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‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Friendship	Courage
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Newsletter – Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break. It has been so good to see and chat to the children this week and hear all about their Easter holidays. It was a very rainy and cold start to the summer term - but we are hoping for some sunny days to come! Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat every day, just in case. Children are still encouraged to bring wellies in to school for OPAL playtimes and to have a spare change of clothes in their bag in case they get muddy/wet.

It has been great this week to see the children so excited by their new topics. Please look out for your child's new curriculum newsletter, which will be coming home alongside the school newsletter next Friday.

This term we have started our new writing programme 'Ready Steady Write'. We decided to invest in this new programme across the Trust to make sure the children continue to improve and be excited by their writing. We are looking forward to sharing the fantastic outcomes with you. The children have loved being immersed in their new writing topics. Check out the exciting learning in Class 3 and Class 1/2!



Over the Easter break, I received some exciting news about the play equipment. As you will be aware, the old equipment was no longer fit for purpose at our last inspection and was removed by our wonderful premises team. Since then, I have been listening to the views of the children and discussing with them what they would like to see in the new playground. I am pleased to inform you that our new playground equipment is due to be installed over the May half term break! This was very important to me because I wanted to ensure the children in Y6 had the opportunity to play on the new equipment before they leave us at the end of July. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to our PTFA who have worked hard to raise money towards the new equipment. Watch this space!

There are so many exciting things coming up this term, so please keep an eye on the upcoming date's section of our newsletter.

Kind regards,
Miss Ratcliffe

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



Celebration Assembly
Well Done
For receiving a
Certificate of Achievement



Class Award

Nursery – Jessie for settling in well and following the daily routine during her first week in FSU ☺

Reception – Charlie great effort in maths, challenging himself to represent teen numbers.

Class 1 – Ava & Noah for a fantastic start to Class 1 and making many new friends.

Class 2 – Ivy for a great first week at Witheridge Academy.

Class 3 – Arthur W for going above and beyond with optional homework.

Class 4 – Emma for always being kind and encouraging to others.

Writer of the Week:

Reception – Lorcan – Showing stamina to write four correctly punctuated sentences in his holiday news.

Class 1 – Aurora for trying really hard in writing and phonics to produce amazing work.

Class 2 – Sam for trying hard to improve your handwriting.

Class 3 – Jacob S for making fantastic predictions based on evidence.

Class 4 – Charley great work on active and passive voice.

Contribution:

William – Exceptional resilience following disappointment at Trampolining

Reaching 10 on the Nursery Caterpillar

Jayden-Lee & Mia ☺

20 Merits

Class 1 – Ethan, Lacey, Lily E, Monica

Class 2 – Linden

40 Merits

Reception – William, Barney, Jasper, Bethan, Lorcan, Rueben, Wren & Nancy

Class 2 – Sam,

Class 3 – Max, Arthur W, Freddie

Class 4 – Emma, Graeson, Lena

60 Merits

Class 3 – Khalid, Betsy

Class 4 – Gladys

House Points

Discovery 60

Endeavour 52

Enterprise 56

Voyager 77



Weekly Attendance	
Nursery 1	100%
Nursery 2	97%
Reception	96%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	91%

Every Day Counts

Attend and achieve.

Absences add up and have a detrimental effect on your learning.



