



‘Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up’

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Thankfulness	Compassion	Perseverance	Forgiveness	Courage	Friendship
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Newsletter – Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to start this email by letting you know that, if you are finding Home Learning challenging, or your children are not settling to tasks, or you are struggling with the technology; you are not alone. The news this week regarding the awful numbers of COVID related deaths and the subsequent information regarding the return to school date, alongside the terrible weather is leaving many of us feeling low. If this is you, please reach out to us at school. If you are finding an element of the Home Learning challenging, please do let us know. There may be something we can do remotely to support you. Even if we can't, talking about it may help.

Mr Johnson said earlier this week that the government hope to start a return to school from 8th March. We will keep you updated with what this return to school will look like in due course. I hope that this date is met, and that we can return to school. It is by all pulling together and following the 'Stay at Home' guidance that will hopefully lead to a return to school on the 8th.

Thank you to those Parents and Carers who returned the Home Learning feedback Survey to us. It is really useful to find out what works well and what other ways we can support the learning at home. With this in mind, we will be launching Wellbeing Wednesday this week. As you may be aware, next week is Children's Mental Health week. This is an opportunity to talk to children about the importance of finding ways to keep our minds healthy. Something that came across clearly in the feedback was that many children are struggling to finish the daily tasks in the 3-4 hour time frame that teachers are planning for. This is leading to upset and stress for many children and parents. Therefore, we will be trialling Wellbeing Wednesday this week. On Wednesday, we are saying to all Parents, Carers and Children to STOP. Take a break, gather your thoughts and enjoy some time together. It will also be a chance to catch up on any tasks that were missed on Monday and Tuesday. Therefore, there will be no Live Lessons on Wednesday, or tasks set to complete on Wednesday. We will also give you suggested activities to complete together which, we hope, will improve your child's mental health and wellbeing. These will include some cooking skills, an outdoor learning activity, ways to help around the house and some suggested arts and crafts. Please look out for the Wellbeing Wednesday ideas sheet on Wednesday. Teachers will be available during the usual Live Lesson slots to drop in and answer any questions about the Home Learning, or to offer support for any tasks that children are finding difficult.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support the learning at home, we know it is not easy, but your perseverance will pay off.

All the very best,
Miss Ratcliffe



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Home Learning Hero

Pre-School & Class 1 Home Learning Hero – My home learning heroes this week are Blythe (YR) and Iris (Preschool). Both girls have worked really hard over the last few weeks - both at school and at home and have done a super job of completing and engaging with all the tasks and activities set. Really well done to both girls who are doing really well in the very odd circumstances of starting a new school without having an opportunity to meet all their classmates. Very well done! I know that all the Reception and Pre-school children are looking forward to getting to know the girls soon.

Class 2 Home Learning Hero – This week, in Class 2, the children have been finding out about objects from the past. This week, Mason did not know what one of the objects were. After I told him what it was, he revisited his learning and came up with some fantastic questions about the object. Well done, Mason!

Class 3 Home Learning Hero – Lily for perseverance and independence when completing her Home Learning tasks this week.

Class 4 Home Learning Hero – Holly - As part of our learning about Tudor crime and punishment, Holly made and wrote about her own version of a Tudor whip. Well done, Holly! Yikes!

School Dinner Menu week commencing 1st February 2021

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Toad in the Hole	Pasta Bolognese	Roast of the day	Hunters Chicken	Oven Baked Fish
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole	Quorn Bolognese	Lentil Loaf	Tomato Pasta Bake	Vegetarian Nuggets
Sides	Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Veg	Mixed Veg	Roast Potatoes, Mash Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy	Sliced Potato & Seasonal Veg	Golden Fries/Pasta & Seasonal Veg
Dessert	Fruit & Yogurt	Jelly, Fruit & Ice Cream	Fruit Platter	Jam Tart & Custard	Flapjack

Also available every day: - Jacket Potato with Tuna, Cheese and/or Beans. Fruit Yogurt or Fresh Fruit. Pre-School - £1.80 per meal. Reception & KS1 children – Universal Free School Meals, KS2 children £2.35 per meal. Payments for meal to be made via Parent Pay.

