



Newsletter – Wednesday 23rd November 2016

Dear Parents,

If you **urgently** need to speak to your child's class teacher before school starts then please come to the office between 8:45am and 8:55am and we will arrange this for you.

If you and your child arrive at school **after** 8:55am please come to the office. Please **do not** bring your child into school through another entrance as this may interrupt teaching which has already started. Thank You.

Mr Paul Mulligan.

Pheasant Visit

On Tuesday to tie in with our Danny the Champion of the World theme, Class 3 went to visit a local pheasant farmer. We really enjoyed finding out all about pheasants and what they need to survive. We also found out about the ways the pheasants are kept safe and how to look after them.



Christmas lights

If your child would like to be in with a chance to switch on the Christmas lights then please let the office know by Friday 25th November.

The Christmas lights are being switched on Saturday 3rd December at 6pm. It will start with Christmas carols in the church. There will be a special visit from Father Christmas who will give a small present to all primary aged children and younger. The Mitre Inn are kindly sponsoring mulled wine and mince pies for this event.

Clubs

There is still room for further pupils to join Art Club and Choir. If you would like to join please collect a letter from Miss Ratcliffe.

Music Lessons

Individual guitar and piano lessons will be starting Wednesday 30th. There are currently 2 spaces available if anyone wished to have lessons.

Apologies

Finley R won the colouring competition and went to visit Pudsey bear on Tuesday 15th November, not Alfie R. Finley had a fantastic time.

PTFA

- **Non Uniform Day**

The children are invited to wear non uniform on Monday 28th November in return for bringing in a raffle or tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre on 1st December. Please bring your donations into the School Office. Thank you.

- **Children In Need**

Well done and thank you to everyone who helped out and contributed to Children In Need. The PTFA together with the School managed to raise a fantastic £165.29 for Children in Need. Thank you.

- **Christmas Fayre**

The School Christmas Fayre is next Thursday 1st Dec, 3.30 - 5.00pm. Please send in a jam jar of toys/sweets/hairbands/pens, or other small prizes for the tombola, or a raffle prize. Donations of cakes, and pre loved toys would also be most welcome. All money raised from the Fayre will go towards the children. The PTFA are funding a Theatre Trip for every child this term. Thank you for your continued support.

Celebration Assembly

The following children received congratulations in our celebration assembly this week.

Unfortunately there was no assembly last week because of Children In Need.

Next Week W/B: Monday 28th November 2016				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Let's get cooking Group 1	Choir Club cancelled.		Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm - Hall.	

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 th Sep	3:30 – 4:30 pm	Mr Turner Miss Partridge

Dates for Autumn Term

Thursday 1st December – PTFA Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5pm
 Saturday 3rd December – Christmas lights turn on 6pm.
 Monday 12th December - 2 Christmas Performances – afternoon and evening, times TBC.
 Tuesday 13th December - KS2 Theatre trip to Northcott.
 Wednesday 14th December – School Christmas meal.
 Thursday 15th December – KS1 Theatre trip to Northcott
 Friday 16th December – Christingle Service 9:30am Church.
 Friday 16th December – Last day of term

Community Notices:

Devon Libraries.

Mondays: Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 5, Jul 3, 31, Sep 4, 25, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18.
 Witheridge Square 14:00 until 15:00
 Witheridge School 15:05 until 15:50.

Rackenford Club Christmas Fayre and Childrens Party.

Saturday 17th December 11am- 3pm.
 £2 per child, price includes a visit from Santa, balloon modelling, party games and food. There will be an entertainer from 3pm – 5pm. Stall holders welcome £ 5 per table. Names and payment upfront. Please contact Liz Chapple by Monday 12th December.

School Dinner Menu week commencing 28th November 2016

Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Turkey in a Cream Sauce	<i>Mixed Grill</i> Bacon, Sausage, Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Cottage Pie with Sweet Potato Topping	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Chilli & Rice	Quorn Roast	Cheese Pasta Bake	*Vegetarian Wrap
Sides	Pasta, with Broccoli & Carrots	Peas & Tomato	Roast or Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy	Crusty Bread & Farmhouse Vegetables	Chipped Potatoes or Pasta, Seasonal Veg. Tomato Sauce
Dessert	Handmade Madeleine Sponge & Pink Custard	Lemon or Raspberry Mousse Slice	*Handmade Autumn Fruit Crumble & Custard	*Fresh Fruit Platter	Handmade Chocolate Cracknel