

‘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 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now well into our new topic 'From Farm to Fork'. The children are thoroughly enjoying finding out about life on the farm and the journey our food takes from the fields to our plates. We have had some cold and frosty mornings this week; please make sure you remind your child to bring their coat to school every day!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Ratcliffe

Foundation Unit Trip

The children in our Foundation Unit (Pre-school and Class 1) had a very special afternoon yesterday - visiting Bobbie's goats! The children have enjoyed reading and basing their learning around the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' this week and this was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn a bit more about these farm animals. Bobbie answered our questions about how to look after goats and many of the children were surprised to find out that some farmers milk their goats! However, the real highlight was, of course, the opportunity to cuddle some very cute goat kids.



A big thank you to Bobbie and her goats for a wonderful afternoon.



Another nine pupils receive their TT Rockstars Certificates

This week at Friday's achievement assembly a group of nine pupils across Year 4 to 6 were awarded the status of either "Rock Legend" or "Rock Star" as part of the national TT Rockstars scheme. This means the students are successful at knowing and recalling all of their times tables from 1-12's; including the inverse (divisions); in less than three seconds. A fantastic achievement and testimony to the pupil's hard work and efforts in and out of school.



1	Blundell's School	2.48
2	Witheridge Primary Academy	3.30
3	Blundell's Preparatory School	3.34
4	Bow Community Primary School	3.92
5	Hayward's Primary School	4.01
6	St Andrew's Primary School, Cullompton	4.27
7	Newton St Cyres Primary School	4.39
8	High Bickington CE Primary Academy	4.63
9	Wilcombe Primary School	4.82
10	Exwick Heights Primary School	4.98
11	The Duchy School Bradninch	5.11
12	Dulverton Primary School, London	5.17
13	Halberton And Uplowman Federation	5.30
14	Bolham Community Primary School	5.73
15	Brampford Speke CE Primary School	5.89
16	Tedburn St Mary School	6.16
17	Two Moors Primary School	6.19
18	Cheriton Bishop Primary School	6.28
19	Stoke Hill Junior School, Exeter	6.90
20	Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School, Crediton	6.92
21	Willowbank Primary School	7.08
22	South Molton Community Primary School, South Molton	7.87
23	Landscore Primary School	7.91
24	Chulmleigh Primary School	8.98
25	Sandford School, Crediton	9.08
26	Yeoford Primary School	9.69
27	Bishops Nympton Primary School, South Molton	10.05
28	Tidcombe Primary School	10.07
29	Heathcoat Primary School	11.13
30	Willand School	12.52

The Government target is for all students, by the end of Year 6, to be able to recall all their times tables in under three seconds.

We currently have 16 pupils who have met this standard and above.

I am also delighted to say that Witheridge C of E Academy is currently the leading primary school with the lowest mean speed per question within Mid Devon, ahead of all our competitors and Blundell's Prep School.

A big congratulations to all our Year 4 to 6 pupils.



School Dinner Menu week commencing 27th January 2020

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage Rolls	BBQ Chicken	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Tart	Mild Sweet Potato Curry	Vegetable Bites	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese Omelette
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg or Baked Beans	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Fries, pasta, Peas & Carrots
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Fruit Cocktail & Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Apple Cake & Custard	Shortbread Biscuit

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2020:

Wednesday 29th January Messy Church in the School Hall
Thursday 30th January Class 4 Swimming
Friday 31st January Class 1 Sharing of learning journeys with parents 8.40am to 9am
Saturday 1st February Exmoor Challenge Practise walk
Thursday 6th February Class 4 Swimming
Friday 7th February NSPCC Maths Day
Wednesday 12th February PTFA Meeting at 7.30pm in the Fire station
Thursday 13th February Class 4 Swimming

Monday 17th to 21st **FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

Thursday 27th February Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 27th February Year 5/6 Football Tournament
Friday 28th February Class 1 Sharing of learning journeys with parents 8.40am to 9am
Tuesday 3rd March Year 5/6 High Five Netball @ SMCC
Thursday 5th March Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Tuesday 10th March Class 1 Visit to the Firs
Wednesday 11th March Messy Church
Thursday 12th March Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 12th March Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Festival @ SMCC (TBC)
Thursday 19th March Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Wednesday 25th March Year 3/4 Dance Festival
Thursday 26th March Year 2, 3 & 4 Swimming
Thursday 26th March Boys 7aside Tournament @ SMCC
Thursday 26th March Easter Service @ the Church
Friday 27th March Class 1 Sharing of learning journeys with parents 8.40am to 9am

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



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



Work	
Class 1 – Betsy for a great week of learning Class 2 – Kyah for her hard work and perseverance in Maths Class 3 – Jake for persevering with his writing Class 4 – Zak and Neave – making a huge effort to persevere and catch up on their learning despite being absent due to illness.	
Extra	
Rock Stars – Ava, Finley & Robert	
Contribution	
Max P for helping a Pre-School child keep safe, while walking to the farm. Adam for helping younger children at lunch time Harley – for letting other children get their lunch before him	
Pre-School Reaching 10 on the Wow Caterpillar	
Jack	
Pre-School Reaching 20 on the Wow Caterpillar	
Angel	
20 Merits	
Class 2 – Hope & Austin Class 4 – Daisy-May & Max	
40 Merits	
Class 1 – Betsy, Class 2 – Ben & Reggie Class 4 – Ellie & Zak	
Discovery 32	Endeavour 35
Enterprise 29	Voyager 26



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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 27th January 2020
 Interview date: 29th January 2020

For more information about the above vacancy, please check our website
www.teamacademytrust.com or the Devon Jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk

We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Caroline Tucker
 Trust HR Manager

Community News

POP UP CAFÉ

Fri 31st Jan 3.30-5.00pm

Witheridge Sports Club

Why not call in on your way home from school.....

No alcohol. Kids very welcome. Milkshakes. Posh coffee. Normal tea/coffee/decaf/hot choc with trimmings. Various cakes/treats. Gluten and/or wheat free available.



Raising funds to repair sports club floor.

**The Children of Witheridge School
 are invited to this
 Sunday afternoon fun talk
 on musical instruments.**

Sunday January 26th 3pm.
 Witheridge Parish Church

A Blast from the Past

**A Fun Musical Talk
 on the evolution of
 Wind Instruments
 All ages will enjoy it.**

Jonathan Weeks
 Pipe and Taborer

Following the overwhelming response
 from our past audiences
 Jonathan has agreed to visit us
 again

We know we will be in for an e-x-tremely
 amusing and entertaining afternoon as
 Jonathan plays each instrument.
 During a short break
 suitable refreshments will be available.

Tickets: **£7**
 Adult accompanied Children under 12 free
 Box Office: astonguy@tring92.f2s.com
 or Andrew Clark 01884 860612

