

**WEEK COMMENCING**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**PINK DINNER MENU**

# WEEKLY NEWS



**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Dear Parents

This afternoon we will be performing the Christmas play 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' at the Village Hall. The performance will start at 2pm. The evening performance will be at 6pm and the children will need to be at the village hall at 5.45pm.



During any event, safeguarding the children is our top priority. In order to safeguard our pupils and staff please ensure that any photos taken during the performance are for your personal use only and are not shared or published on social media or elsewhere online. Thank you.

The FUS will be selling draw tickets before the performances, for the raffle of the Christmas hampers, which will be drawn after the evening performance.

Reminder that we are supporting the Save the Children Charity tomorrow (Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec) with a **Christmas jumper / non-school uniform day!** The children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers / non-school uniform to school on this day and bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 to do so.



There is a **change of date** for forest school next week. Juniors instead of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, it will be **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>!**

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Michelle Rigler, who is studying to be a teacher, after Christmas. Mrs Rigler will be working alongside Miss Short in the infant's class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week up until half term.

## **Terms Topic**

### **'Digging into the Past'**



#### **MONDAY**

Brumble Bees  
Private music lessons, am  
**Tiny Tots Xmas Party, 2pm**  
Forest School – Juniors, Group 2  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

#### **TUESDAY**

Brumble Bees  
Private music lessons, pm  
**Christmas Craft Fayre from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in our school hall**  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Brumble Bees  
**Community Christmas Lunch at Umb V.Hall, 12.30pm**  
PE lesson, pm  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
**FUS Xmas Bingo at Umb V.Hall, 7.30pm**

#### **THURSDAY**

Brumble Bees  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

#### **FRIDAY – LAST DAY OF TERM**

**FUS Movie Morning watching 'The Polar Express' in PJ's with a special visitor!**

Brumble Bees  
Drumming Lessons, pm  
Forest School – Infants, Group 2  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**Year 5 London Residential** On Thursday 16th January, Miss Sheppard, who is accompanying the children to London in February, will be coming into school to meet the children. Miss Sheppard will spend time with the children during the afternoon and tell them a little more about the trip. Miss Sheppard will be available after school on this day to meet parents and answer any questions that you may have.

Best wishes

Miss Corrinne Smith

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**There will be NO after school clubs available next week.**

**Sorry for any inconvenience caused!**



**Tiny Tots / Brumble Bees Christmas Party**  
**Afternoon** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 3.30pm in our school hall. Please come along and join in for some extra Christmassy crafting and fun and games!!



**Together Each Achieves More**

A poster for a Christmas Fayre. At the top left is the Umberleigh Academy logo. The main text reads "Christmas Fayre" in a large, bold font, followed by "Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December" and "At Umberleigh Academy School Hall 2.30pm - 4.30pm". Below this, it says "Come and enjoy a festive afternoon of:-" followed by a list: "Table top games, stalls, crafts, refreshments and music from the children". At the bottom, it states "A fun afternoon raising funds for Umberleigh Academy School Council & The NSPCC". The background is blue with bokeh light effects and Christmas ornaments. A snowman wearing a black top hat is visible in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, there is contact information: "Please contact Umberleigh Academy on 01789 540362 for more details or email: admin@umberleigh-primary.dorset.sch.uk".

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## Christmas Tree Competition

Mole Valley Farmers have very kindly supplied us with our beautiful Christmas tree this year and part of their decorated Christmas tree competition!

A photo of our Father Christmas decorated Christmas tree is now displayed at Mole Valley Farmers, South Molton foyer, along with all the other schools photos. Customers can now VOTE from today to Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec for their favourite decorated Christmas tree and the winners will receive a £50 voucher from MVF. So please tell family and friends and get VOTING for us!!



### **Well Done**

**For receiving a certificate of achievement this week**

### Certificate of Achievement

#### Juniors

**Vhari** - For excellent results in her tables and spellings tests

**Charlie** - For an excellent Cheddar Gorge poem

#### Infants

**Isaac** - For doing some lovely creative activities

#### Brumble Bees

**Tom** - For having a fantastic week and using lovely manners

**Francesca** - For having a super morning session with Brumbles

#### Star of the Week (Ted Bear)

**Lily** - For being independent, especially in your writing

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

### January

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO SCHOOL FOR SPRING TERM

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Miss Sheppard visiting London residential children and parents after school.

### February

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – HALF TERM

### March

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

### April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – BACK TO SCHOOL FOR SUMMER TERM

### May

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL, BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM

### July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

## STAFF VACANCY

Required as soon as possible

### **Foundation Stage Unit post**

School: **Witheridge Academy**

Status: Temporary maternity cover

Hours: 15.5 per week with the opportunity to work additional hours.

Weeks: 38 per annum

**Closing date: noon 17th December 2019**

**Interview date: 18th December**

For more information about the above vacancy, please check our website [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon Jobs website [www.devonjobs.gov.uk](http://www.devonjobs.gov.uk)



We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)





## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pack of five cards £3.50

Sold in aid of St Mary's Atherington Regeneration Team, featuring five snowy scenes from around the village.

Available now at the school office

or  
The Village Shoppe, Atherington,  
High Bickington Community Shop  
and at the Atherington Christmas Fair  
(Sat 30th Nov, 10.30am-2.30pm at the pavilion)



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**CREATIVE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

10.30 - 4PM | UMBERLEIGH ACADEMY

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12 YEARS OLD

A MAGICAL DAY OF CREATIVE ART AND CRAFTS, WHERE CHILDREN WILL MAKE WRAPPING PAPER, ORNAMENTS, DECORATIONS, CARDS, GIFT TAGS, PRESENTS AND MORE!

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL -**

[OSCAW.COM/PRODUCT/CREATIVE-CHRISTMAS-WORKSHOP](http://OSCAW.COM/PRODUCT/CREATIVE-CHRISTMAS-WORKSHOP)

## The Nativity 24th December 3pm at St Mary's Church, Atherington

This year the Christmas Eve service will be a Nativity play acted out by local children. We are looking for main characters who will have speaking parts and extra shepherds, angels and animals. If your child/children would like to be part of this please contact Rev Tracey on 01769 560593 or 07582024503 or [revtracey@btinternet.com](mailto:revtracey@btinternet.com)

## Sing Carols

at Umberleigh Village Hall on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm  
Come along and bring any house guests too! Mulled wine & mince pies refreshments!  
Donations for the Devon Air Ambulance



Together Each Achieves More

## The churches of Barnstaple invite you to join the Nativity Trail!



**WHEN?**  
Saturday 14th December, 11.00am—1.00pm

**HOW MUCH?**  
Nothing!! Entry is free and there will be free refreshments for all participants.

**WHAT?**  
Various characters from the first Christmas will be dotted around the High Street and Green Lanes area!

**HOW?**  
Simply collect a passport from any of the characters to get started.

**WHO?**  
Children will be invited to find them all and collect stickers and a code word from them. Get a prize at the end in exchange for the coded message.

See you there! Come and be a TRAILBLAZER!