



# The Witton Warbler



14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Witton Middle School Open Day

Our Open Day/Evening this year is on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September: 8.45am to 12.00pm and 3.30pm to 6.30pm**. We will be inviting some of our current children to come back into school to support us and welcome prospective families. If you know of anyone with children in Year 3 or Year 4 in the Droitwich Schools please let them know.

## Breakfast Club

Running late or just don't want breakfast too early?

Children can have breakfast at school between 8.00am and 8.20am. Aspens offer breakfast 'meal deals' at 85p, various options are available, e.g. toast & drink, bacon roll & drink or cereal & drink.

Children are also able to buy a variety of breakfast items during morning break. Prices range from 25p to £1.20. Please see the mid-morning break menu to see what is on offer.

## Attendance

Keep up the good work!

### Attendance up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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| Overall attendance | 97.1% |
| Year 5             | 98.0% |
| Year 6             | 96.7% |
| Year 7             | 96.7% |

## Year 5 Photographs

Our Year 5 children looked fabulous when they had their photographs taken this week. We will send home their proofs as soon as we receive them in school.

## Save the Date

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October... Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.**

## Clubs Update

An updated clubs list is attached. A number of clubs have limited spaces so children will need to sign up with the teachers leading the clubs, this is detailed in the notes accompanying the list.

## School Meals

Aspens are our new catering company with effect from September. Meals will continue to cost £2.30 for a main meal and dessert. Drinks are available to purchase and range in price from 35p to 70p. Please see the Aspens flyer and menu attached.



## Harvest Festival

On **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** it is Harvest Festival and we are collecting for Droitwich Spa food bank, who provided support to 1630 people in the local area last year. Please support us if you can by sending in 'in-date' foods from the list below on the morning.

500G BAGS OF PASTA AND RICE  
LONG LIFE ORANGE JUICE  
TINNED CARROTS, PEAS AND POTATOES  
SOUP  
TINNED MEAT  
JAM  
BREAKFAST CEREAL



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## Spotlight on...



### Pupil Leadership

I am Mrs Miele and as well as being a Year 6 teacher, I have the pleasure of being responsible for pupil leadership roles across the school. Whilst encouraging our pupils to embrace our PRIDE values, we offer many pupil leadership roles throughout the school to help them develop their independence. Pupils have opportunities to become librarians, reading buddies, reading champions, a member of the eco-committee, maths ambassadors, members of sports council and school ambassadors in Year 7.

This spotlight focuses on two of these roles that we are currently asking pupils to apply for: **the eco-committee and maths ambassadors**. These roles have specific job descriptions, detailed below, and we ask pupils to apply so that they have opportunity to explain the skills they can offer. For both of these roles, we will be looking for pupils from across the school to represent their classmates. If you would like to apply, please see Mrs Miele for a job description and an application form. We always look to involve as many pupils as possible. We look forward to reading the applications soon, as the closing date is **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.

#### The Eco-Committee is tasked with:

- Ensuring that the whole school is aware of the Eco-Schools programme;
- Taking the lead in carrying out the Environmental Review;
- Ensuring that everyone in the school community is represented in the decision-making process (as far as possible);
- Providing a link between pupils, teachers, senior management team, governors and the whole school community;
- Taking the lead in delivering the Eco-Schools Action Plan.
- Attending meetings often in your own time. Pupils share responsibility with adults for running meetings and keeping a record of the meetings.
- Displaying minutes on our Eco-Board.
- Ensuring that there is communication to and from the Eco-Committee to the rest of the school

We can apply for a eco award for our school.

#### The role of the maths ambassador

- To share a love of maths with their class.
- To celebrate achievements.
- To introduce competitions and new ideas.
- To raise the profile of maths in school.
- To lead activities relating to maths.
- To run the school stationery shop.
- To give the pupils in their class a voice and help them share their ideas.
- To support other members of the school and potential future pupils from our feeder first schools.

If you think you are the right person for the job, then collect an application form from your class teacher. If you have been a Witton maths ambassador before, you are welcome to apply again.



