



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are so looking forward to seeing you all next week! We have spent this week preparing our classrooms for the return of all children and ensuring our displays are up to date. We have some fantastic things planned for the next few weeks which we know you will all love; we can't wait to get started.

From Monday, all children will need to be in full school uniform, including black school shoes and the correct PE kit. If you need additional items of clothing, we have plenty in our preloved second-hand uniform collection, including PE t-shirts. All items cost 50p or 25p for children in receipt of Pupil Premium. Please ask Mrs Eastman if you require any items. You can buy new PE t-shirts and school jumpers through Parent Pay and these items can be collected from the school office or directly via the My Clothing website.

Please remember, all children should have their hair tied back, if it can be. We also do not allow jewellery or makeup in school. We do allow small stud earrings and a watch. If your child wears earrings to school, they should be able to remove them themselves for PE days. If your child cannot remove their earrings, we will cover them with masking tape for PE for safety reasons.

In the next few weeks, we will have some very special new members of the Witheridge family joining us! We are getting 2 School guinea pigs! They will live outside Class 4 but they will be available for all children to play with throughout the school week. If you do not want your child touching or being near the guinea pigs, please let us know ASAP.

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who joined us for our Virtual Parent's Evenings this week. It was a great opportunity to hear about your child's challenges and triumphs during home learning.

Please note, from 3:30 this afternoon, the Class and Preschool email addresses will no longer work. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office via the admin email (admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk) or the school phone number (01884 860518).

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, see you Monday!

Kind Regards,
 Miss Ratcliffe

PE Days Spring 2 2021

Please send your child's PE kit in on their PE day only. Your child will come home wearing their PE kit and will bring their school clothes home in their PE bag.

Class 1: Friday Class 2: Monday
 Class 3: Wednesday Class 4: Tuesday



PE will start from Monday 8th March. Please ensure your child has their kit on the correct day. If your child does not have the correct kit, we will call/email and ask you to bring it in.

Reading Events:

We are really proud of our reading at Witheridge, and even throughout school closure, we've had some fantastic reading events going on!

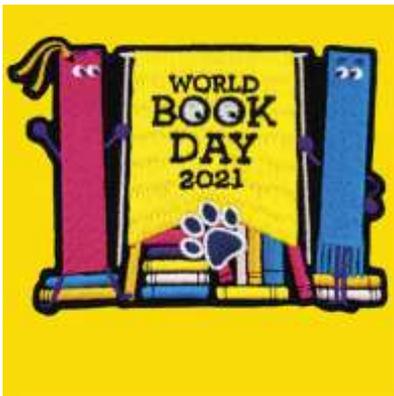
EPIC

Well done to everybody who has engaged with EPIC, the online reading platform, as part of their Home Learning and reading for pleasure. So many of you have read far more, for far longer than you have been asked to, and we've heard some lovely examples of stories being shared using this app. Keep it up!

Readathon

Our Readathon 2021 (reading 20 minutes every day for 21 days) has raised a staggering **£503!** We have been truly amazed by everyone's dedication to reading and raising money for a great cause. We will be sending off the final paperwork at the end of this week, so you have until then to hand in your reading records and sponsorship forms, or to make any last-minute donations online. We will be giving out prizes next week when all children return to school. Well done to all those who have taken part.

World Book Day Celebrations



We celebrated World Book Day this week through our Wellbeing Wednesday activities, all themed around the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Thank you for sharing your wonderful photos with us. We also enjoyed an online story time with our local MP, Selaine Saxby, who read us the story of "Ruby Rockpool & The Garbage Patch King", by Hannah Pearl.

We also plan to celebrate World Book Day in school, once all children have returned and settled back into school routines. This will take place later in the term. We will soon be providing dates and details of this exciting event, so look out for details in the coming weeks!

Book Tokens

As part of World Book Day, each child will receive a £1 book token. This can be exchanged for a FREE World Book Day book at booksellers and many supermarkets, or used towards the cost of a book of your choice. Children will be bringing their World Book Day Book Voucher home with them on Friday 12th March. Vouchers are valid until Sunday 28th March.



Yesterday afternoon, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we joined Selaine Saxby, MP for North Devon, for a very special Zoom Call. Ms Saxby read us a story called 'Ruby Rockpool and the Garbage Patch King'. It was a lovely way to spend the afternoon and the children really enjoyed listening to the story.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 8th March 2021

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Toad in the Hole	Pasta Bolognese	Roast of the day	Hunters Chicken	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Quorn Bolognese	Lentil Loaf	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sliced Potato & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries/Pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Jam Tart & Custard	Flapjack

Also available every day: - Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and/or Beans. Fruit Yogurt or Fresh Fruit.

Pre-School - £1.80 per meal. Reception & KS1 children – Universal Free School Meals, KS2 children £2.35 per meal.

Payments for meal to be made via Parent Pay.



Celebration Assembly
Well Done
For receiving a
Certificate of Achievement



Home Learning Hero

Pre-School Home Learning Hero – It has been impossible to choose a Home Learning Hero this week and instead, the staff in our FSU would like to congratulate all the preschool children and look forward to seeing them all next week.

Class 1 Home Learning Hero – This week, our Home Learning Heroes are Declan and Khalid for consistent effort with their home learning throughout this period. This week Declan's effort included a well written list of ingredients for his 'eggs recipe' - Declan made some delicious looking cup-cakes. Khalid, who has spent some time in school, has continued to impress us this week with his positive attitude and helpfulness to others which he demonstrated wonderfully when leading our Goldilocks role play.

Class 2 Home Learning Hero – Ebony - For completing all her Home Learning every week, for excellent participation in our Live Lessons and particularly for her impressive work in our Decision Spelling group. Ebony could remember 8 of the 9 ways we know of spelling the /or/ sound. Well done, Ebony!

Class 3 Home Learning Hero – Acacia for working collaboratively with her classmates to produce a lovely project about how the Anglo Saxons lived. Acacia shared ideas and picked her favourite parts from other people's ideas to include in her project, which resulted in a beautiful and informative project about Anglo Saxon houses, food and clothing.

Class 4 Home Learning Hero – Harley is Class 4's Home Learning Hero for persevering with his work on our school motto and sharing great reasoning about perimeter in our Live Lessons.

Here is the link for this week's Celebration Collective worship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LKYFycJOFw>

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**



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