

‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family are staying safe during Lockdown.

We have had a fantastic week of Home Learning this week. We have been so impressed by the high levels of engagement from all the children in all classes.

This week, we launched our Live Lessons. We were not sure at the beginning of the week how these lessons would go, and I must admit we had 4 nervous Teachers on Tuesday morning. However, (aside from a few technical hitches) the Live Lessons went very well! We have been so proud of the mature and responsible way the children have handled being Live every day. Particularly the muting and un-muting! Well done, everyone!



The timetable for the Live Lessons will not change, and we look forward to resuming these from Tuesday 19th January. Similarly, our Fun Zoom sessions will continue to take place.

If you need further support with devices or internet access, please contact us via our admin email address: admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

Kind Regards,
Miss Ratcliffe

Free Wi-Fi voucher codes available for pupils through their school.

Do you currently have adequate access to internet connectivity at home? If not, are you in a BT Wi-Fi hotspot? You can check via this link <https://www.btwifi.com/find/> - just enter your home post code.

If you need internet access and are in a BT Wi-Fi hotspot please email your school and request a voucher. Each Wi-Fi voucher code will allow access to the internet on up to three devices at a time, for free, until the end of July 2021. Access will be provided through BT’s network of over 5 million Wi-Fi hotspots around the country and includes comprehensive content filtering.

Vouchers are limited and each school will receive a specified number of vouchers which will be issued on a first come, first served basis and pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium will be given priority. Once the vouchers are received they will be distributed with a guide on how to use them.

If this applies to you please email admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk with your child’s name and post code.



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Home Learning Hero

Pre-School Home Learning Hero – Rosie and William for their tremendous snowman building ideas and their shape hunting while riding their pony!

Class 1 Home Learning Hero – Joseph-John for fantastic phonics and superb ice investigations.

Mrs North would also like to make a special mention to all of the Reception children who have been super sensible when taking part in Phonics via Zoom this week!

Class 2 Home Learning Hero – Is Hope for her fantastic explanations of new vocabulary during our Live Lessons this week. Hope explained to everyone what the word 'Predator' meant and also 'Paradise'. Well done, Hope!

I would also like to say a HUGE well done to the very responsible and grown-up Class 2 children who joined our Live Lessons every day!! Well done to all of you. 😊

Class 3 Home Learning Hero – Lexi - For being super organised this week with all of the activities set. Lexi has attended all live lessons and shown a brilliant attitude with her Home Learning. She has demonstrated brilliant research skills to find out lots of interesting facts about teeth and has shown some fantastic Scientific skills whilst undertaking her egg shell experiment. Really impressive Lexi, keep up the hard work!

Class 4 Home Learning Hero – Millie, for her fantastic character description of Elizabeth I. You can read her amazing work on our school blog at <https://witheridge.edublogs.org/>

Could I also mention fantastic effort from Ava, creating her playdough vending machine, and Owen, who worked really hard at the beginning of the week and completed all his maths tasks by Wednesday? Overall, I have been really impressed with the engagement with Home Learning, and the quality of work being produced.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 18th January 2021

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Turkey Casserole	Cottage Pie	Roast of the day	Hot Dog in a Roll	Salmon Fish Cakes
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Veggie Burger in a Bap	Vegetarian Roast	Mild Sweet Potato Curry	Cheese Wheels
Sides	Potato Wedges & Seasonal Veg	Peas & Broccoli	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Rice/Wedges, Seasonal Veg & Baked Beans	Golden Fries/Pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Angel Delight & Fruit Pieces	Fruit Platter	Apple Cake with Custard	Brownies

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Home Learning

Every **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** morning, Class Teachers will deliver Live Lessons. In Class 3 and 4, these will be for the whole class. In Class 1 and 2 they will be a mix of whole class and group teaching sessions – Keep an eye out for the email invitation.

Time and 'Place'	Class
9:00 – 10:00 G-Suite	4
10:00 – 11:00 G-Suite	3
11:00 – 11:30 G-Suite	2
11:30 – 12:00 Zoom	1

Mr Manning has recorded a video to support logging in to G-Suite if you have not done so before. <https://youtu.be/kPvcMx-MiKo>

Zoom Chats

All Zoom chats will take place at **2:30pm**.

Monday: Class 4

Tuesday: Class 2

Thursday: Class 3

Friday: Class 1 and Preschool

Each teacher has an email address for you to email us directly:

- Class 1 and Pre-School (Mrs North) - class1@witheridge.devon.sch.uk
- Class 2 (Miss Ratcliffe) - class2@witheridge.devon.sch.uk
- Class 3 (Mr Manning) - class3@witheridge.devon.sch.uk
- Class 4 (Mrs Nott) - class4@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

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Grounding With Your 5 Senses



If you're feeling overwhelmed or anxious, an easy way to help you slow down and calm down is to use your five senses to complete these simple actions.

Before you begin, take a few deep breaths

What are... **5** things you can see?



e.g. trees, friends, the sky.

What are... **4** things you can feel?



e.g. wind blowing, your heartbeat, your feet on the floor.

What are... **3** things you can hear?



e.g. birds, traffic, flowing water.

What are... **2** things you can smell?



e.g. freshly cut grass, food, flowers.

What is... **1** thing you can imagine the taste of?



e.g. toothpaste, fruit, your favourite food.



If you are feeling calmer now, take a few more deep breaths and enjoy the rest of your day!



ThinkUKnow

We hope you are keeping well during these difficult and uncertain times.

With children and young people relying on their tech at home for learning and entertainment during lockdown, it remains vital to keep conversations about online safety going and raise awareness of reporting routes if something goes wrong.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We will be sharing a Parent's Help Sheets and an Activity resource sheet every week, attached to the Newsletter email to help support your child at home with online safety.