

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed refreshing their knowledge of Road Safety this week because this week is Road Safety Awareness week. We hope that you continue to support this at home by reinforcing the 'Stop, Look and Listen' guidance when crossing the roads.

We are so lucky to be in the location that we are - there is so much space for the children to explore and enjoy, and we are making the most of it at the moment. The second Class 1 group have enjoyed visiting Essebeare Farm this week for Farm School, the second Forest School group were able to go and use the Outside Classroom and Class 2 enjoyed visiting the local woods. Learning outside is a fantastic way for the children to learn about their locality and link this to the learning that takes place back in the classroom.



I hope you have a fantastic weekend full of rest and relaxation.

Kind Regards,
Miss Ratcliffe

PS Mr Manning has started his fundraising this week! Well done, Mr Manning and Good Luck!

Christmas Card Competition

Every year we send out a Christmas card to members of our local community. This year we would like to invite all children to design a Christmas card. Please submit your entry via email to admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk Cards need to be A4 size and they can be in colour. If you would prefer to submit your design on paper, please do so with 72 hours quarantine time. Christmas cards should be submitted to the school by Friday 4th December (email) or Wednesday 2nd December (paper). Good luck!



ParentPay

We would like to use the Parent Pay text messaging service from time to time, please can you check that all your details are correct on your Parent Pay Account and add a current mobile phone number to the system.

Please remember that ParentPay is not a credit facility – balances should be kept in credit or at nil balance to avoid unnecessary reminders. All balances/money owed are in red writing.



Flu Vaccinations - FINAL CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

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



Over the next Month I'll be running to and from work every day to raise money for St Petrock's homeless charity in Exeter. The idea is that I will raise money to go towards making Christmas as pleasant as possible for the homeless and vulnerably housed. It's 2.4 miles from my house to work so I'll be running 4.8 miles a day in any weather conditions. The distance adds up to 110 miles in total.

On the last day of term, I'll be sleeping rough on the streets of Exeter to finish the challenge. If you'd like to sponsor me, you can do so by following the link below or searching for the challenge on Virgin's fundraising page.

Thank you,
Ryan

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RyanManning2>

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Bacon & Leek Pie	Beef Burger in a bap	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	BBQ Chicken	Fish in Breadcrumbs
Vegetarian	Tomato & Cheese Pizza	Veggie Burger in a bap	Vegetarian Roast	Broccoli & Cheese Bake	Cheese Omelette
Sides	Creamed Potatoes or pasta & Baked Beans	Potato wedges, baked beans & sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Pasta, Salad & Coleslaw	Golden Fries, & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Angel Delight with fruit	Fruit Platter	Apple Crumble	Flap Jack



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



Work

Pre-School – Mya for her excellent describing features of shapes. During focused Maths we were looking at shapes: Circle, Square Rectangle and triangle. Mya was able to name each shape and tell me how she knew they were that shape.

Class 1 – Jack M This week in class 1 we have been being ‘Persevering Parrots’! When I listened to each of the children tell me all the sounds they know in phonics. Jack M showed me that he knows every single one! This means that Jack has been concentrating really well and managing distractions – Just like a really good Persevering Parrot!

Class 2 – Emily For making a fantastic start in Class 2 and at Witheridge CofE Academy.

Class 2 for their amazing behaviour and enthusiasm on our trip to the Enchanted Woods yesterday where we saw fairies!

Photos can be found on our Website <https://www.teamacademytrust.com/gallery/?pid=101&qcatid=35>

Class 3 – Milo For showing a fantastic attitude in Maths this week. Milo has had his hand up for almost every question that I have asked the class. When Milo does answer he has been using fantastic Mathematical vocabulary to explain exchanging. You’ve blown me away at times this week, Milo!

Class 4 – Harley For writing an incredible introduction to his discussion writing, giving a balanced view and informing the reader what the writing is about And with Improved handwriting, too!

Discovery 39

Endeavour 52

Enterprise 52

Voyager 56

News from Forest School

Another sunny afternoon to enjoy Forest School in the Outdoor Learning Area.

This week we looked at Spiders and their Webs.



Pupils learnt about this member of the Arachnid family with its two body segments and eight legs. A variety of household and garden spiders were there in jam jars for viewing as we discussed their exoskeleton, eating habits and use of their silk.

The children split into teams and took part in a spider fact quiz and were amazed to learn that:

- Spiders cannot chew and instead spray their prey with acid to liquefy their bodies before sucking them up.
- Spiders can use their silk for “ballooning” and travel distances up to 2 miles on the wind.
- Spiders silk is possibly the strongest material in the world.
- The largest spider can grow to a leg span of 28cm. Scary indeed!