<p>If your child has: a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell</p> <p>But they don't have: a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP</p>	 <p>If your child has: a high temperature a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This could be a sign of coronavirus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book a test</p>
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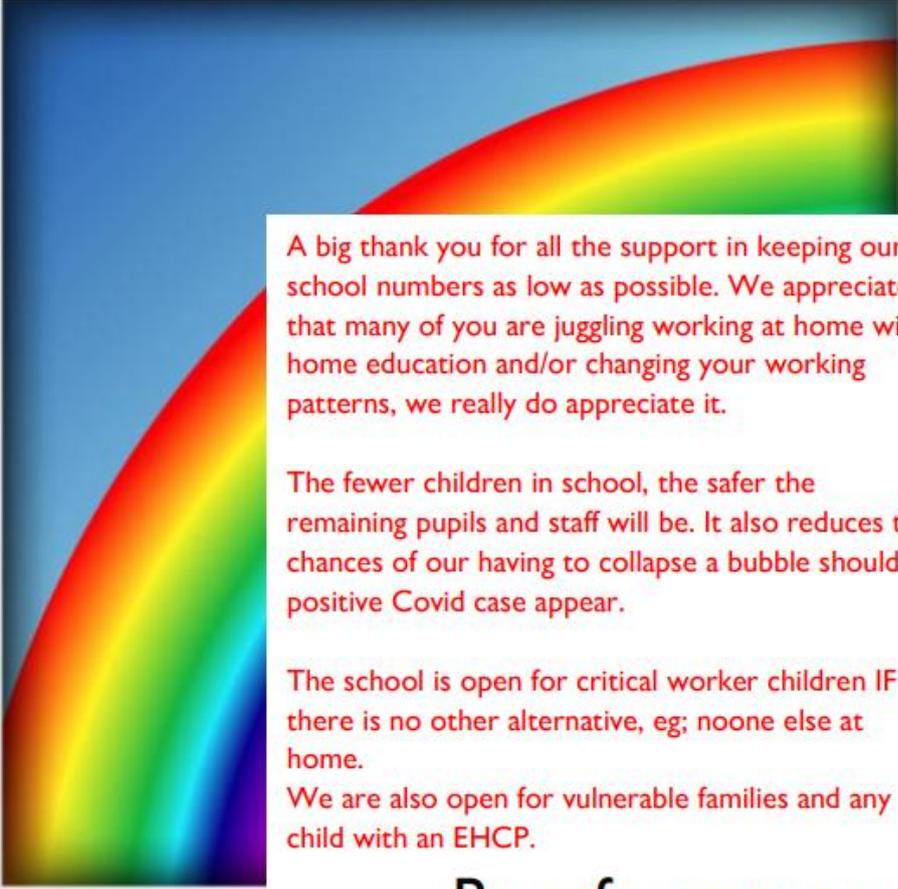
Witheridge Blog: <https://witheridge.edublogs.org/>

Home Learning

Every **Tuesday, 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

<p><u>Zoom Chats</u> All Zoom chats will take place at 2:30pm. Monday: Class 4 Tuesday: Class 2 Thursday: Class 3 Friday: Class 1 and Preschool</p>	<p><u>Teachers Email Addresses</u> Each teacher has an email address for you to email us directly:</p> <p>Class 4 (Mrs Nott) - class4@witheridge.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Class 3 (Mr Manning) - class3@witheridge.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Class 2 (Miss Ratcliffe) - class2@witheridge.devon.sch.uk</p> <p>Class 1 and Pre- School (Mrs North) - class1@witheridge.devon.sch.uk</p>
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A big thank you for all the support in keeping our in school numbers as low as possible. We appreciate that many of you are juggling working at home with home education and/or changing your working patterns, we really do appreciate it.

The fewer children in school, the safer the remaining pupils and staff will be. It also reduces the chances of our having to collapse a bubble should a positive Covid case appear.

The school is open for critical worker children IF there is no other alternative, eg; noone else at home.

We are also open for vulnerable families and any child with an EHCP.

Be safe everyone.



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/>

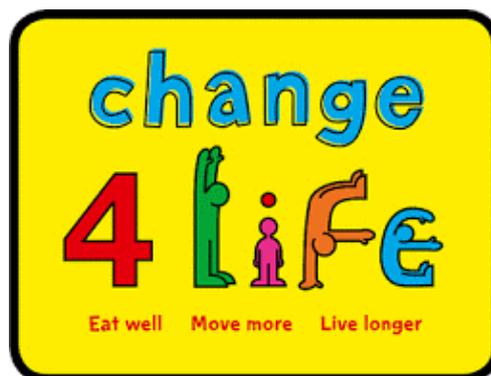
We will be sharing a Parent's Help Sheets and an Activity resource sheet every week, attached to the Newsletter email to help support your child at home with online safety.

Lockdown lunches and meal plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.

Please follow the link for more details:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>



Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC.



Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the dog. If you think your child would be interested in this, subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> (it's free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time, The Blue Peter Team!