

Newsletter – Wednesday 13th November

Children in Need

This year we would like you to 'Bring a Bear' to school! Come to school in normal uniform, but bring your favourite bear or other cuddly. Please bring a donation to Children in Need for each bear you bring. There will also be a 'Cuddlies Sale' at 3.30pm under the arch, so bring extra if you want to add to your collection. All money will go to Children in Need.

Many Thanks!

A huge 'thank you' to Bob Otto and HB Judo Club who, having disbanded, have donated their mats to the school. We are ever so grateful to Bob and will use the mats initially to help gymnastics.

The Big Pit Adventure!

Last Friday, Class Four journeyed to the wild and windswept edge of the Brecon Beacons at Blaenavon and to the Big Pit. Despite it being a very long way, with plenty of sitting on a coach, the children were amazing. Never once did one of them complain - even when we were delayed coming back! And the actual experience of being at, and in, a real coalmine made it all worthwhile. Several of the ex-miners - who are now guides - commented on how well behaved the children were and on how much they knew about mining. Really well done, Class Four - it was a pleasure to be out and about with you!

Rob Norton

Chess Club

There will not be a Chess Club session next week (Monday 18th). The club will re-start on Monday 25th November.

Christmas Cards

It's that time of year already! Children will be bringing their artwork and order forms home by the end of this week. If you wish to make an order, please note that these must be placed online by Tuesday 19th November. Instructions for this will be on the form. Artwork associated with the order will need to be returned to school on Tuesday 19th ready to be sent to the printing company. Thank you, the PTA.

Christmas Performance

This year we will be having a performance of a Nativity and traditional Christmas Songs on Tuesday 17th December, at 2.00pm in the Church. Families and friends are welcome to join us for this celebration.

Year 3/4 Athletics

We are sorry for the confusion caused by the mix up of dates for this event. We are now, unfortunately, only able to take a smaller group of children to this event on Monday, as it is being run as a competition. If your child is attending on the new date, please can they ensure they have their PE kits with them on Monday (this will not clash with the flu vaccinations!). There will be more sporting opportunities in the future for children who are not taking part this time.

Drum Kit Lessons

The guitar and piano lessons from Mr Rogo have proven very successful, and we have had some children express an interest in starting Drum Kit lessons. If your child would be interested in drum kit lessons, please can you let Miss Trofa know, so we can see if there are enough pupils for a teacher to come in. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

The nursing team will be coming in to school on Monday 18th to administer vaccinations to those children whose parents have already given their consent.

If your child is going to receive a flu vaccination outside of school (eg at their GP or community clinic) it is very important that you inform the school office of this before they receive the vaccination. We have some children attending school with impaired immune systems, and it is vital that their parents are aware if there are children in the school receiving the vaccination. Thank you.

Week Commencing: 18/11/19

Monday:	Flu Vaccinations Y3/4 Athletics Team SMCC No Chess Club
Tuesday:	Netball Club
Wednesday:	After School Church Club
Thursday:	KS2 Sports Club
Friday:	Lunchtime Choir Club

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to
Francesca for the 14th
and Hadley for the 15th.



Reading Stars!

Class One – Francesca for moving on to pink reading books.

Class Two – Alice for sharing her love for reading with others, including reading to the class.

Class Three – Henry for using the class text to improve his writing

Class Four – Poppy for reading a tricky text aloud with fluency and expression.

Stars of the Week!

Class One – Emilia for her improved effort in learning and giving 100% in her work.

Class Two – Alfie for making a conscious effort to improve his writing.

Class Three – Sebastian for focussing on his learning and trying to get more written down,

Class Four – Ada for her application and effort in all lessons, resulting in wonderful work!



To be presented on Friday 15th November, 10.15am in the Church

What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!

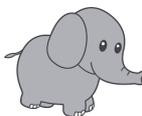


Learning Lions

What mathematical language can you use to compare two numbers?

What facts have you got about your dinosaur?

Where can we find dinosaur bones?



Exploring elephants

Can you write a recount about a curiosity which you have found?

Can you find out some new facts about the Ichthyosaurus?

Can you read each day at home this week?



Inventive Impalas

Have you ever read a diary before?

What did you do in music this week?

How can we adjust numbers to make it easier to mentally add?



Challenging Cheetahs

Can you explain what you found out 'above ground' at the Big Pit?

What was it like down in the mine?

What small things do you need to focus on to improve your work further?

Home Activities and Homework Tasks

Class One – Reading.

Class Two – Reading, Year One and Year Two spelling practise

Class Three – spellings (Friday), Reading for pleasure with chart (Monday), Multiplication tables (Friday), Guided Reading comprehension (Friday)

Class Four – Reading and book review. Learn / revise all x tables

Meals W/C 18/11/19

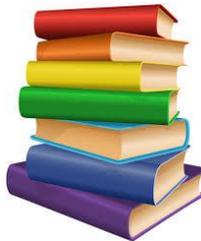
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Lasagne Crusty Bread & Mixed Vegetables Peach Melba	West Country Sausages Creamed potato & vegetables Fruit crumble with custard	Roast Turkey Roast or creamed potatoes & seasonal vegetables Fruit Platter	Hunters Chicken Rice & Mixed Vegetables Fruit jelly	Fish Fingers Golden fries & seasonal vegetables Chocolate cracknel

Scholastic Book Fair

This year, the PTA will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Church Hall on the following dates:

Friday 29th November 2.30 – 4.00pm
Monday 2nd December 3.30 – 4.30pm

With a wide variety of books starting from £2.99, we hope there will be something to interest everybody. Payment is required by cash or cheque. The school will receive a commission on books sold.



TEAM VACANCY

2 x TEACHING ASSISTANT POST - SEND

Required: as soon as possible

Hours per week: post 1: 16.25
Post 2: 13.75

Working weeks: 38 weeks (term time only)

Starting Salary: £9.55 per hour (Scale C)

Status: Fixed term contracts linked to particular SEND pupils

Closing date: noon 27th November 2019

Interviews: to be arranged

Witheridge C of E Academy

The appointed persons will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support individual pupils to engage with their learning. 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.devonjobs.gov.uk Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Caroline Tucker vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



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ADULT TICKETS **£ 7.50**
CHILD TICKETS **£ 4.00** → INCLUDES
HOT DOG & PUDDING.

★ CHECK SHIRT, HAT & BOOTS OPTIONAL. ★

Tickets available from Umberleigh Primary Academy Office