



The Witton Warbler



7th September 2018

Welcome Back

We have loved welcoming our new Year 5 pupils who have settled in so well. Thank you to our community for all your support with this.

We have had a truly excellent start to the year and we could not have asked for more from our wonderful children. They are delighted to have embarked upon a journey with us by learning our new and ONLY three school rules:

- Respectful
- Ready to learn
- Responsible

They are enjoying our new recognition boards, which recognise when pupils have met our high standards. We are also seeking to recognise those who go over and above.

We will shortly be asking for feedback from our children and families.

Year 5 Photographs

We have Tempest Photography visiting school on **Tuesday 11th September** to take photographs of our Year 5 pupils. They will take individual photos as well as a group shot of their class with proofs coming home within a few days.

Attendance

Attendance this week is at 97.3%. Excellent! This is above target.

Your child has today brought home a leaflet which details the impact of absences on their attendance which in turn impacts on their learning.

Droitwich Spa High School Open Day

Families of children in Years 6 and 7 have now received an invitation to Droitwich Spa Open Day next **Thursday, 13th September**. If you wish to take your child to visit during the school day, please put a note in their organiser and they can then be collected from Reception at the appropriate time.

In addition, Year 7 children should have brought home their high school application pack earlier this week. If you have not received yours, please contact the School Office.

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 calling on some of our children to come back into school to support us and welcome prospective families. If this is the case you will be informed, but in the meantime if you know of anyone with children in Year 3 or Year 4 in the Droitwich Schools please let them know.

Uniform

We are aware that Ace Essentials and Schooltogs have run out of many uniform item due to supplier issues. It is anticipated that stocks will be received in stores by 15th September if issues are resolved.

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, 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.

Save the Date

Friday 26th October... Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.




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Year 7 Activities Week	Please ensure you have returned your options forms are returned to Mrs Cole in Year 7 so that places can be allocated and information shares with families. Thank you.																															
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.																															
Safety	<p>It is wonderful to see so many children are now walking to school and crossing the road safely. We are also thrilled that children on bikes and scooters are wearing helmets and avoiding riding on paths in and around school.</p> <p>So that we can keep all children safe and the traffic flowing, please do observe the parking restrictions outside school with regard to the yellow zigzags. In addition, during busy times it is vital that the bus bay is kept clear.</p> <p>Please be aware that parents/carers are not permitted to use the staff car park without the prior agreement of the Headteacher. Please may parents also stand away from the drive when waving off and greeting children, as the children must not use the driveway to walk in or out of school.</p> <p>Finally, can we also ask that our neighbours' driveways are not used to turn in or blocked. Please try to park a little down the road or around the corner where there is more space.</p> <p>As always, your co-operation in these matters is very much appreciated.</p>																															
Clubs Update	<p>Please see the attached clubs list for full details. The only clubs running during the week beginning 10th September are:</p> <p>Drama- Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm in the hall with Mrs Whiting and Mrs Bentley. Morning sports clubs in the gym from 7.55am to 8.20am with Mr Cocker. Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis as number are limited to 20.</p> <p>Additional sports clubs will start week commencing 17th September and details will be shared as soon as possible.</p>																															
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Scholastic Book Club

Our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witton-middle> or use the paper order form on the leaflet sent home today. Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit cards. Please make all cheques payable to Witton Middle school. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from and for every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, you earn **25p in Scholastic Rewards** for our school to spend on books.

Please place orders by **Monday 24th September** and thank you for your support.

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 foods from the list below on the morning. Please ensure all food is 'in date'.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

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



Toys

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 if you are thinking of having a clear out this Autumn.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is the program we use at Witton to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Each child completes a short test to determine their current book level and then selects and reads books from that level. Once finished they complete a quiz on the book to check that they have understood what was read. Passing the quiz also earns individuals and classes points and prizes.

As well as books from our library, pupils can read books from any library or from home. To find out if a book has a quiz visit the AR BookFinder™ at **arbookfind.com**. To see which books your child has quizzed on and how they are doing you will need to access our site within Accelerated Reader. The children have been given their log in details. The site address is: <https://ukhosted55.renlearn.co.uk/2250943>. It is not, however, possible to quiz on books at home.

If you would like any more information please contact the school librarian, Mrs Strange.
Happy Reading!



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Homework	<p>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.</p>	
We appreciate your feedback	<p>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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p> <p>Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the office@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p>	
Stars of the Week	Charlie Drinkwater 5JB	
Vacancy	<p>Role Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Tenure Term Time 38 weeks, Substantive Contract</p> <p>Grade Scale 1</p> <p>Hours 20 per week, 8am – 12 noon Monday to Friday</p> <p>Salary range £7,384 - £7,547 per annum</p> <p>About the role:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 5pm Tuesday 18 September 2018</p> <p>Interviews will be held week commencing 1 October 2018</p> <p>For further details, please visit our website at www.witton.worcs.sch.uk</p>	



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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.

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