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| <p><b>Witton Choir</b></p>         | <p>We will be taking part in the Young Voices concert in January so we are looking for lots of enthusiastic singers. If you are interested, please collect a letter from Mr Alcorn.</p> <p>Choir with Mr Alcorn will be on <b>Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm</b> in the Music Room.</p> <p>No auditions necessary - just bring your voices and a smile!</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Class Dojo</b></p>           | <p>We are in the process of rolling out a new positive behaviour management system online, called 'Class Dojo'. The children receive positive dojo points during lessons when they are demonstrating positive learning behaviours. The points can be very motivating and encourage the children to feel proud without material reward.</p> <p>When the system is fully functional, and if we are pleased with the results of the trial across the school, we will invite parents/carers to join through an online 'app' so that you will be able to view points.</p> <p>We will let you know when all parents are able to join this and view these points - the children will be told and it will be published here. We have no plans to use the 'negative' points from the system, and will not be using messages from dojo, so please continue to contact school in the normal ways.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Dates for your Diary</b></p> | <p>24 Sep Y5 Aztec Adventure Trip<br/> 24 Sep Harvest Festival Assembly – donations for Droitwich Spa Foodbank<br/> <b>27 Sep Witton Middle School Open Day &amp; Evening</b><br/> <b>4 Oct KS2 English &amp; Maths Parents' Session *Invitation attached*</b><br/> 15 Oct Y5 flu vaccinations<br/> 16 Oct Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LM, 6LQ &amp; 6CR)<br/> 17 Oct Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LC &amp; 6CB)<br/> 23 Oct 7JC Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm<br/> 26 Oct <b>Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.</b><br/> 26 Oct School closes at 3.00pm – half term<br/> 5 Nov Teacher Training Day (School closed)<br/> 6 Nov School starts at 8.25am<br/> 27 Nov 7CW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm<br/> 4 Dec 7KW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm<br/> 11 Dec 7BT Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm<br/> 21 Dec School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term<br/> 7 Jan Teacher Training Day (School closed)<br/> 8 Jan School starts at 8.25am<br/> 15 Jan 7OA Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm</p> |   |
| <p><b>Toys</b></p>                 | <p>If you are thinking of having a clear out this Autumn, we are always looking for toys and games to supplement our wet play, breakfast club and nurture provision. In particular, any card-based games, simple board games, figures or imaginative play games would be very welcome.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Mobile Phones</b></p>        | <p>Children bringing mobiles phones into school must ensure that they are switched off on entry into school and placed in the safe in the classroom for the duration of the school day. Unfortunately, we are not able to take responsibility for any phones that are lost, damaged or stolen.</p>   |   |



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## Medical Matters

We ask that parents and carers inform us of all health issues relating to your child. For long standing/serious health conditions such as ADHD, asthma, acute allergic reactions, heart conditions, diabetes, epilepsy, etc., we ask that you complete and return an Individual Healthcare Plan which is available from the School Office. This is essential for key staff to best meet the needs of your child should any issues arise during the course of the school day, school visits, trips, etc. Thank you for your support with this.

In addition, we are able to administer prescribed medication as well as paracetamol and ibuprofen provided by you. Please complete our consent form known as an 'Agreement to administer medicine in school' and ensure all medication is clearly labelled with your child's name

## Homework

You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link:  
<http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/>  
Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.



## Above and Beyond

**The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone Above and Beyond:**

**5JB:** Lucy Anderson, Emily Richards, Charlie Drinkwater

**5JD:** Seanah Lumley, Simaran Watts, Lilly-Jo Caldicott, Jack Duncalf, Izzy Shipway, George Clarke, Alexander Burrell

**5SO:** Jack Crowther, Cameron Buckler, Daisy-May Evans-Loughlin, Penelope Crabbe

**5AP:** Oscar Sach, Oliver Hickton, Maisie Pitt, Erin Baker, Holly Smith

**5SW:** Phoebe Sabel, Sophie Edwards, Oscar Peckover

**6LC:** Amelia Chahal, Rory Crawford, Jem Fowler

**6CB:** William Broughton, Mordecai Kudadirwa, Emily Gandy, Taylor Pugh, Hollie Baker, Jack Daniels

**6LM:** Holly Dufty, Noah Grimstevdt, Amariion Hudlin, Finlay Jackson, Rhys Maidment, Simran Nijjar, Alex Rogers

**6LQ:** Daniel Felczykowski, Lorcan Fowler, Liam Duncalf, Oliver Elvins, Lily Farrell, Isabelle Blackmore, Lily Noone, Cameron Silvester-Jones

**6CR:** Ruby Lines, Esther Duerden, Rossi Pugh, Ewan Smedley, Cameron Moore

**7JC:** Amelia Bowen, James Lettis, Kyran Newman

**7OA:** Skye Kudadirwa, Joseph Chetland, Shai-Dee Gormley, Megan Harris-Chance, Harry Price, Izzy Simpson, George Wharton

**7BT:** Bradley Keay-Jones, Catherine Sandell, Alice Ralphs, Hattie Bird

**7CW:** Katie Blackmore, Erin Brodrick, Madeline Holyfield, James Rudkin

**7KW:** James Blake, Erin Moss, Daisy Powell



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## Congratulations to...

