



Newsletter – Thursday 10th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to start by wishing everyone a very happy new year. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely festive period. It's been great to welcome all of the children back at the start of another new term and an extended welcome to three new children Luxton, Linden and Hunter – who have all enjoyed their first days at the Pre-School. Our topic for this term is titled 'Whizz, Bang, Pop!' and through our topic work we will be exploring the world of scientific discoveries, inventors and inventions - your child will be bringing home this term's curriculum newsletter next week which will provide more details about the learning that is going to be taking place in each classroom.

As you will be aware, the end of last term saw us saying farewell to some members of staff. I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing a very warm welcome to Mr Tim Wiggans, who has joined our staff team. Mr Wiggans will be working mostly with Miss Jones in Class 3 and I know the children have really enjoyed helping him to settle in this week.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start again in the week beginning Monday 21st January. Due to some changes in staff availability, there will be some alterations to the clubs that are on offer. You should all have received an updated club list alongside this newsletter today - please complete the attached permission slip and return to the school office as soon as possible so places can be allocated. Where there is a limit on the numbers of children who can attend a club, spaces will be awarded in a first come, first serve basis.

As always, if you would like to discuss anything concerning school in further detail, please do not hesitate to approach me directly on the school playground, or contact Mrs Eastman in the school office to arrange an appointment.

Best Wishes,

Mr Holding

Physical Education Days

Class 1 and 2 have PE on a Tuesday afternoon, Class 3 on a Thursday afternoon with Miss Brooker and Class 4 have swimming on a Thursday afternoon in Tiverton – Please ensure all PE kits and Swimming Kits are in school for these days.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Just to confirm that all music lessons will be switching - Guitar/ukulele lessons will be on a Wednesday and Piano on a Thursday for the Spring Term.

Breakfast and After School Club @ The Hive

Our Breakfast and after school club @ The Hive runs on Monday to Friday 8am until school and 3.30pm to 6pm. If you wish to book your child/children into Breakfast or After School Club please complete a booking form available from the School Office.



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



Work	
<p>Class 1 – Liberty for fantastic reading at home. The whole class for shining so brightly in the Play!</p> <p>Class 2 – Tiffany for being really kind and helpful to her friends in class. The whole class for all their hard work this half term.</p> <p>Class 3 – Chloe for excellent effort in learning your times tables. The whole class for fantastic effort in the Nativity.</p> <p>Class 4 – The whole class for all their hard work during rehearsals and for the fantastic effort in the School Nativity.</p>	
Contribution	
<p>Class 3 – Kirsty, Daisy-May and Chloe for helping the younger children during the Nativity George for being so helpful in class 1 on Thursday afternoons this term.</p> <p>Class 4 – Willow for being continuously compassionate.</p>	
20 Merits	
<p>Class 1 - Faith Class 2 – Rowan Class 3 – Finley</p>	
Discovery 17	Endeavour 12
Enterprise 20	Voyager 21

JOB VACANCY

PLAY WORKER – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Required: 1st February 2019
 Hours per week: 15 (3:15pm – 6:15pm)
 Working weeks: 39 weeks (term time only)
 Starting Salary: £8.55 per hour (Scale B)
 Status: One year fixed term contract initially
 Closing date: noon 25th January 2019



Witheridge C of E Academy

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the play leader to help provide quality after school provision for pupils. 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 or the Devon jobs website www.firstop@devon.gov.uk

Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker, HR Manager, vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



Key Dates for the Spring Term 2019:

Thursday 10th January – Class 4 Swimming
 Monday 14th January – Witheridge PTFA Meeting 7.30pm in the FIRE STATION – Everyone welcome
 Thursday 17th January – Class 4 Swimming
 Thursday 17th January – **Pre-School** Tatty Bumpkins 2pm-2.30pm
 Thursday 24th January – Class 4 Swimming
 Saturday 26th January – Exmoor Challenge Practise walk
 Monday 28th January - Y5/6 Football tournament at South Molton CC
 Thursday 31st January – Class 4 Swimming
 Friday 1st February - **Pre-School** Tatty Bumpkins 10.30am-11am
 Thursday 7th February - Y3/4 Sport (tbc) festival - South Molton CC
 Thursday 7th February – Class 4 Swimming
 Saturday 9th February - Exmoor Challenge Practise walk
 Thursday 14th February – Class 4 Swimming
 Thursday 14th February - Y1/2 Multi-skills festival - South Molton CC
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd - FEBRUARY HALF TERM

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

School Dinner Menu week commencing 14th January 2019

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	West Country Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	Fish Bites
Vegetarian	Cauliflower Cheese	Spring Vegetable & Potato Bake	Broccoli & Cheese Bake	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Spanish Omelette
Sides	Creamed Potato & Spaghetti Hoops & Mixed Veg	Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Potato wedges & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries, pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cracknel	Peach Melba & Ice Cream



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



Book Now

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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Taster Sessions Only £4.50
10 weeks per term!

Black Dog Village Hall

E-mail - hollyannanoall@gmail.com
f - Keep Fit

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



EXETER CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 19 JANUARY

Children aged 7 plus, come and try playing in an orchestral
We are an inclusive charity, bringing children together in a friendly
and supportive environment to make music. No auditions!



Main Orchestra	09.45am start	Grades 4-8 <small>Music can be simplified as required</small>
Junior Orchestra	11.00am start	Can read & play 1 octave

Meets every Saturday at St Leonard's Primary School
St Leonard's Road, Exeter EX2 4NQ
Find out more: www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk