Term
First day 24th April Bank Holiday 6th May Half-term 27th May – 31st May Holiday – Mon 3rd June Last day 24th July	First day 9th Sept Half-term 21st – 25th Oct Last day 20th Dec

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2019:

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May - **MAY HALF TERM**

Monday 3rd June – **OCCASIONAL DAY (NO SCHOOL)**

Tuesday 4th June – Bags2School being collected

Friday 7th June – Pyjamarama Day – Wear your pyjamas to school day for £1 donation

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

School Dinner Menu week commencing 4th June 2019

Week 2	Monday (No School today)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken & Noodles	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Toad in the Hole	Fish in Breadcrumbs
Vegetarian	Quorn Bolognese	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Roast	Vegetarian Sausage	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Crusty Bread, Mixed Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Creamed Potato Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Golden Fries & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Cornflake Crunchy	Fruit Platter	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cookie



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



Work	
<p>Class 1 – Whole class for all your fantastic reading Class 2 – Rowan for putting in loads of effort this week ☺ Class 3 – Henry for all his effort in the Welsh day. Class 4 – All of year 6 for their hard work in SATs this week</p>	
Extra	
<p>Cooking Club – Ava Golden Chef Times Table - 3's & 5's – Tiamii, 3's – Penny & 7's Neave Year 3, 4 & 5 for all their hard work on Welsh day</p>	
Golden Spoon	
Discovery	
Contribution	
Milo – For keeping the school environment clean and tidy.	
Courage Award	
Year 1 and 5 for going to a different class all this week	
20 Merits	
Class 1 - Hope	
40 Merits	
<p>Class 1 - Liberty Class 3 – Zac F, Henley & Tiamii Class 4 – Adam</p>	
60 Merits	
Class 3 – Kirsty, Neave & Zak P	
80 Merits	
Class 3 – Holly	
Discovery 52	Endeavour 39
Enterprise 39	Voyager 54

Pyjama Rama

Join in the Pyjamarama fun!

On Friday 7 June, donate £1 and let the kids wear pyjamas all day. Join your class, school and your favourite characters – Horrid Henry, Tracy Beaker and Matilda – and give BookTrust your full support.

All funds raised will help BookTrust to give every child a bedtime story.



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Spread the word #pyjamarama



 **BookTrust**
Getting children reading

Witheridge PTFA News

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic's Book Fair - We managed to raise over £600 worth of new books for Witheridge Academy – with all your help and support.



Our Bag2School will be collected on the first day back after May Half Term on Tuesday 4th June
Please can any bags be left under the shelter in the playground – Many thanks

We are still looking for helper to man our fundraising stall at this year St Johns Fayre; this help would require a commitment of only 30 minutes of your time between the hours of 2.30 & 4 pm & a minimum of two persons for any 30 minutes. The rota is in the main school office for you choose a time slot that suits you & your families.

Without your support in manning this stall we will be unable to fundraise at this event, last year our St Johns fair raffle raised over £700 for our children



Community News

Umberleigh Park and Play

Umberleigh community are creating a park and play area at the front of the school and have applied for a grant from the Calor Rural Community Fund.



This is a public voting funding project and we would appreciate as many people as possible going online to vote for our project.

Please register to vote at: <https://www.calor.co.uk/shop/communityfund/account/login> login and click on the 'Vote' button on the Umberleigh project.

You'll have 10 votes to use which can **all** be placed against the Umberleigh project. Voting will open on 2nd May and close on the 17th June 2019.

Please support our project, which is being spearheaded by the school and the village hall committee, for this exciting development.

Many thanks - Umberleigh Academy and Umberleigh Village Hall Committee.



Sunday 26th May will see the launch of the kids 2k summer rec run series for children aged 12 and under in the Rec and woodland paths. This fun and free community led event will see a large number of children taking part and running around the paths here at 9am on five Sundays throughout the summer:

- Sunday 26th May
- Sunday 30th June
- Sunday 28th July
- Sunday 25th August
- Sunday 29th September

For safety reasons, the organisers would be very grateful if dog walkers could keep please dogs on a lead during this time if possible.

If you have children and you're interested in getting involved, please come along around 8.30am on Sunday 26th May to join in.

Many thanks for your support and co-operation.



CHILDREN'S SCIENCE WORKSHOP at St Anne's Art & Community Centre , Barnstaple
May 31st 10.30-11.30 £8 per child
Parents can drop off or stay
Book via the website www.sciencedipity.co.uk/slime-science/
or contact Ruth on 07847006048



FAMILY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

ROCKET CHALLENGE Top Secret Space Mission

1.30pm - 2.15pm May 30th Barnstaple Library
£4 per family (booking essential)



Parish Council

Witheridge Parish Council Annual Grants



The Parish Council's Annual Grant Awards round for 2019 for parish groups will be considered by Council at July's meeting.

If your group wish to be considered, then applications are invited with supporting information to the Parish Clerk (see Grant Policy)
Deadline 30/06/19
(submission by email if possible please).

Grant Awards will be made in accordance with the parish council's spending powers and grant making policy, a copy of which is available at www.witheridgepc.org.