

Newsletter – Wednesday 19th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we had our Christingle service at the Witheridge Church. Four children in Class 4 took on the role of leading the service and they did a great job. Well done Cameron, Melissa, Willow and Megan. We also had our delicious Christmas lunch cooked for us by Bobbie and Rose. The food was yummy and it was so lovely to see so many parents and carers joining in the merriment. Thank you to Bobbie and Rose for all your hard work in the kitchen and to all staff for your help with serving and clearing up.



This week has been an exceptionally busy week with our three Nativity performances. All the children were AMAZING! It takes a lot of courage to sing and talk in front of so many adults and all children rose to the challenge and exceeded all our expectations. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and supported our Nativity.

After each performance, our Head Girl and Head Boy were collecting money for our chosen charity this year, 'toilet twinning'. I am very pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity from the guests at the performances, we have already raised **£141.58!** Thank you so much to all the parents, carers and other guests who kindly donated to our charity. That money will allow us to twin **two toilets** AND we are well on the way to raising enough for a third! We are also asking for a £1



donation for each child to attend the KS1 disco this afternoon and the KS2 disco this evening to go to toilet twinning and any money made from the tuck shop at the KS2 disco will also go towards getting that third toilet. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Finally, it is with heavy hearts we bid a very fond farewell to Mrs Dart. Mrs Dart has been at Witheridge Primary School for over 30 years and her kind and caring nature has helped so many children in their learning and in their emotional development. We will all miss her very much. We held a retirement party for Mrs Dart today and all children enjoyed a piece of cake to celebrate 35 fabulous years. Goodbye and Happy Retirement Mrs Dart.



We are also wishing a fond farewell to Rose who has supported Bobbie in the kitchen for over 18 years! We will all miss her sense of humour and her kind and caring nature. Thank you for all the lunches Rose, you will be sorely missed by all.

That brings me to the end of this newsletter and the term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all back in school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**

Season's Greetings,
Miss Ratcliffe

Pre-School News



We had a lovely visit from Nicky from Tatty Bumpkins this week, The multi-sensory Yoga class promoted creativity whilst the children benefitted from social confidence, attention skills and physical movement. The Children had dedicated time and space to explore a world where they went on a journey of Christmas, the learning was fun and for some children it was the first time they've been taught the essentials of relaxation and well-being. The decorated Christmas tree was the end of our journey; the whole session was filled with fun, music and movement.



The Pre-School children performed their Nativity on Friday and we would like to say A MASSIVE well done on how brilliantly they all performed and how proud all the staff were of them.

We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy new year.



Community News



Start Christmas off with

Crib service at St John the Baptist Church, Witheridge

3 pm on Christmas Eve

Building the cribs, carols, short story about Christmas

Mulled wine, mince pies, juice and biscuits after the service.

All welcome

HELE LANE
METHODIST CHURCH
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Christmas
Day Service**
10.30 am | Speaker Cheryl Govier | For all ages


Forth Friday Feast
Friday 25th January
at 12 noon

Family Service
LED BY BRIDGET DOWN
FEBRUARY 3rd at 11 am
With Drinks and Doughnuts

**Junior Church
every Sunday
morning!**
GROUPS FOR ALL CHILDREN

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BLACK DOG

**The 'Crinkly'
Christmas Nativity**



This year we have a role reversal.... the Junior Church will be leading the service and narrating, the adults will perform the play!
Come and join the fun and celebrate the birth of our King.

Sunday 23rd December at 4 pm
Followed by refreshments.
Donations for unicef 'Light for Syria'
Bringing humanitarian aid to the children of Syria.



Tiverton Signpost Club Presents
it's 74th annual pantomime

Cinderella

✦ The New Hall - Tiverton
 23rd January - 2nd February 2019
 Including 3 Matinees
 ✦ Adults: £9 - Child £8
 Tickets available from Twyford Copy & Print



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GYMNASTICS / DANCE CLASSES

STARTING JANUARY 2019

Class 1 6-9 years Wednesdays (Term Time) 5 - 6pm £5	Fully qualified gym coach Holly Noall & dancer Lauren Brady	Class 2 10-13 years Wednesdays (Term Time) 6 - 7pm £5
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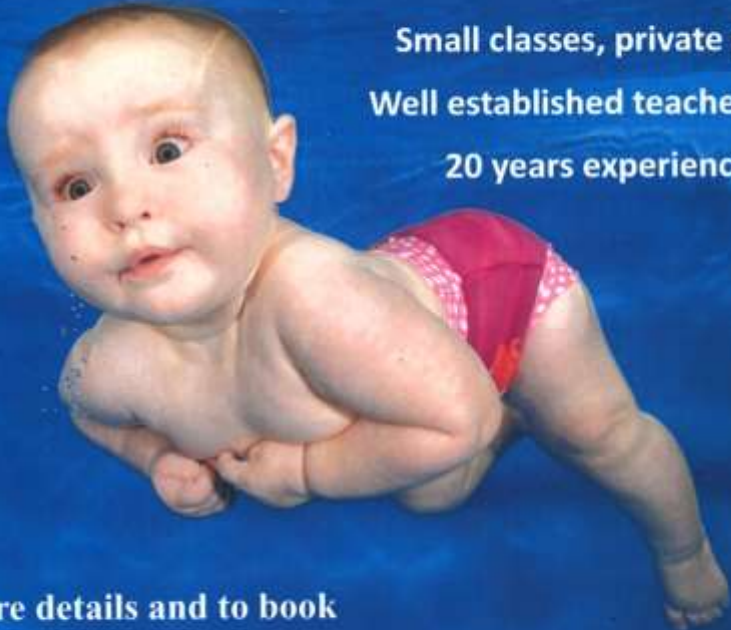
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