

Newsletter – Thursday 6th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, Class 2 had a Victorian Day to consolidate our learning about 'Schools from the Past'. The children completed a range of activities throughout the day, including writing on a slate with chalk and writing their names in sand trays. They all enjoyed experiencing life as a Victorian school child particularly having a go at wearing the Dunces' Cap! The children all looked fantastic in their Victorian outfits and as you can see from the picture - we looked very realistic!



We have had some exciting news this week, Mrs Nott has had her baby! She has had a happy and healthy boy named Oliver and both Mum and baby are doing well. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her many congratulations. Also, Mr Holding has started his paternity leave as his baby is due imminently. We will keep you updated with all the news!

You will have received news this week of all our Christmas Activities - there are lots of things coming up so please keep an eye on the key dates in the newsletter. If you would like any more information about the next few weeks, please speak to Mrs Eastman or myself. Nativity tickets are going quickly so please return your reply slip ASAP.

This year, we have decided to support the charity 'Toilet Twinning'. This decision was made by school council and has been agreed by our Ethos Committee and school staff. Please find attached a letter from a child in Class 4 giving you more information about our chosen charity. We will be collecting donations for Toilet Twinning at the Nativity and all proceeds from our KS1 and KS2 discos will also go to the charity.

Best wishes,
Miss Ratcliffe

Reminder: Children do not need to bring their own stationary into school as all stationary is provided by Class Teachers. We recommend that all personal belongings are left at home to ensure they are kept safe.



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



Work	
Class 1 – Abbie for super effort with our subtraction work in Maths Class 2 – Jake for his fantastic effort in Maths Class 3 – Zak for trying so hard with his handwriting on his leaflet Class 4 – Willow and Matthew for excellent persuasive writing	
Contribution	
Class 1 – Ebony – Helping other children in the lunch hall Milo – Helping other children with their drinks Class 3 – Kirsty – For helping Sophia in the lunch hall Class 4 – Megan – Showing compassion to her classmates	
20 Merits	
Class 2 – Leevi Class 3 – Zak Class 4 – Elsie	
House Points	
Discovery 38	Endeavour 27
Enterprise 26	Voyager 23



VACANCY

Required from 1st January 2019

General Teaching Assistant – Maternity Cover

School: **High Bickington C or E Academy**

Hours: 11 per week

Weeks: 38 per annum

Closing date: Monday 10th December 2018

For more information about the above vacancy, please check our website www.teamacademytrust.com or the Devon Jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk

We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email admin@high-bickington-primary.devon.sch.uk

Caroline Tucker
Trust Business Manager



School Dinner Menu week commencing 10th December 2018

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Christmas Dinner Day!!	Thursday	Friday
Main	West Country Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Roast Turkey Cranberry, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Tart	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Roast	Toasted Cheese Baguette	Vegetable wrap
Sides	Creamed Potato, baked beans & Veg	Crusty Bread, Coleslaw & Peas	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, sprouts, cauliflower cheese, broccoli, peas, beans, swede and Carrots & Gravy	Tortilla Chips, peas & Sweetcorn	Golden Fries, pasta & seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Fruit Jelly	Christmas pudding & custard, jelly & ice cream, Christmas cake & mince pies	Fruit & Yogurt	Peach melba with Ice Cream

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2018:

- Monday 10th December – After School Club **Closing at 5pm**
- Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day – Please don't forget to book with the Office
Pre-school £1.80, KS2 School Children £2.30 and adults £5.00
- Wednesday 12th December - Christingle and Carol Service 5pm (Please note new timings) will be held
at Witheridge Church
- Thursday 13th December – **PRE-SCHOOL** Tatty Bumpkin – Yoga 10.30-11.00
- Thursday 13th December – Year 1 to Year 4 Swimming (Last session for Year 1 to 4 – Please ensure all
Payments have been made to the School office by 14th December)
- Thursday 13th December – Witheridge PTFA Christmas Fayre starts at 3.30pm
- Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day for a £1 donation for Save the
- Friday 14th December – **PRE-SCHOOL** Christmas Nativity
- Friday 14th December - After School Club **Closing at 5pm**
- Monday 17th December – Christmas School Nativity 6pm in the School Hall
- Tuesday 18th December – Christmas School Nativity 2pm & 6pm in the School Hall
- Thursday 20th December – **PRE-SCHOOL** Christmas party 9-1
- Thursday 20th December – Last day of Autumn Term

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

Witheridge Pre-School

The festive fun has begun in the Pre-School, we have all enjoyed putting up our Christmas tree up @ The Hive and this year we have made some little beaded wreaths decorations to add a bit of sparkle and colour, the children have fantastic fine motor skills, threading the small beads onto pipe cleaners. We have wrapped a variety of different shaped boxes and parcels to put under our tree, the children



made some lovely address labels, the

further discussion was about the tradition of giving gift at Christmas.



Continuing with our shapes and sizes we have been looking at many different shapes in 2d and 3d – using stencils to draw around, the children created some lovely art work, while creating his picture Max discovered that putting the yellow star over his blue coloured pen it changed the colour to green.

The children have been showing their tower building skills by balancing lots of different shaped blocks on top of each other – using their coordination and motor skills not only to problem solve but for spatial awareness, manipulation and the ability to perceive the depth Perception.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Witheridge PTFA for our replacement Climbing Frame. Climbing frames in nursery settings are really important for children's climbing confidence and it helps prepare them for the larger climbing challenges in the Primary School. Through climbing, children begin to develop their fine motor skills including dexterity, grip and grasp. Young children may feel nervous when facing climbing equipment for the first time, but through trial and error and safe risk-taking, children will learn to face their fears and begin taking on new climbing challenges every single day.



Please can we remind all parents when signing in, in the morning to mark down if their child is packed lunch or having School dinners if staying for the whole day.

Thursday 13th December

We have a Yoga company Tatty Bumpkin's visiting the Pre-School at 10.30-11.00, **ALL** Pre-school children are welcome to attend, if it is not your usual pre-school day, parents can drop their child off at 10.15.

Witheridge PTFA

The Witheridge PTFA Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and the organising of the fun afternoon has begun! Thank you to the parents/Carers who have kindly donated raffle prizes to go into our hamper boxes – The hamper boxes are being made this weekend so your not to late to send in your donations.

Tonight we will be sending home an empty cup for our pot tombola stall, it would be amazing if you could fill the cup with goodies and let your children christmasie the outside of the pot to make it more festive.

We hope to see you all on
Thursday 14th December at 3.30pm

Kindest regards

Kayleigh Boyles
Chair of the PTFA Committee



Community News



Messy
CHURCH

At St John the Baptist Church ,
Witheridge

On Saturday 8th December
Time 11am – 1pm

Craft, Stories, Carols & Food
All ages welcome!

We would encourage parents
to stay and take part.

To book your place call 01884 860445
or email roff.denise@yahoo.co.uk





SUPER CHARGED SCIENCE

children's electronic workshop

at Barnstaple Library

15th December 2018

choose from: 10-12 or 1-3

£15 per child (drop off)

explore circuits, insulators & conductors
silly fun with static &
make your own christmas themed
buzzwire game to take home

Booking essential contact 07847006048 or
sciencedipity@outlook.com or book directly via the website:
www.sciencedipity.co.uk/saturday-science-club/