



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a fantastic first week back after half term. It has been wonderful to see all the children again and to catch up with them after their half term breaks. I am sure you will have noticed that we have had some cold and frosty mornings this week, please ensure that your child comes to school with a jumper and a coat every day. Children can also bring hats, scarves and gloves to school but please ensure that all items are named.

This week, a new national lockdown was announced. I am sure you will have already seen my email, but essentially nothing has changed for us here, aside from a slight change with regards to face coverings for staff members. In class, we have spoken to the children about the importance of adhering to the lockdown guidance, such as staying at home and only exercising/going outside with members of their own family or social bubble, and why these measures are so important to keep us safe. We thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times.

Next week, it is National Maths Week. Children in all classes will be spending a bit of extra time rehearsing their number facts and practising their quick maths. If you would like to support this at home, there are a number of ways you could do this.

- Hit the Button (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>) This is a fantastic free online game which allows children to practise and rehearse their number facts and times tables.
- TT Rockstars (<https://trockstars.com/>) All children in Years 2 - 6 have a login for TTRockstars. Here they can practise their times tables and compete against each other. Mr Wiggans often sets up challenges between the classes - so keep an eye out for them!
- Mathletics (<https://login.mathletics.com/>) All children in Years 2 - 6 have a login for Mathletics. Here children can practise particular mathematical processes and skills. They can also compete in live competitions with other children in the school AND across the whole world!
- For children in EYFS, it is always good to practise counting forwards and backwards. They could also try and spot numbers in the world around them. For example: What number house do you live at? Or how many numbers can you find on your way to school?

A big THANK YOU to all the Parents and Carers who joined us virtually for our Parents Evenings this week. It is a fantastic opportunity to talk about how your child is progressing and a good time to discuss any queries or questions you might have about school. If you were unable to make Parents Evening this week, please contact the school to arrange a 10-minute phone conversation with your child's class teacher. You can contact us via email (admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk) or by phone on 01884 860518.

Finally, this week we welcomed our 100th pupil to Witheridge C of E Academy! Wow! It is so lovely to see the school community continue to grow and expand.

I hope you have a great weekend,
 All the best, Miss Ratcliffe



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



Work	
<p>Pre-School – Ronnie has been trying hard when sitting on the carpet, to do fantastic listening and concentrating throughout the focused task we are doing. Ronnie always follows what is being asked of her throughout the day, and perseveres at everything she attempts to do. Well done Ronnie we are all very proud of you ☺</p> <p>Class 1 – Arthur W has shared his fantastic thinking this week – When we talked about bonfires he linked this to what he knows about the big fires in Australia and talked about how to keep safe. He also suggested a fantastic investigation for us to find out whether shiny things shine in the dark? But we discovered that they don't.</p> <p>Class 2 – Hope – For her fantastic re-telling of the Bonfire night poem. Hope was able to confidently recite the poem independently in front of the whole class! Well done, Hope! ☺</p> <p>Class 3 – Austin – For working really well independently in Maths and English this week. Austin showed a particularly amazing attitude in PE as well and was enthusiastic about every activity that he participated in. Keep working hard and showing that amazing positive attitude Austin ☺</p> <p>Class 4 – Amelia – For such an improvement in the quantity and presentation of your writing now you are using your new book with handwriting lines. Wow!</p>	
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Enterprise 27	Voyager 24

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Please remember that ParentPay is not a credit facility – balances should be kept in credit or at nil balance to avoid unnecessary reminders.

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Breakfast and After School Club



Runs daily from 8am and 3.30-5.30 with Bobbie, Jayne and Laura and is available to Pre-School children as well as school children at the cost of £4.00 per child (Pre-School hourly rate dependant of age). Please pre-book sessions through the school office by emailing admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk or alternatively phone 01884 860518.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 9th November 2020

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausage & Bacon	Cottage Pie	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Chicken Pasta Bake	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Veggie Burger	Cheese & Tomato Toasted Baguette	Lentil Loaf	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Hash Brown, Scrambled egg, Baked Beans tomatoes & Mushrooms	Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sweetcorn & Peas	Golden Fries, & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Jelly Whip & Fruit Topping	Fruit Platter	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	Shortbread Fingers



- If your child is off school, please report their absence to the school office on 01884 860518 by 9.30am.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance please to the school office, as well.
- Ensure your child has everything they need for their school day before coming to school.
- Please ensure PE Kits are with your child on their PE Day.
- Warm and waterproof coats for outdoor play!
- All long hair to be tied back.
- Please clearly mark all uniform, including shoes, with your child's name.



It is never too early to book your child's place at our Preschool! Currently, we are full for Two Year Olds, and we anticipate that this will be the case for a few years to come. If you would like to talk to us about a Preschool place for your child, please contact us on 01884 860518 or email admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk to request a registration pack.



Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations are taking place in school on Friday 11th December. For Reception to Year 6 children, please book your child's space via this link:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

