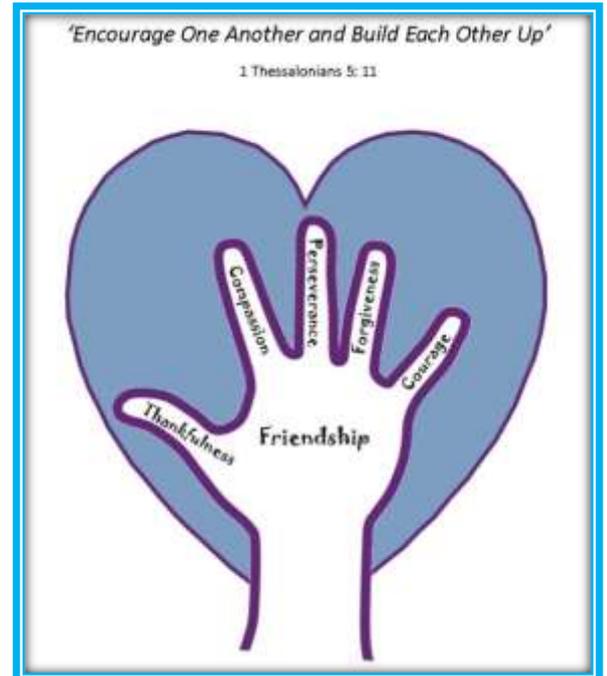


## Newsletter – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already almost half way through another academic year! Alongside this newsletter, if you have a child in years 1-6, they will also be bringing home their half termly report cards this evening. The aim is for these to provide you with a snapshot of your child's progress across the half term against their different starting points, and to provide information regarding their learning behaviours in class. If you would like to discuss anything from your child's report card with their class teacher, then please feel free to get in touch and arrange a meeting. As usual, we will be holding parent's evenings next half term, which will be an opportunity for you discuss your child's progress and development in further detail.

Over the last half term, our school value has been perseverance and we have spent time during our collective worship thinking about what perseverance means, why it is important and how we can help ourselves and others to keep persevering. Our Christian values are a very important part of what we do in school, with the aim being that learning about these values helps the children to reflect on what is important to them and helps them to make good decisions. Our values hand below serves as a reminder of the 6 Christian values that we look at over the course of the year. Next term we are learning all about forgiveness.



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, after the fantastic fundraising efforts of the school community, we have been able to twin four of our toilets in school with four toilets in other places around the world, providing essential clean sanitation and water to communities in need. The children were all really excited to receive our plaques, which we will be putting up around the school in the next few days. It has been a real pleasure to see how engaged the children are with helping others all around the world!



### Pre-school

It's been very busy in the pre-school for the last few of weeks. The children have been making bird food to help the birds with the current cold weather. We have been observing to see if any of the birds have been eating it and lots of birds have visited the trees but we haven't as yet been fortunate enough to

see any eating the food! We have continued to enjoy building homes for the Robot families, linked to our story of the week and the children have loved making a range of Robotbots to live in their new homes.

We have been looking at the number 4 and our story linked to this number was Feathery Four which is all about a peacock. The children worked really hard decorating their own Feathery Four and thinking about how they wanted it to look. We used a wide range of resources and spent time looking at different textures. After half term, our next topic will be "Oh I do like to be beside the sea side!"



As always, if you would like to discuss anything regarding the work we are doing in the school or pre-school, please do not hesitate to approach me on the playground or arrange a meeting with me by contacting Kelly in the school office.

On behalf of all staff at the school and pre-school, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

Best Wishes, Chris Holding

### **Swimming**

Today is the last swimming session for class 4 - Please can all outstanding Swimming contributions, for Years 1 to 6 be paid into the Schools office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Our New Facebook Page**

We have created a brand new Facebook page '**Witheridge CofE Academy**' this is another great opportunity to communicate with parents/carers of pupils who attend Witheridge School and Pre-School. Please support us by "liking" our page and by inviting other parents to like the page.

### **Meal Time Assistant**

Required: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Hours per week: 5

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £8.55 per hour (Scale A)

Status: permanent

Closing date: noon 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Interview date: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### **Witheridge C of E Academy**

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept cv's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website

[www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon jobs website

[www.firstop@devon.gov.uk](mailto:www.firstop@devon.gov.uk) Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk)



**Key Dates for the Spring Term 2019:**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Tatty Bumpkins – 11.00-11.30 – New Date!

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Primary Sports & Education Holiday Camp – Booking forms available from the Office

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Class 3 Group 1 Farm Visit

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Exmoor Challenge Practice walk

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Farm Visit – Class 3 Group 2

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Messy Church

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Festival – South Molton CC

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 HATS day – SMCC

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Farm Visit Class 4 Group 1

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Experience KS2 – Details to follow!

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Fire Safety talks

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 5 & 6 Rugby Tournament at Morchard Bishop

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Farm Visit Class 4 Group 2

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Music Concert 5.30pm (Invites to follow)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Performance 4.30pm in the School Hall

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – KS2 E-Safety performance

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – **LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – **FIRST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM**

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

School Dinner Menu week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Sausages & Bacon	Savoury Mince	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Veggie Burger in a bap	Vegetarian Sausage	Vegetarian Roast	Cheesy Pasta with leeks	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Diced Potatoes, Scrambled egg, Baked beans, tomatoes & Mushrooms	Mash Potato, Mixed Veg & Gravy	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Potato wedges & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries, pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Sticky Chocolate Slice	Fruit Platter	Fruit Smoothie	Banana Split & Ice Cream

# HALF TERM

AT COLDHARBOUR MILL

SATURDAY 16th - SUNDAY 24th February

**MILL IN STEAM**  
Sunday 24th February  
10.30am - 4pm

**All Week**

- Mill in production
- Find the Sheep
- Childrens Activities
- Have a Go Sessions

Café - Play Area  
Tours - Shop -  
Riverside Walks



U16's  
**GO FREE**  
All Week

CLOSED MONDAYS

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COLDHARBOUR MILL MUSEUM

SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY  
WITHERIDGE PARISH HALL  
WITHERIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB

*Presents*

# bashy beats

## Orange Flag

*Lady Wish & Dexty*

Tickets £10 7pm- Late



# North Devon Gang Show

AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE, BARNSTAPLE

*Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd  
February, 7.15pm*

*The Gang is back ready to entertain with  
a variety of singing, dancing and comedy  
in a non-stop action packed show!*

## HALF-TERM

# TENNIS COACHING

FOR AGES  
4-18YEARS

MONDAY 18 FEB  
AND  
TUESDAY 19 FEB



9-10 AM  
Younger and beginners

10-11 AM  
Intermediate players

11-12 NOON  
Older and more  
advanced

With Coach  
Rachael Sweetland

**Witheridge Tennis Club**  
By the Parish Hall

£5 AN HOUR SESSION OR £4 EACH FOR SIBLINGS OR MULTIPLE  
CALL CAROLINE ON 01804 800363 OR JUST TURN UP