**Erin Moss & Ellie Hyde from 7KW.** These girls hold a cake sale on the driveway yearly. They solely organise, advertise, bake, decorate, set up the stall and sell their cakes. They also choose different charities each year; ones that are close to their hearts for one reason or another.

This year on 1st September they held their cake sale raising funds for St Richards Hospice (chosen due to some special people to them both have been supported by the Hospice)  
They raised their best total so far - £341.53!

We are all extremely proud of their hard work and thoughtfulness of wanting to help others. Witton PRIDE at it's best!

## We appreciate your feedback

The comments we receive from parents and carers are incredibly helpful to us. They often lead us to make improvements to our systems or to give you more information when this is needed. In order to allow you to give feedback that is informal, non-urgent or even a little bit amusing, we have set up a new email address for this purpose. Please contact us at:

[wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk)

Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the [office@witton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@witton.worcs.sch.uk)

## Vacancy

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| Role         | <b>Administrative Assistant</b>             |
| Tenure       | Term Time 38 weeks, Substantive Contract    |
| Grade        | Scale 1                                     |
| Hours        | 20 per week, 8am – 12 noon Monday to Friday |
| Salary range | £7,384 - £7,547 per annum                   |

### About the role:

We are looking to appoint an Administrative Assistant to support the smooth running of the school. This is a vital front of house role. You will need to be a positive professional and be flexible to the demands of the post. You will be joining our dedicated and supportive office team in welcoming parents and visitors to our school.

The role will involve providing a professional welcome to all visitors, in order to deliver a positive first impression to those entering the school; efficient and effective management of the main reception; responding quickly to all incoming enquiries, either telephone, email or face to face; together with admin support to the main office; maintaining data records and giving first aid support.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced DBS will be required for this position.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms:

**5pm Tuesday 18 September 2018**

Interviews will be held week commencing 1 October 2018

For further details, please visit our website at [www.witton.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk)



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## Vacancy

|              |                                 |
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| Role         | <b>Behaviour Mentor</b>         |
| Tenure       | Full Year, Substantive Contract |
| Grade        | Scale 6                         |
| Hours        | 37 per week                     |
| Salary range | £23,866 - £25,463 per annum     |

### About the role:

We are looking for a mentor who is passionate about supporting families and our children. It is essential that the person appointed would be committed to providing high quality behaviour support and interventions for our pupils who have special needs and social & emotional difficulties. We have 400 plus pupils who come from the town of Droitwich Spa and outlying villages. Our school is situated in beautiful grounds and our facilities are excellent. Ofsted has judged the school to be 'good' with outstanding leadership. We are very proud of what we have achieved and want to continue to develop people and practice. You will find a friendly, open, caring and supportive team of staff who are dedicated to our children. We are committed to developing all of our staff through collaborative approaches and professional learning. We have very strong relationships with our pyramid of schools.

**Visits to our school are always encouraged, come and visit us for a warm Witton welcome.**

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Closing date for receipt of completed application forms:  
**12noon Monday 24 September 2018**

Interviews will be held on 1 October 2018

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## Community News

**SW Healthcare** support local GP practices to offer better access to GP appointments in South Worcestershire.

This means you will be able to see a GP, Practice Nurse, or other health professional at a time which is most convenient for you, which includes:

- 7 day access to appointments, Monday to Friday 6.30pm – 8pm and Saturday and Sunday 8am – 12pm
- Face to face and Telephone appointments are available
- Advice and guidance to patients.

To arrange an appointment, you will need to speak to your own practice and ask for an extended hours access appointment. Please check your practice website or our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/Healthcare.South.Worcestershire/>) for more information.

**Action for Children** are offering courses for free. Please see the attached flyer.



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