



Weekly News

19th December 2019

Dates and key information

School Meals

Week Beginning 16th December - **BLUE**

Juniors ~ £2.30 Infants ~ free

December

- Fri 20th - Brumble Bees in session
- Fri 20th - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

January

- Mon 6th - **First Day Spring Term**
- Mon 6th - Rock & Rapids - whole school

Dear Parents,

Autumn Term 2019 has been a busy and productive one with the children enjoying their learning and working really hard. They have embraced every learning opportunity given to them; made consistent efforts in the classroom and are a pleasure to teach.

It is not just the children who have been busy this term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff members for their hard work and commitment to the children of Brayford Academy. A big thank you to Bev and her band of helpers for

providing, yet again, a delicious Christmas meal for the whole school community to enjoy.

We are very lucky to have a dedicated group of people on the PTFA who are willing to give their time and energy to support the school. I would like to thank all the members for their efforts in fundraising this term, which means we can offer the children extra resources and some special treats.

All that is left to say is, I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again, for the new term, on Monday 6th January 2020.

Best Wishes

Miss Corrinne Smith





Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that Christmas is already upon us: a third of the academic year seems to have just disappeared!

As the year ends, we remember all that 2019 has brought. Among the many highlights are two highly successful SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspections at Witheridge and Pilton Bluecoat. Many congratulations to all concerned on such wonderful reports!

Overall, raised academic outcomes throughout the MAT have also been something to celebrate. There are, of course, many reasons to revel in successes beyond the academic: the way our children develop as resilient, well rounded individuals; the way in which they engage with local and global issues and the way in which they are able to relate to one another through shared experiences such as residential and joint visits, are just some of the things of which I am particularly proud.

The year 2020 brings new beginnings for many of us. We say goodbye to Chris Holding, Head of School at Witheridge Academy. Chris has taken up a position at Woodbury C of E Primary School, Exeter - a school very close to his home. I would like to take the opportunity to thank him very much for all that he has done for Witheridge and for his contribution to TEAM as a whole. We will all miss him and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him and his family all the very best for the future. Lucy Ratcliffe will be taking over the reins at Witheridge, so we can rest assured that the school is in very safe hands.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the privilege of seeing the Christmas productions at Pilton Bluecoat, Brayford, Umberleigh, High Bickington and Witheridge, together with the pre-school nativity at Witheridge. It never fails to amaze me how the children are so confident and so 'together' on stage! They had so many words to learn - the songs alone had a huge amount of lyrics. In each case, the story was based around the traditional meaning of Christmas and the message of love and hope shone through. Putting on a production takes a lot of time and effort so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and of course, the children for making my last Christmas at school so special.

At the end of the academic year, in July, I am retiring from my role as CEO of TEAM Multi Academy Trust; Trustees are now beginning the process of finding a successor. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work and have relished the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people - both children and adults. The TEAM Trustees and my colleagues throughout the trust are dedicated, hard - working individuals and I feel very proud to be part of such a special team.

Wishing you and your families all the very best for a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year

Rhian Nicholas

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CURRICULUM NEWS

The children behaved exceptionally well for the Christmas lunch and PTFA treat. As the Autumn term comes to an end it is important to reflect on how hard the children have worked and how much progress the children have made from their individual starting points. What an enjoyable topic it has been!



MENU

Next terms Menu is attached to this Newsletter, if you would like a paper copy please see Sally in the office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will start again on Monday 13th January. Mrs Beattie will run a Fitness Club, Miss Sheppard will run a Board Games Club and Mrs Brayley will run a Choir Club. All clubs will run from 3.30pm - 4.15pm. Please fill in the slip attached to this newsletter and return to the office by **Thursday 9th January 2020** to ensure your child's place.

Monday	Mrs Beattie	Fitness Club
Wednesday	Miss Sheppard	Board Games Club
Friday	Mrs Brayley	Choir Club

FOREST SCHOOL

The Forest schools date list for next term is at the end of this newsletter. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for these sessions, i.e warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies.



ROCK AND RAPIDS

Please remember the first Rock & Rapids climbing session will be taking place on the first day back of the new term, please ensure your child has their PE kit including trainers and tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings and a drink.



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-
James J - 20th December



Have you thought about becoming a registered Childminder?

**Come along to one of our free information sessions to find out
more:**

Wed 15 January 2020 – Amory Centre, South Molton (10.30am – 11.30am)

Wed 15 January 2020 – Ilfracombe Children's Centre (1.30pm – 2.30pm)

To express your interest in attending, please contact the Early Years Team:
eycs@devon.gov.uk

You've decided childminding is for you, what next?

Preparing to be a childminder course:

This 2-day course covers all the training requirements to prepare you for Ofsted registration. The course costs £50.

