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## **Newsletter – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Dear Parents

We have had a really busy first week at school and it has been good to see the children being so well engaged with their school work.

Earlier this week, the children were able to experience the democratic process when they listened to the speeches of the candidates for our Chair and Vice Chair of our School Council. Following a secret vote by the children, our congratulations go to Shannon, our new Chair and Liam our Vice Chair. Well done to our Year 6 children who took the time to stand. Later this week we will be electing our year group representatives and then we can have full Council meetings.

We have also started our merit system that gives children the opportunity to gain points for themselves and their house/family groups. I am looking forward to giving out certificates and badges later in the term as individual children achieve.

As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime through the School Office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes

Paul Mulligan

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the federation's governing body. A letter is coming home this week regarding the position. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer – if you have any questions about the role please contact Mr Mulligan.

### **Let's Get Cooking**

This year we will be running 'Let's Get Cooking' classes again and we would like to invite parents and carers to join us! Key Stage 2 will be cooking before half term and Key Stage 1 and Reception will be after half term. Please keep an eye out for further information about when your child will be cooking. Cooking Club will also be starting after half term for Year 5 and 6 children, a list will be sent out for you to sign up for a place.

### **Head lice**

Unfortunately we are receiving news that we already have head lice in school again. Could everyone make an effort to check their child's hair over the weekend.

### **Polite Reminder**

Could I please ask that we don't have smoking outside the school gates as it's not pleasant for the children and other adults. Thank You.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		PTFA meeting at the Fire Station 8-9pm		

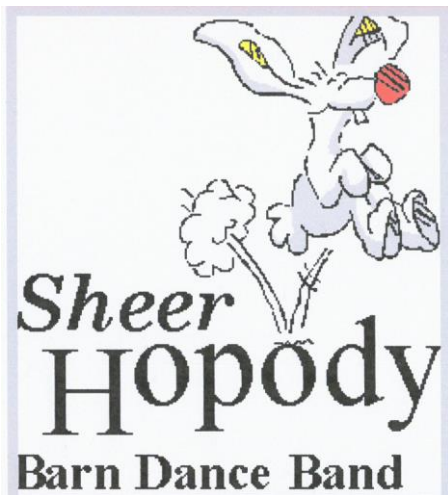
**Autumn Term Clubs:**

Day	Club	Time	Adult in charge
Monday	Art Club – KS2	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Miss Suchacki
Tuesday	Choir Club – KS2	3:30 – 4:30pm	Miss Ratcliffe
Wednesday	Football club – KS2 Story Club Live – KS1 – Starting 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Mr Turner Miss Partridge

**Dates for Autumn Term:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Governors' Meeting 7pm at High Bickington Primary.  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – PTFA meeting at the fire station 8-9pm.  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Individual school photos.  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Witheridge Church Barn Dance 7–10:30pm.  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Jumble sale at the Parish hall.  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Bags2School.  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parent and teacher meetings.  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent and teacher meetings.

**Community Notices:**



**SATURDAY 15TH  
OCTOBER 2016  
7 PM TO 10.30 PM  
PARISH HALL  
WITHERIDGE**

The Church of St John the Baptist, Witheridge is hosting a barn dance. Tickets £10 per adult, children free. A licensed bar will be available for snacks and drinks from 7 pm

Tickets available from Sue Wells 01884 861383

**School Dinner Menu week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven Baked sausages with new potatoes and peas.  (V) Handmade homity pie  Red velvet cake and custard	Lasagne with potato wedges and coleslaw  (V) Home backed lentil loaf  Summer fruit crumble and custard	Roast turkey with roast potatoes and veg  (V) Quorn roast  Fresh fruit platter	Shepherd's pie with diced potatoes and green beans  (V) Tomato tumble  Fruit jelly and shortcake fingers	Battered salmon fingers and chips  (V) cheese wheel  Chocolate drop biscuits