



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week of learning at Witheridge Academy this week. All the class bubbles are now deep into their topics and are enjoying discovering new things and challenging themselves in different ways.

As we are now more settled with our routines and procedures, we are beginning to explore new ways of connecting virtually with each other across the class bubbles. This week, the House Captains for this year - Harley, Zak, Lucas and Finley - sent the rest of the classes a little video introducing themselves. All the classes loved seeing and hearing from the House Captains, and this has led to a surge in children collecting House Points. Everyone wants to win the House Cup!

We have also re-established our links with the Church Community through Zoom Visitor Collective Worship. Thank you to our church community for their continued support and dedication to the school and the children's spiritual journeys.

Today, we have had our very first virtual Celebration Collective Worship! It was lovely to see all the children in their classes, to hear about all the learning that is taking place across the school and to celebrate each other's achievements together. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions currently in place, we are unable to send the children's certificates home with them. Therefore, the recipients of the certificates have had their photographs taken and these photographs will be sent home via email. The children's certificates will be displayed on the Classroom doors for a week and then saved for their End of Year books.

We will continue to explore ways in which we can connect the children virtually as we move through the rest of this term.

Thank you for all your continued support and understanding as we explore this 'new normal'.

All the best,
Miss Ratcliffe

FSU woodland walk – Monday 5th October

If you have not already done so, please ensure you have completed the trip consent information on ParentPay by Monday. Please can children remember to bring their waterproof coats and sturdy footwear.

Music Tuition

We currently have space availability for Piano Music Lessons in school with Mr Rogozinski, if your child has shown an interest in beginning lessons; please email or speak to Kelly in the office.



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



Work

Pre-School – Betsy - Excellent listening on the carpet which means she is able to answer questions about Autumn, making very good suggestions and have a good idea about why things happen in the Autumn time. She is showing younger children how to behave and setting an excellent example. (Photograph to follow)

Class 1 – Jack E – Jack has settled into Class 1 exceptionally well. He always listens well – Making sure that he is ‘in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time!’ He has shown a very sensible and grown up approach to school and tries very hard to do good sitting, good looking, good listening and good thinking and this means that he is learning really well especially his sounds in Phonics.

Class 2 – Eli – For settling in to our class really well and working hard to form new relationships. Graeson – For his fantastic retelling of the Grace Darling Story and his acting in role.

Class 3 – Kyah – Settled in really well to her new class. She is always keen to share ideas and always shows such a positive attitude to learning. She wrote an incredibly detailed newspaper report last week about a whale being stranded in the Thames and this week she has been showing amazing creativity when matching verbs to the way that rivers are moving. Fantastic start Kyah, Keep it up!

Class 4 – Tiamii – Writing – In her albatross story, Tiamii has chosen really effective language and taken care with her presentation. She can be really proud of herself for concentrating, thinking carefully and doing her very best. Great learning skills, Tiamii!

Discovery 31	Endeavour 29
Enterprise 37	Voyager 35

PE Days

A gentle reminder, the children have PE on the following days.

- Class 3 - Monday
- Class 4 - Tuesday
- Class 2 - Thursday
- Class 1 – Friday



Please ensure that our child’s PE kit is in school on the day and is suitable for the type of weather!
Black Jogging trousers or Leggings can be worn.

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.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

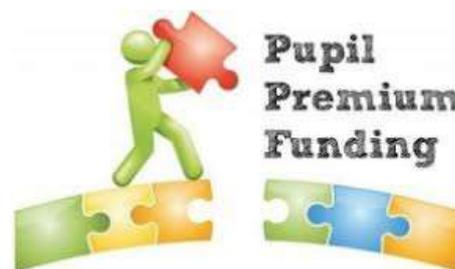
If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

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



Pupil Premium

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.



Ways in which we spend our fund include:

- Extra one to one and small group support
- Employment of extra teaching assistants
- Catch up sessions for children needing extra help
- Breakfast and After School club support
- Funding educational trips (50% funded)
- Music lessons for children who cannot afford to pay for them (50% funded)
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language support
- Investing in resources that boost learning such as laptops and tablets
- Free school meals



Please take advantage of this if you think you are eligible. All you need to do is visit this website www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals and fill out a quick form through the Devon Citizens Portal to see if your child could be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We are currently offering a **£10 book token** incentive to every successful applicant. Alternatively speak to Kelly if you have any questions.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 5th October 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

School Dinners - with the cold weather approaching it would be great to see more children enjoying a hot school dinner from KS2 and Pre-School. Don't forget there is also the choice of a jacket potato with cheese or beans as an alternative to the main course and the option of having fruit or yoghurt for pudding all for £2.30 (£1.80 for Preschool) – Please inform Mr Wiggans on arrival in the morning and payment for all lunches are via Parent Pay.

School Term Dates 2020 / 2021

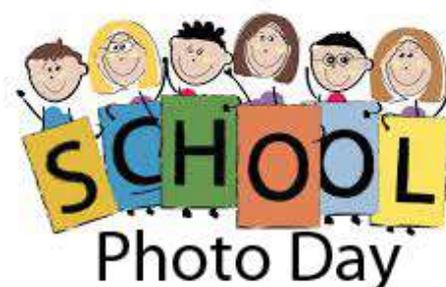
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
First Day 7th September 2020	First Day 5th January 2021	First Day 20th April 2021
Half-term 26th - 30th October 2020	Half-term 15th - 19th February 2021	Bank Holiday 3rd May 2021
Last Day 18th December 2020	Last Day 1st April 2021	Half-term 31st May - 4th June 2021
		Last Day 22nd July 2021

Non pupil days:

3rd & 4th September 2020
 4th January 2021
 19th April 2021
 23rd July 2021

Tempest Photography

If you wish to order your child's school photograph, this can be done directly on line via www.tempest-orders.co.uk or via returning the form to the school office no later than Monday 12th October.





We are encouraging social distancing in school so please keep your distance from other families, adults and children when dropping off or picking up.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

A blue rectangular box containing an illustration of three children's heads and shoulders at the top. Below the illustration, there is text describing symptoms of coronavirus. At the bottom, there is a button that says 'Book a test'.

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**

A blue rectangular box containing text about coronavirus symptoms. The text is arranged in two columns. The first column lists symptoms that could indicate coronavirus, and the second column lists symptoms that are not normally associated with it. At the bottom, there is a line of text advising where to seek help.