



The Witton Warbler



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Witton Middle School Open Day

Our Open Day/Evening this year is on **Thursday 27th 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.

Attendance

Above 97% target.
Great work- that's over and above!

Attendance up to and including 14th February 2018

Overall attendance	97.1%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	97.0%
Year 7	96.9%

Y5 Visit to Aztec Adventure

Our Year 5 pupils are off to Aztec Adventure on **Monday 24th September** which will see them involved in a number of team building activities such as archery, raft-building and canoeing. We hope that this will be a great day of fun and new experiences.

Children should bring a packed lunch (those in receipt of free school meals will be catered for), a snack and drinks for throughout the day.

Should your child have any medication to take on the trip, we would ask that this is placed in a labelled container and handed to their class-teacher. Under no circumstances should the children keep medication in their bags.

In line with the school's policy regarding mobile 'phones, any 'phones brought into school must be handed in for safe keeping during the day.

Kit list:

- Waterproof jacket
- Bin bags for wet gear
- Tracksuit bottoms (not jeans)
- Old trainers
- Warm socks
- T-shirt or long sleeved shirt
- Sweatshirt or old jumper
- Complete change of clothes including underwear and shoes
- Towel

Harvest Festival

On **Monday 24th 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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Staying Safe	Please be aware that any children who are still waiting outside the school at 3.15pm will be brought back into the School Office by the teachers when they come in from their duty. This is to ensure our children remain safe until you arrive to collect them.	
Safeguarding	Did you know that you could get additional advice and guidance on a range of safeguarding issues such as teenage relationships, child exploitation and self-harm from... http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/safeguarding-help/	
Year 5 Photographs	Year 5 children have now received their proofs of individual photos which you should now have received at home. If you would like to preview the whole class photographs, please call in to the School Office. Please send all orders to the School Office by Monday 8th October .	
Save the Date	Friday 26th October... Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.	
Dates for your Diary	24 Sep 24 Sep 27 Sep 4 Oct 10 Oct 15 Oct 16 Oct 17 Oct 23 Oct 26 Oct 26 Oct 5 Nov 6 Nov 27 Nov 4 Dec 11 Dec 21 Dec 7 Jan 8 Jan 15 Jan	Y5 Aztec Adventure Trip Harvest Festival Assembly – donations for Droitwich Spa Foodbank Witton Middle School Open Day & Evening KS2 English & Maths Parents' Session Young Minds #HelloYellow day Y5 flu vaccinations Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LM, 6LQ & 6CR) Y6 to Goodrich Castle (6LC & 6CB) 7JC Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm. School closes at 3.00pm – half term Teacher Training Day (School closed) School starts at 8.25am 7CW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm 7KW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm 7BT Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term Teacher Training Day (School closed) School starts at 8.25am 7OA Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
Witton Choir	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. Choir with Mr Alcorn will be on Wednesdays from 3pm to 4pm in the Music Room. No auditions necessary - just bring your voices and a smile!	
School Meals	Following feedback from parents and carers, Aspens have revised their Autumn menu, which is attached.	



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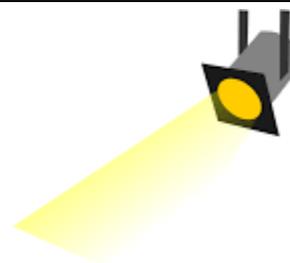


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Spotlight on...

Pupil Premium Funding



Dear Parents/Carers,

In addition to teaching in Year 6, I have the pleasure of being the Pupil Premium Lead for the school. Pupil premium is additional funding received by schools to raise the attainment of pupils who are, or have been, eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years. It also encompasses pupils who are looked after, or whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

The funding is provided by the Government to help schools to help children to catch up with their peers, as it has been found that they do not always achieve as highly. More information on how the school spends this money can be found on the school's website.

Whilst funding is received to support Pupil Premium pupils, we also recognise that there are times when all families might need a little extra support, regardless of whether they are eligible for free school meals. With this in mind, we wanted to put 'in the spotlight' what is available to families and pupils. This may include:

- Financial support with uniform
- Financial support when paying for trips
- Additional enrichment experiences e.g. Library visits, Heart of Worcester College day trip
- Classroom resources
- Book vouchers
- Additional adult support in the classroom
- Breakfast club - this is complimentary for Pupil Premium pupils at 8.00am.

We also are continuing to look at how we can recycle nearly-new school uniform to the benefit of our families and the environment, so watch this space!

To access any of the above, please either contact the office, Marie Smith (School Business Manager), myself, or contact your child's class teacher. If you have any ideas of how we can improve our provision, please do contact me.

If you feel that you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Wilkins in the office who will be able to help you. Even if you do not anticipate being entitled for long, or do not wish to have the meal provided, this money can help the school and your child for up to six years, so please do apply.

