



**‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’**

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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**Newsletter – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I can't quite believe that I am writing another Lockdown Newsletter to you all, but here we are!

This week, the School Closures announcement gave us all quite a shock. However, I am so impressed with the way that the children (and parents!) have so quickly settled back in to Home Learning. Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the education of the children at Witheridge Academy. I have been so proud of you all for staying so cheerful and persevering with learning at home.

This time, we will be providing many of the same opportunities as we did last time - our fun Zoom meetings, our weekly task sheets on the website and our weekly videos. However, we are also broadening our provision to ensure that all children have access to high quality teaching and learning. From Tuesday our daily Live Lessons will start. We hope that these will allow the children to engage with their Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant and will give all children an equal opportunity to learn. We have also introduced Google Classroom in Classes 2 - 4. Well done to the children that have already logged on and responded to the questions from your Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants.

We will be starting our Live Lessons on Tuesday - we look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, we miss you all very much! We were so looking forward to seeing you this week and hearing about your Christmas breaks. However, safety must come first and therefore we must all be brave. Hopefully we will 'see' you on Zoom or Google Classroom soon!

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Ratcliffe

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## Home Learning

We plan to run our Home Learning provision in the following way:

- Class Teachers will send out the weekly Home Learning tasks on a **Monday** with an accompanying video. It is the expectation that all children will watch this video on a Monday with a view to feeding back to their Class Teacher on a Tuesday.
- Every **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** morning, Class Teachers will deliver Live Lessons. In Class 3 and 4, these will be for the whole class. In Class 1 and 2 they will be a mix of whole class and group teaching sessions. Your child's Class Teacher will give you more information regarding these Live Lessons in due course. Live Lessons will start on **Tuesday 11th January**.

Time and 'Place'	Class
9:00 – 10:00 G-Suite	4
10:00 – 11:00 G-Suite	3
11:00 – 11:30 G-Suite	2
11:30 – 12:00 Zoom	1

Mr Manning has recorded a video to support logging in to G-Suite if you have not done so before. <https://youtu.be/kPvcMx-MiKo>

## Zoom Chats

We would also like to hold our weekly whole class Zoom chats. The purpose of these is to give the children the opportunity to interact with their classmates and to have some fun all together. It is really important that you child attends these sessions as it allows them to stay in touch with their friends.

All Zoom chats will take place at **2:30pm**.

Monday: Class 4

Tuesday: Class 2

Thursday: Class 3

Friday: Class 1 and Preschool

Each teacher has an email address for you to email us directly:

- Class 1 and Pre-School (Mrs North) - [class1@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class1@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)
- Class 2 (Miss Ratcliffe) - [class2@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class2@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)
- Class 3 (Mr Manning) - [class3@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class3@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)
- Class 4 (Mrs Nott) - [class4@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class4@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)



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### Home Learning Hero

Pre-School Home Learning Hero – Well done to Jenson for all his home learning tasks and in particular for his ideas for how best to melt ice fast – using a hairdryer!

Class 1 Home Learning Hero – is Freddie who has been having lots of fun with the tasks set this week and even managed to complete a ‘challenge task’ set for him by Mrs North. Well done Freddie 😊

Class 2 Home Learning Hero – Emily for her fantastic phonics! Emily has been watching the Phonics Videos at home. She has been joining in and practising reading and writing her sounds! Well done, Emily! 😊

Class 3 Home Learning Hero – Rowan - For making a fantastic start to Home Learning and engaging with Google Classroom tasks before even being asked to. Fantastic independent learning and setting a brilliant example to other children in the class. Keep up the hard work Rowan!

Class 4 Home Learning Hero – Alby's description of his Christmas gift used fantastic details, sentence structure and punctuation. A great start to high quality Home Learning!

### School Dinner Menu week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pork Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Chicken Pasta Bake	Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Vegetarian sausages	Vegetarian Lasagne	Broccoli & Cheese Bake	County Garden Crumble	Meat Free Nuggets
Sides	Creamed Potato & Seasonal Veg	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Seasonal Veg & Baked Beans	Golden Fries/Pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Peach Melba & Ice-Cream	Fruit Platter	Sticky Chocolate Slice	Chocolate Cracknel