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Newsletter – Wednesday 7th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been good to meet many of you over the last three days and, of course, a pleasure to get to know the children. We have had a really good start to the new school year with the children already involved in their new topic – Super Heros! Over the next few weeks you will receive more details about what is happening in your child's class and how you can help them at home. Importantly, I would encourage you to regularly listen to your children read, help them to learn their tables and number bonds and, where relevant, support them in remembering their weekly spellings.

Our partnership with you is very important and is a key to your child's engagement with school. Please feel free to contact me through the school office if you would like to arrange to meet with me. During this term, I will be spending the majority of my time at Witheridge.

Best wishes

Paul Mulligan

Executive Headteacher

Parent – Teacher Meetings

On the 18th and 19th October we will be inviting you to school to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how he/she has settled into the new school year. Meetings will be held between 3.40 pm to 6.00 pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 6 Visit to Pilton Bluecoat

Our Year 6 children have been invited to join the Year 6 at Bluecoat to take part in a workshop around anti-bullying. It is led by Paul Stephens, who is a visiting actor and really brings the subject to life. The event takes place on Tuesday 13th September. The children will be leaving school at 10.30 in the school minibus and will return in time for lunch.



Meet the Teacher

Miss Partridge is our new member of staff in Class 2. She joins us from Kentibear School and is in her sixth year of teaching. During her teacher training she completed her practical placement at Witheridge, so she knows the school well. She plays the guitar and enjoys taking her dogs for long walks!

Welcome

With a new school year come new pupils and we are delighted to welcome Jake, Rowan, Cruize, Leevi, Leo, Tiffany, Acacia, Mia and Harry into the Kingfishers.

Simonsbath Residential

Thank you to all those who paid the deposit before the summer holidays. The full payment of £130 is due before the trip on 18th October, so please start bring in payment to the office. Thank you.

Dinners

The price of dinners has gone up this year to £2.30 per meal for Key Stage 2 pupils, money and menu choice to be sent into the office at the start of each week. Meals remain free for all Reception and Class 2 pupils.

PTFA

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st September, at the Fire Station, 8-9pm. All are welcome, we would love to see some new faces. Meetings are fun and informal, there will be tea and biscuits! We aim to raise money to pay for extras for the children at the school. Please come along and share your ideas and give us some input. The Fun Day planned for 10th September has been cancelled, due to events beyond PTFA's control. We are planning a Jumble Sale at the Parish Hall on Sunday 16th October, followed by a Bags2School event on Monday 17th October. The Summer Fete at the end of last Term was very successful. We raised over £500 in total. Thanks to all the helpers, and the parents who came and bought artworks.

Next Week W/B: Monday 12 th September 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 6 visit to Pilton			

Autumn Term Clubs: New Clubs to be confirmed next week.			
Day	Club	Time	Adult in charge

Dates for Autumn Term: Wednesday 21 st September – PTFA meeting at the fire station 8-9pm. Monday 3 rd October – Individual school photos. Sunday 16 th October – Jumble sale at the Parish hall. Monday 17 th October – Bags2School. Tuesday 18 th October – Parent and teacher meetings. Wednesday 19 th October – Parent and teacher meetings.
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Community Notices: School Nursing Service Update Hi there! We are the School Nursing team that cover South Molton and Chulmleigh area Schools. Our names are Jenny Warwick (Specialist Practitioner) and Jill Fletcher (Staff Nurse). We both work closely with families and offer a confidential service. We also work closely with other services, including school, to promote the healthy growth and development of 5-19 year olds; this may include support for children with asthma, epilepsy and other medical conditions, or involve advice about bedwetting, constipation, behaviour, emotional health and resilience, sleep, or diet. We also offer monthly community clinics off site. If you would like help or advice please contact us on 01769 575189 or ask school to refer your child(ren) to us. We can't wait to hear from you! Free We have a number of wooden pallets that are no longer needed by the school - if you would like them please speak to Miss Spurway in the School office.
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School Dinner Menu week commencing 12th September 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs with tomato sauce, pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn	Macaroni cheese with crusty bread, seasonal vegetables and mixed salad	Roast gammon, roast or creamed potatoes, carrots, cauliflower and gravy	Handmade meat feast pizza, baked beans and salad	Oven baked fish fingers, chipped potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Handmade chocolate cracknel	Meringue Nests with Mandarins	Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Brownie and Ice Cream	Handmade vanilla biscuit