**Cathy Richards
Year 6 Teacher and PP Lead**



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**World
Mental Health
Day 2018**

On **Wednesday 10th October**, we are supporting **Young Minds #HelloYellow** campaign by asking pupils to replace one item of their uniform with a piece of yellow clothing (for instance, pupils could wear a yellow t-shirt instead of a shirt and tie). Yellow hair accessories and hats may also be worn. Please note that, apart from the one item of yellow clothing, pupils must be in uniform. The aim of this campaign is to spread the message that young people are not alone when it comes to mental health. A lesson and an assembly will also be dedicated to raising awareness and will provide students with information and strategies to keep their own minds healthy.

In order to raise money for Young Minds and our own school mental health fund, we would greatly appreciate any donations. Thank you



**Pupil 3 Rs
recognition-**

**Ready
Responsible
Respect**

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

5JB: Emily Colley, Bella Myatt, Olivia Knight, Madison Chetland

5JD: Alexander Burrell, Poppy Mossop, Seanah Lumley, Bethan James, Charles Tranter, George Clay

5SO: Lily Smith, Evie Pinder, Isaac Rudkin

5AP: Erin Baker, Chloe Buckler, Millie Lang

5SW: Isabelle Cooper, Emilia Malachowska, Travis Barnett, Toby Baker, Fynley Livett, Hollie Ford

6LC: Bee Barber, Millie Williams, Tamzin Taylor, Darwin Brookes, Jaygo Morris, Cesar Furu, Rory Crawford

6CB: Alfie Drinkwater, Alex Napier, Phoebe-Leigh Steele, Brian Norris, Mordecai Kudadirwa, Leona Butler

6LM: Ana Makejeva, Ffion Blackwood, Hayden Priddey, Holly Duffy, Noah Grimstvedt

6LQ: Calum Williams, Daniel Felczykowski

6CR: Sonny Wood, Charlie Wright, Ruby Lines

7JC: Grace Bradley, Jasmine Crawford, Corey Fincher

7OA: Grace Oakley, Kiera Nicklin, Megan Key, Alisha Amphlett

7BT: Joe Cundy, Jessica Greaves, Josie Pheasant

7CW: Reuben Sabel, Grace Simpson

7KW: Sylvia Scattergood, Bryn Lambe, Mackenzie Cossum-Lawley



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Vehicles Outside School

Please can we make a very strong plea to you regarding the drop-off and collection of pupils outside school. We are extremely concerned as the situation becomes increasingly dangerous for our children as they arrive and leave. Cars come too quickly along the road and stop suddenly and without warning; pull over into the bus bay on to yellow zig-zags; park at angles that block the road; push forward, creating gridlock and park/stop across the driveways of our neighbours, for whom this is a constant issue.

We are exploring traffic calming measures, but in the meantime please can we ask that you slow down, park and stop within the rules of the road, not park in the bus bay and respect the lives of local residents. In this way, we hope we can work together to prevent the serious injury of a child.

Please consider meeting your child on foot if at all possible.

Vacancy

Role	Behaviour Mentor
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.

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:

12 noon Monday 24 September 2018

Interviews will be held on 1 October 2018

For further details, please visit our website at www.witton.worcs.sch.uk



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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.



Vacancy

Role	Clerk to Governors
Tenure	Term Time and Permanent
Grade	3
Hours	100 per year
Salary range	£1,049 - £1,108 per annum

About the role:

The Governing Body of Witton Middle School is looking to recruit an experienced Clerk to the Governors. The Clerk will be accountable to the Governing Body but will also work closely with the Headteacher, providing them with an efficient and professional clerking service.

This will include:

- creating and distributing agendas and supporting documentation for full governor meetings/committee meetings/extraordinary meetings (approximately 16 meetings a year)
- attending all meetings (primarily Thursdays at 6pm) and producing accurate minutes in a timely manner
- providing procedural advice and guidance

The successful candidate will:

- understand the importance of confidentiality
- have strong and effective communication skills
- have experience of minute taking
- be competent in word processing and use of e-mail/internet
- be organised

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Closing date for receipt of completed application forms:

10am Thursday 4 October 2018

Interviews will be held on Friday 12 October 2018

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Role	Intervention Teaching Assistant
Tenure	Term Time 39 weeks, One Year Fixed Term Contract
Grade	Scale 2
Hours	25 per week
Salary range	£10,218 - £10,790 per annum

About the role:

Under the guidance and supervision of the Pupil Premium lead teacher, contribute to the planning, delivery and evaluation of learning activities for targeted Pupil Premium and vulnerable pupils to improve progress. This will include the delivery of intervention classes to whole classes, groups and individual pupils as part of the Pupil Premium Strategy to include outdoor learning.

Initially there will be the need to concentrate on basic skills with small groups of targeted children (no more than 6) to pre-teach basic maths and SPaG skills.

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Closing date for receipt of completed application forms:
12.30pm Monday 1 October 2018

Interviews will be held on 10 October 2018

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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

Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the office@witton.worcs.sch.uk



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