

## Newsletter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Phew! We have come to the end of another busy and exciting week at Witheridge! Firstly, thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our parent's evenings this week. Remember, if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns you may have, you can always make an appointment via Mrs Eastman in the office.

This week, we welcomed members of the Rest-a-While group in Witheridge in to school to play some board games with our Class 4 children. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by adults and children alike and was a great success! Thank you to Bobby for the delicious cakes!



Class 3 - Year 3 and 4 recently visited the Beacon Activity Centre at Lee Abbey, Lynton to take part in a unique Easter Experience. On arrival at the Centre pupils were given an introductory by the staff and soon we departed on our own walk to Jerusalem (a tour around the Abbey grounds). At various points scenes of the Easter Story were acted out by the Centre staff.



Our first scene we came across was “The Last Supper” where the pupils learnt how Jesus took off his robe and washed the feet of his guests and taught his disciples how we are all equal.

Then we walked on to Gethsemane to see “The Arrest”. Judas leading the soldiers to Jesus and then arresting him.



We continued to the courtyard for “The Betrayal”. Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before fleeing. We discussed the forgiveness by Jesus and here placed sticks individually on the fire asking for our own forgiveness.

As we then walked towards the top area we came across a scene of “The Suffering”. Jesus made to wear a thorn crown and carry the heavy cross up the hill.



We walked up the hill to the three crosses and were given a paper heart and had a moment of reflection.

Our final scene we came across was at the garden tomb. “The Surprise”, the big stone rolled to one side and the body of Jesus gone.

We were each given a sunflower seed which we planted in pots to watch hopefully new life appear. It was a really thought provoking experience which certainly brought the Easter Story to life for the pupils.

As we approach the end of this term, we still have many more exciting things ahead of us! Including the Easter Service at the church on **Monday 1st April at 10am**; the Performance Club Easter show also on **Monday 1st April at 4:30pm** and the Pupil Concert for children currently having music lessons with Mr Rogo on **Thursday 28th March at 5:30pm**. Please keep an eye on the future date’s section in this newsletter for all school events.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to two of our MTAs, Mrs Artis and Mrs Couzens - Thank you for all your hard work over the years and we all wish you the very best for the future.



Best wishes,  
Miss Ratcliffe





School Dinner Menu week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 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

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

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 - Construction Club – **CANCELLED!**  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Music Concert 5.30pm  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Service  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Performance 4.30pm in the School Hall  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Cooking Club  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – KS2 E-Safety performance  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Class 1 Beach Trip and rising 5s – Letter to follow  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – **LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM**  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Witheridge PTFA Easter Egg Hunt and craft Fayre 2pm @ the School

**Witheridge Easter Holiday Club will be opening**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**8.30am – 5.30pm**  
**Booking forms available from the School Office or Pre-School.**

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.**



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



<b>Work</b>	
<p>Class 1 – Ebony for Super independent working, seeking challenges and applying her maths to real World problems.          Class 2 – Harry V for his fantastic improvement in writing.          Class 3 – Penny for persevering in all lessons, especially Maths and adding fractions.          Class 4 – Cameron and George – Excellent ideas and team work in art.</p>	
<b>Extra</b>	
<p>Chloe - Majorettes          Kirsty/Neave – Brownies          Kirsty – Gym          Owen &amp; Robert – 6 times table</p>	
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	
Voyager	
<b>20 Merits</b>	
<p>Class 1 – Zack          Class 2 - Sophia</p>	
<b>40 Merits</b>	
<p>Class 2 – Rowan          Class 3 – Neave</p>	
<b>Discovery 27</b>	<b>Endeavour 27</b>
<b>Enterprise 38</b>	<b>Voyager 32</b>

**Witheridge PTFA News**

Reminder it's not too late to return any Easter Egg Hunt entry forms to the Office.

We the Witheridge PTFA will be sending home a cup with every child within the school tonight; we are asking if you wouldn't mind filling the cup with any small goodies/donation, this could be sweets or a small toy like pens/bubbles etc.

All returned pots will then go towards a pot tombola game at the Easter Fayre.