Pupils then tried to re-create webs with sticks and wool. A harder task than any of us imagined. Respect to the skills of the spiders.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2020:

Thursday 26 th November	Forest School Class 4 – Group 1
Thursday 26 th November	Farm School Class 1 – Group 3
Thursday 3 rd December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 3 rd December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 1
Thursday 10 th December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 10 th December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 2
Friday 11 th December	Flu Immunisation day
Thursday 17 th December	Forest School Class 4 – Group 2
Thursday 17 th December	Farm School Class 4 – Group 3
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th January	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term
Thursday 14 th January	Witheridge PTFA AGM

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

Class 2 Enchanted Woodland Walk

On Thursday, Class 2 went on a walk to the woods as part of our new topic 'The Enchanted Woodlands'. We were hoping to find magical things - AND WE DID! We found some fairies in the woods! They froze when they saw us, but when we looked back at them, they had disappeared! We think they may have been having a tea party because we found a tiny table and chairs with some teeny cups of tea. We were very excited and we hope this will help to inspire us to write some brilliant stories next week. As it is Road Safety Week this week, we also practised crossing the road carefully and using our 'Stop, Look and Listen'. Well done to all the children in Class 2 for their fantastic behaviour on our trip yesterday.





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.



TEAM Vacancy

Brayford Academy

KS1 Maternity Cover Classroom Teacher

Dates: Apply by 9th December 2020 - Job starts 22 February 2021

Contract type: Full Time

Contract term: Fixed term

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague commencing on 22nd February 2021. The contract will be for a fixed term to cover Maternity leave.

Closing date: 9th December 2020

Interview date: 15th December 2020

Please visit www.teamacademytrust.com for further details about our school and to download an application pack.

Please email your completed application form and supporting documents to vacancies@team-mat.org.uk or post to Pilton Bluecoat Academy marked for the attention of Mr I Thomas.

Community News

Witheridge Adventure Playground Survey

Thank you, to all the parents/Carers and grandparents who have taken the Witheridge Adventure Playground Survey, we have had 73 amazing responses so far! The deadline is Sunday – If you would like to have a say, to what you would like to see in the Playpark – We would be keen to hear from you.

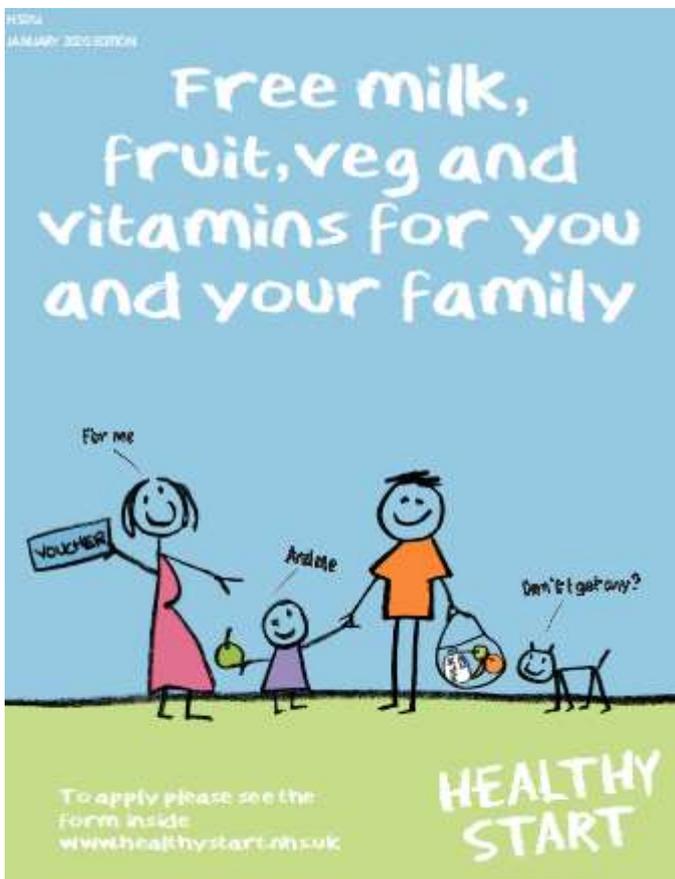
Please complete the online survey, which can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9CHZNCK>

Thanks in advance for your help!

Beverley, Jackie, Kelly and Katie

(Witheridge Recreational Redevelopment - find us on Facebook)



Do you, your friends and your families know about [Healthy Start](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) ?

See if you or your friends and families can apply, have a look on their website.

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