Course dates:

- **5th & 12th February 2020 (9.30am – 4.30pm) – Barnstaple**

To book a place please contact the Early Years Team: eycs@devon.gov.uk. We will then be able to create a training account for you and will let you know how you can book and pay for a place on the course.

We also run this training as eLearning (£50)

** You must also attend a Paediatric First Aid course (£65) and a Safeguarding Awareness course (fully funded). Dates are available from the DEL training website. If you already hold a current Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding Awareness certificate you do not need to undertake this training again.*

**Devon needs more
childminders**

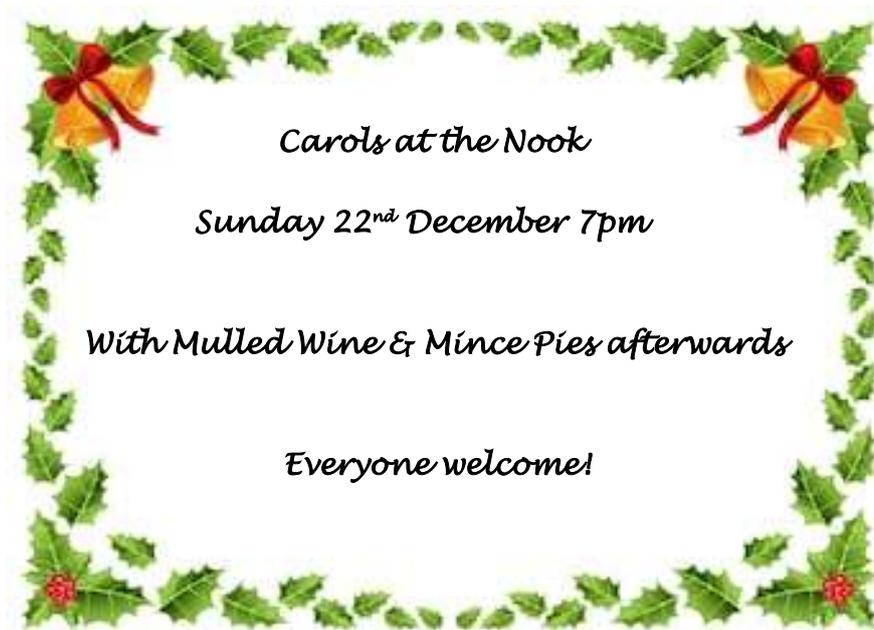
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Community Lunch

The next Community Lunch will take place on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 12.15pm. Please call the school office on 01598 710345 to book your place by Friday 24th January. The cost is £5 per adult.



Any articles which appear in the school newsletter that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.



Letters sent home this week

Calendar

Please look out for further details of the following events which have been scheduled for this Autumn term. These dates are an indication of what is to come, but may be subject to change as the term progresses and the need arises.

2019

20th December - Last Day of Term

6th January - First Day of Spring Term

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

Spring Term

First day back	Monday 6 th January 2020
Half term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2020
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2020

Summer Term

First day back	Tuesday 14 th April 2020
Non Pupil day	Friday 1 st May 2020
Bank Holiday	Friday 8 th May 2020
Half term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 st May 2020
Last day of term	Wednesday 22 nd July 2020

Booking for Breakfast Club

I wish to book my child(ren) _____ into Breakfast Club from 7.45am for the week commencing - Monday, 6th January 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

(please tick)

I enclose £4 per day per child, total £_____ Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.

I have paid via ParentPay

Signed: _____ (Please return by Friday 20th December).

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please complete the slip below, entering your child(rens) name against which club they would like to take part in and return to the office by **Thursday 9th January 2020.**

DAY	LEADER	CLUB	CHILD(RENS) NAME
Monday	Mrs Beattie	Fitness	
Wednesday	Miss Sheppard	Board Games	
Friday	Mrs Brayley	Choir	

Forest school sessions

Spring Term 2020

Infant class: Group 1	Dates
Isla	15 th January
Elsie	29 th January
Lexi	12 th February
Will	4 th March
Jemmi	18 th March
James J	
Casey	
Teddy	
Group 2	Dates
Aaron	8 th January
Jax	22 nd January
Grace	5 th February
Luke	26 th February
Archie	11 th March
Duke	
James C	
James d	
Thomas	
Blade	

Junior class: Group 1	Dates
Luca	15 th January
Millie	5 th February
Bailey	4 th March
Lauren	
Esme	
Harley	
Group 2	Dates
Aliyah	22 nd January
Liam	12 th February
Madeleine	11 th March
Josh	
Georgia	
Ava	
Ellie	
Travis	
Group 3	Dates
Beau	29 th January
Charlie	26 th February
Maisy	18 th March
Ben	
Aimee	
Emi	
Indie	
Louis	