Attendance Update

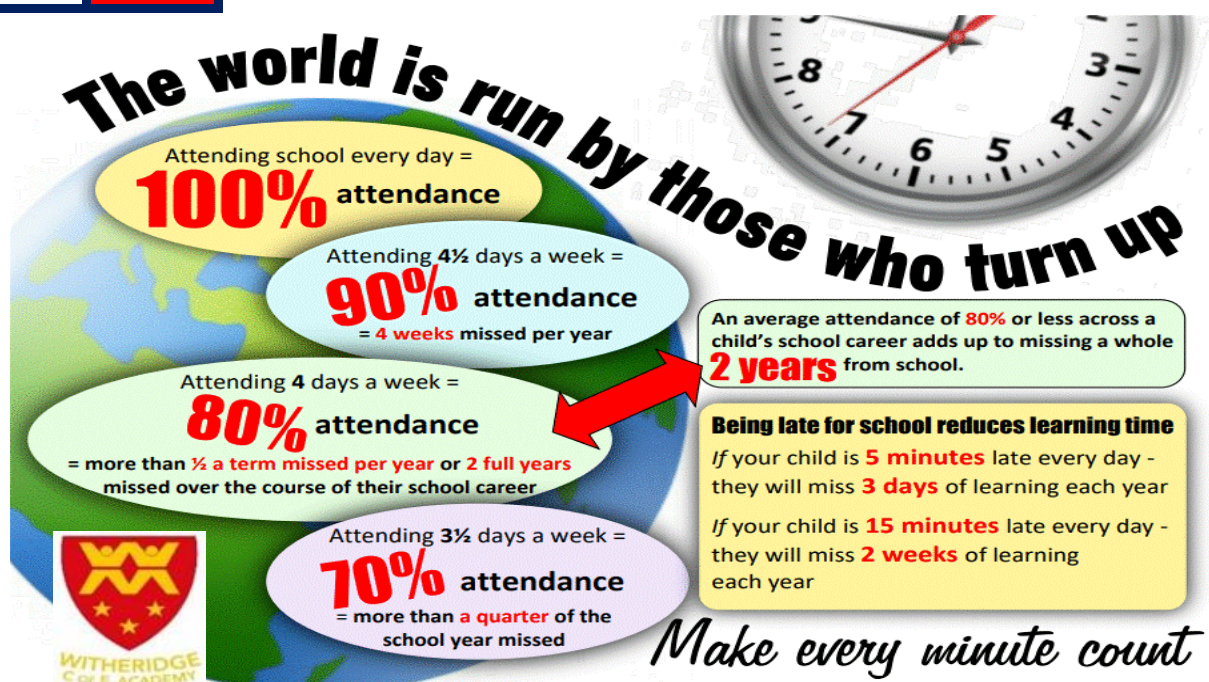
It's great to see everyone working so hard to achieve or beating our **96.5%** target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for the week is **96.7%**

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

Together Each achieves More!



Team Meal Menu – Summer Term 2024 Week 2 - W/B 22 nd April	
Monday	Macaroni Cheese V – Toasted Cheese Baguette Vegetables & Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit & Yogurt
Tuesday	Mild Chilli V – Quorn Chilli Rice and Season Veg Carrot Cake
Wednesday	Roast of the Day V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy Fruit Platter
Thursday	Chicken Fajitas V - Quorn Nugget Fajitas Potato Wedges and Mixed Veg Cheese Cake
Friday	Salmon Nuggets or Cod Fishcakes V – Vegetable Sausages Golden Fries, Vegetable 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.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 / 2024		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day – 6th September 2023 Half term – 23rd – 27th October 2023 Last Day – 15th December 2023	First Day – 3rd January 2024 Half term 12th – 16th February 2024 Last Day – 28th March 2024	First Day 15th April 2024 Bank Holiday 6th May 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

Residential Trips

Year 6 Residential to Adventure Bude

Our Year 6's are starting to look forward to their final residential at Witheridge to Adventure Bude!

Please do not forget that the final payment is due by the 3rd May!

Class 3 Residential to Wildside Experience

Please do not forget to sign your child up for the Wildside Experience – Consent & Deposit due by 24th May.

Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024

Monday 22 nd April	Class 3 PE Class 3 Group 2 – Forest School
Tuesday 23 rd April	Rocksteady Music Tuition
Wednesday 24 th April	Reception Class – PE Trampolining at Air Extreme Class 1 – PE Infant B Group 2 – Forest School Mr Rogo's Music Tuition Stay and Play Session in FSU at 13.45
Thursday 25 th April	Class 2 – PE Whole class Infant A Group 2 – Forest School School Council Meeting @ 1pm Mr Rogo's Music Tuition
Friday 26 th April	Stay and Play Session in the School Hall at 9am Class 4 – PE Class 4 Group 2 – Forest School

