



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a fabulous first week at Witheridge Academy. The staff have been blown away by how well the children have settled quickly to their new classes and routines especially after such a long time at home. We would like to say a special well done to our Preschool and Reception children in our FSU, who have come in to school so well this week! We are all very proud of you, and to our new to Witheridge children, we would like to say a big "Welcome" from all of us. We are looking forward to getting to know you and learning with you.

On Friday 18th September, we are holding an open evening for all the parents of preschool and reception children so they can have a look round the brand-new FSU building the children are learning in. As you will be aware, the building work for the FSU took place over the summer holidays. Unfortunately, there has been a delay with the suppliers for our new inner and outer doors, due to COVID-19. Therefore, the new doors will be in place from Monday 21st September. If you are a parent of a child who currently attends our FSU and would like to visit on Friday 18th, please contact Mrs Eastman in the office who can book a time slot for you. We ask that all parents and carers visiting us for our Open Evening stick to allotted time slots and where possible, wear a face mask or face covering.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our procedures for the morning. We ask that all parents come in via the little gate, walk up to the main office where children will be given hand sanitiser. We will then either direct you and your child/children round to the FSU or we will invite children in to the main school building to join their classes. Once you have dropped off your child, please follow the arrows out of the playground or round in front of the school, down the drive and out of the big double gates. Please do not gather at any point around the school. These measures have been put in place to help limit the spread of COVID-19. It is really important that we all try and maintain social distancing when dropping off or collecting children.

The COVID-19 symptoms to be aware of are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child is displaying ANY of these symptoms, please do not bring them in to school. Your entire family must self-isolate and you should then book a COVID-19 test. You can do this via the website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or by calling 119. If you require further medical advice, please call 111. We cannot give medical advice; we can only follow the procedures in place from the Government. Please inform the school as soon as possible via phone that you are isolating due to suspected COVID-19. Once you have the result of a test, please inform the school of the outcome. We thank you for your support with this.

In order to support children who are isolating at home, from Monday, we will resume the online home learning tasks for all classes. You can access the home learning via our website.

Over the summer, we received some rather exciting news! We submitted a CIF bid for brand new windows for the whole of the main school building. We found out at the end of July that our bid was successful! Therefore, over the second half of the Autumn term, all the windows will be replaced. Whilst the windows are being replaced in each classroom, the children will be learning in the hall. We will keep the disruption in class to a minimum, but we want to make all parents and carers aware that this is due to take place.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new members of school staff. Firstly, Ms Stafford who will be supporting children in Class 3; Miss Bradley who will be supporting children in Class 1 and Miss Keenor who will be supporting children in Class 3. Mrs Waters has also kindly volunteered to help us out until the end of September, supporting children in Class 3.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. I am sure all the children will be very tired from a busy first week back and I imagine lots of you will be taking it easy for the next two days, ready to go again on Monday!

Kind Regards,

Miss Ratcliffe

ParentPay

All new parents should have received a ParentPay sign up information sheet this week. We use Parentpay for all communication and for some payments (Lunches, trips and Uniform). If you require any support with signing up, please see Mrs Eastman in the office.



Please also remember that ParentPay is not a credit facility – balances should be kept in credit or at nil balance to avoid unnecessary reminders.

Flu Vaccination

Your child is due to be in Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 and they are therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020; this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

**We have a variety of pre-loved uniform now
available to buy!**



**Items include jumpers, polo shirts,
trouser etc.**



**All items are available at a low price
starting at 50p to £2**

Come and visit the pre-loved shop!

It is already a known fact that Children can quickly outgrow their school uniforms and this is usually before they are out worn.

If you have any school uniform items (Especially Jumpers) that your child has out-grown or no longer has a use for - Why not donate them to our Witheridge PTFA – Any uniform would be greatly received. Be a part of helping the environment, helping out another parent/family and raising funds for our Witheridge PTFA.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 14th September 2020

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	West Country Sausages	Beef Lasagne	Roast Pork & Apple Sauce	Hunters Chicken	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Roast Vegetable Tart	Tomato & Veg Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Roast	Roast Vegetable Tart	Vegetable Wrap
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg or Baked Beans	Garlic Bread & Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Pasta & Mixed Veg or Salad	Golden Fries, pasta, Seasonal Veg or Baked Beans
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Peach Melba	Fruit Platter	Iced Sponge	Chocolate Cracknel

Community News

Chulmleigh College Tours

We are delighted to invite Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers to visit Chulmleigh College for a tour to help inform your choice of secondary school for September 2021.

Our Executive Headteacher Mike Johnson and Deputy Executive Headteacher Neil Payne will be available for small group tours every Friday until 16th October, from 4pm. There will be a maximum of 10 people in a group, and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

All visitors will be required to wear a face covering.

Booking is essential, please use this link to reserve a place

<https://tinyurl.com/CCTour2020>

We look forward to meeting you and showing you around our school!



Chulmleigh College
School Tours
 Every Friday at 4pm until October 16th
 Our results are amongst the 'BEST IN THE SOUTH WEST'

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 Tours will be limited to 10 people, and will adhere to Covid-19 regulations.
Tours will take place every Friday at 4pm, until October 16th 2020.
Booking is essential and can be made via the link: [Chulmleigh College Tours](https://tinyurl.com/CCTour2020)

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