To any star cake bakers – we are looking for donations of cakes too for the day ☺

Many thanks for all your continued support  
Witheridge PTFA



**Holiday Club for 2 - 11 year olds**

Based in the Pre-School Building @ The Hive

**Open 8.00am - 5.30pm**

**Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th  
and  
Tuesday 16th  
to Thursday 18th April**

**£4.00 per hour** (Minimum 5 hours booking required)  
Sibling - discount available



Booking forms available from  
the School office or the Pre-School  
or visit our web site  
[www.teamacademytrust.com/witheridge](http://www.teamacademytrust.com/witheridge)

For further information please contact  
the school office on 01884 860518 or  
email [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)



**Saturday 6th April**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**& Craft Fayre**  
**at**  
**Wetheridge CofE Academy**  
**2pm to 4pm**

**Free Entry - Easter Egg Hunt £1.50**

**Children's craft table**

**Tombola**

**Raffle**

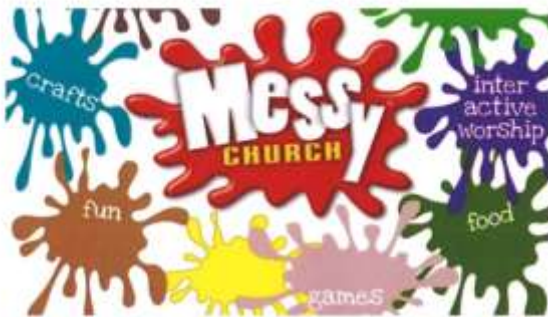
**Refreshments**

**All proceeds to**  
**Wetheridge PTFA**

**Charity Reg. No.**  
**1079365**



## Community News

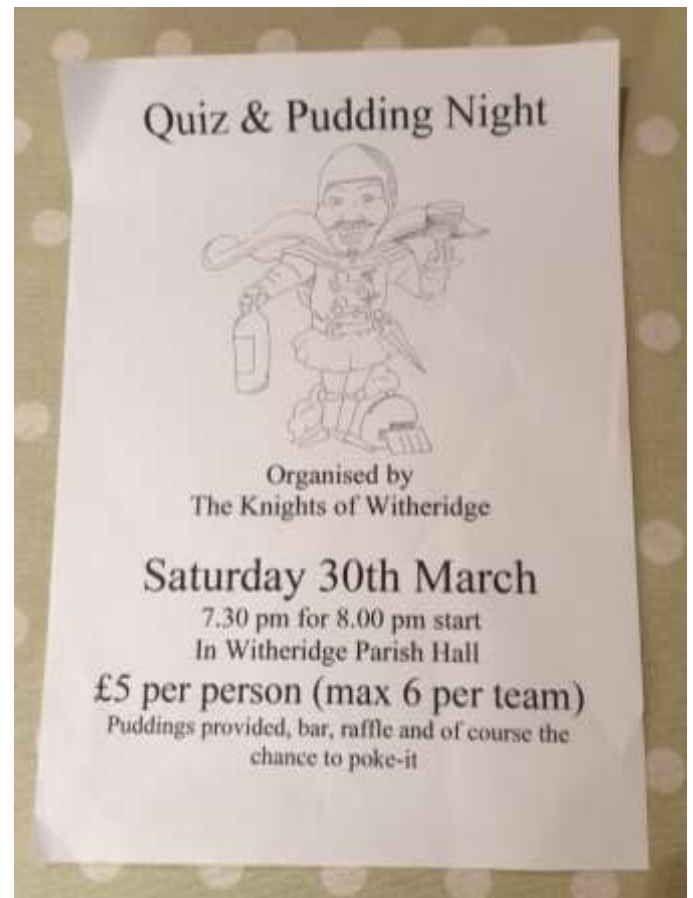


Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Come and celebrate Lent and Easter  
with us.

11am - 1pm  
St John the Baptist Church,  
Witheridge.

We would encourage parents to stay  
and take part.

For more details and to book your  
place, please contact Denise Reed  
01884 860445 or  
[roff.denise@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:roff.denise@yahoo.co.uk)




## Fun for Kids at Dogs Trust!

**FREE Easter Activity Session @ Dogs Trust  
Ilfracombe - EX34 8NU**

For children aged 4+

Come and join us for some fun and exciting activities, with Dogs Trust Education & Community Officer, Stacey Prosser.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 1pm**

Activities will include:

- Be Dog Smart mini-workshop, where we learn all about how to keep safe around dogs
  - Doggy themed craft – to take home!
  - A guided tour of the Rehoming Centre

All those attending will receive a goody bag! See you there!

**Booking is essential**  
To book your children's place,  
please contact Stacey  
on 07436162188 or  
[stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:stacey.prosser@dogstrust.org.uk)  
All children remain the responsibility  
of the accompanying adult.




## Eggstravaganza

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Craft To  
take HOME

Fun Games

Stories

On-line Registration  
or download a form  
from our website.

THE LIGHTHOUSE  
Holiday Club

The Easter Story

Morchard Bishop Memorial Hall  
10am to 3pm

[Thelighthouseclub.org.uk](http://Thelighthouseclub.org.uk)





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