Dates for your diary

Monday 29 th April	EYFS Super Hero's Day – (Details to follow)
Tuesday 30 th April	Opal Working Party Group Meeting @ 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 6 Residential Parents/Guardian Meeting @ 3pm
Saturday 4 th May	Exmoor Challenge Day
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 8 th May	Whole Class Photo's Day
Thursday 9 th May	School Council Meeting @ 1pm
Friday 10 th May	C1 & C2 visit to Okehampton Castle trip (Details to follow)
Sunday 12 th May	PTFA Meeting @ 7.30pm
Monday 13 th May	KS2 SAT's begin
Sunday 19 th May	Year 6 Adventure Bude Residential
Friday 24 th May	Class 3 Wildside deposit due
Friday 24th May	Endeavour Treat Friday!
Monday 27th to 31st May	MAY HALF TERM – NO SCHOOL
Monday 3rd June	NON PUPIL DAY – NO SCHOOL
Thursday 6 th June	Image Musical Theatre visiting Witheridge
Friday 14 th June	PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 21 st June	KS2 visit to Rosemoor (Details to follow)
Wednesday 26 th June	KS2 Football Tournament @ Witheridge (Details to follow)
Wednesday 26 th June	Wildside Class 3 Parents/Guardian Information Evening @ 3pm
Thursday 27 th June	FSU (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Sports Day
Friday 5 th July	The Mix Festival – KS2 (Details to follow)
Tuesday 9 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July	Chulmleigh Community College Year 6 Transition Day
Thursday 18 th – 19 July	Class 3 Wildside Experience Residential
Friday 19th July	Discovery Treat Friday
Tuesday 23rd July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

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

PE & Forest School Days Summer Term 1

Monday

Class 3 - PE

Class 3 Group 2 Forest School (Taya, Amy, Isabella, Olly, Archie, Jack Mc, Betsy & Harry)



Wednesday

Reception Class PE – Trampolining at Air Extreme

Class 1 PE – WHOLE CLASS

Infant B Group 2 Forest School (Mya, Ronnie, Ivy, George, Amelia, Hazel, Jenson & Linden)

Thursday

Class 2 PE – WHOLE CLASS

Infant A Group 2 Forest School (Chester, Bethan, Charlie, Isabel Georgia, Wren, Jasper & Reuben)

Friday

Class 4 PE

Class 4 Group 2 Forest School (Zack, Tate, Paige, Liberty, Ben Jayden, Seamus & Molly)



School Uniform

Please make sure your children's uniform is clearly labelled with their name.
Any lost **unnamed** items will be donated to the PTFA for resale at half term.



Mr Wiggins Forest School News....

This week Key Stage 1 pupils have been looking at earthworms. We have carried out some digging outside the front of the school and collected a variety of worms.



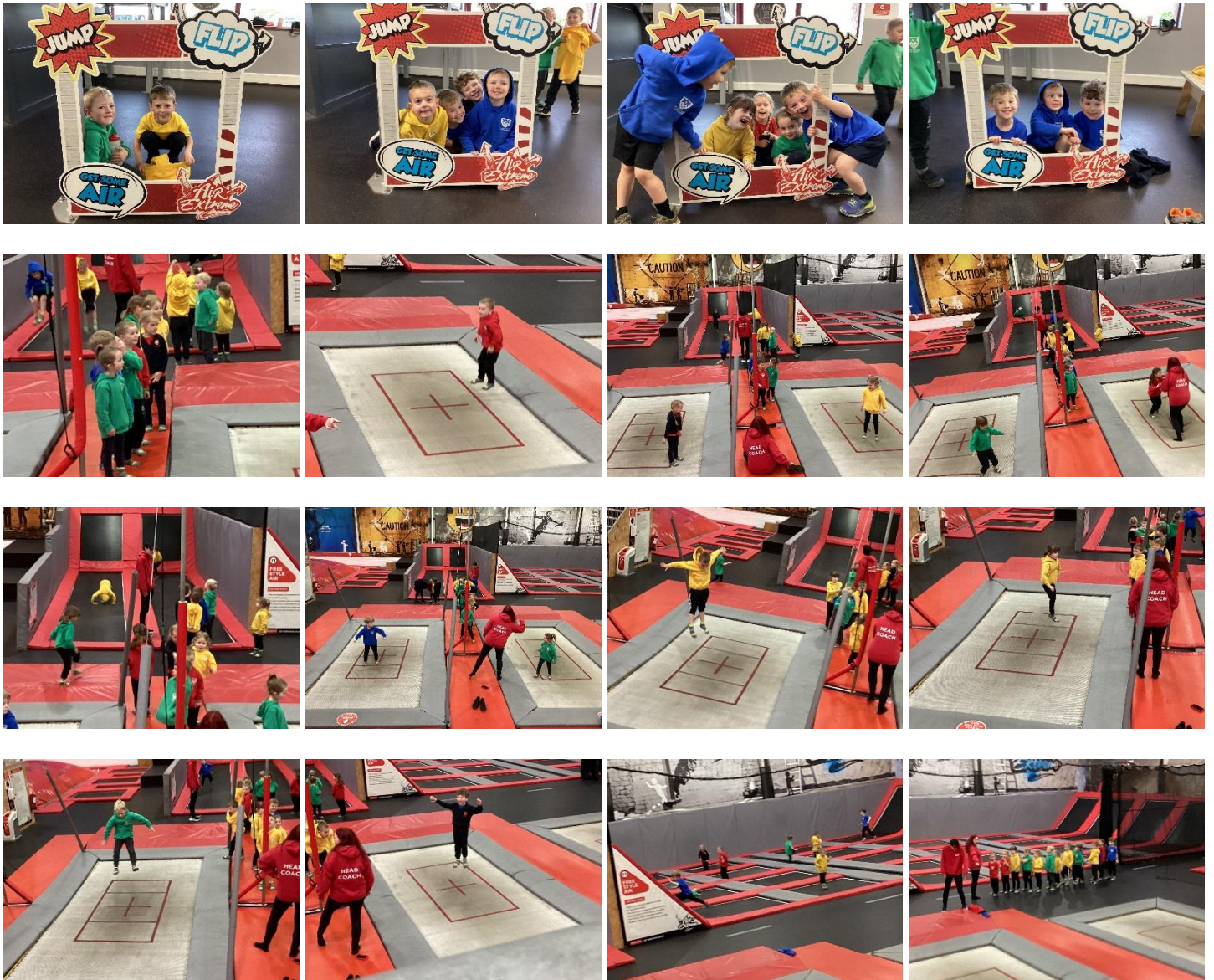
These, we have then investigated, looking closely at their feature through our magnifiers.



The pupils have created a fact file on things we have found out about earthworms.



Reception Class' PE this half term is a unit of Trampolining and their first session at Air Extreme this week was a great success. The children learnt how to keep themselves safe while using the trampolines and began with learning how to control their body while jumping and landing as well as turning and doing forward rolls. Some children were, of course, full of confidence while others started with some initial apprehension, however the session was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we cannot wait to return next week.



Especially big thanks to our star photographer, William who captured these images of his classmates from the viewing gallery! ☺

Mrs North






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

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All ages welcome!

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Witheridge hardship funds

Saturday 20th
April 10-12

At the Church of St John the Baptist, Witheridge



Raffle Cakes Kids' activities

PLAY CRICKET

COME ALONG AND ENJOY LOCAL CRICKET WITH YOUR FRIENDS



HEATHCOAT CC
 JOIN US FOR TRAINING ON THURSDAY (YRS 9 & 10 ONLY) AND FRIDAY EVENINGS
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 CONTACT: RODNEY DAVIES - RODNEY@EGGESFORD-BARTON.CO.UK

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 "We are committed to ensuring that cricket is accessible, safe, and welcoming to all those participating, whether they be players, spectators, volunteers, officials, coaches or those working on behalf of Devon Cricket".

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