



The Witton Warbler



19th October 2018

Family Fun Run

Witton Middle School Family Fun Run on Friday 26th October 12.45pm to 2.45pm

We look forward to welcoming families to watch or take part in this annual event. You could always play some games or have a warming hot chocolate and cake with your child.

7JC Parents & Carers' Assembly

Miss Carr would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 7JC to come and see their class assembly on **Tuesday 23rd October at 2.35pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

Attendance

Well done Year 5 for yet again beating the 97% whole school attendance target.
Keep going Year 6 and Year 7; lets hit that target next week!

Attendance up to and including 12th October 2018

Overall attendance	96.6%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	96.2%
Year 7	96.1%

Year 5 Visits to Droitwich Town Centre

As part of their geography topic, **5SO and 5SW** are heading into Droitwich town centre to conduct surveys on **Monday 22nd October from 1.30pm to 2.45pm.**

The children will need to wear full school uniform, bring a waterproof coat and a water bottle.

Bottle Appeal

Please help us by donating a bottle for the Tombola at our Family Fun Run on Friday 26 October 2018.

Bottles do not need to be expensive but do please ensure any bottles donated are definitely unused! You can donate anything: wine, soft drinks, beer, bubble bath, sauces or preserves. The more items we have, the more money we can raise for valuable resources for our children.

To add to the mystery of which prize you win, please can you wrap your bottle in newspaper or put it in a bottle bag prior to donating it? Have a rummage and see what delights you can spare us! Please drop off donations by **Wednesday 24th October 2018** to Marie Smith, School Business Manager.

Thank you very much for your support.



Sports Fixtures

Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:

23 Oct Y6 Football v St Nicholas Middle School at Witton
25 Oct Y7 Football v Tudor Grange Academy at Witton



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Pupil Absences	If your child is unavoidably absent please ensure you call the school office on 01905 773362 by 9.00am on the first day of absence. Unless we know that pupils are going to be absent our Attendance Lead will undertake first day calling for all absent pupils to ensure that your child is safe.
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/
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.
Pupil Progress Meetings	This year's Autumn pupil progress meetings (parents' evenings) are being held a little later in the term than previously. This is because we know that by November, we are in a much better position to provide clear targets for your child. By this time, the children have settled, we have got to know them well, and a number of assessments have taken place. This ensures that the meeting is as helpful as it possibly can be. We will not be holding extra target-setting evenings in January and will instead be providing short reports and another chance to review progress with your child's teacher in February. We hope that this will improve the quality of information you have. We have agreed the dates for our pupil progress meetings: Tuesday 27 th November 5.00pm to 7.00pm Thursday 29 th November 3.30pm – 5.30pm Letters will be sent home after half term to enable you to book appointments.
Lost	Alex Harris 6LQ has lost his school jumper and a pair of black and blue Adidas shorts. The jumper has a name in it the shorts do not. Rhys Maidment 6LM is also missing a shirt and jumper (both are named). Summer Wright has lost her black school shoes with Velcro fastening and a bow If you know of their whereabouts or discover them at home mixed in with your child's uniform if they have picked them up in error, please contact the school office.



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Dates for your Diary	22 Oct	5SO & 5SW to Droitwich Town Centre (1.45pm to 2.45pm)
	23 Oct	7JC Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	26 Oct	Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.
	26 Oct	School closes at 3.00pm – half term
	5 Nov	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
	6 Nov	School starts at 8.25am
	27 Nov	7CW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	27 Nov	Pupil progress meetings 5.00pm to 7.00pm
	29 Nov	Pupil progress meetings 3.30pm – 5.30pm
	5 Dec	7KW Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm *date change*
	11 Dec	7BT Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm
	18 Dec	Christmas Disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm
	21 Dec	School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term
	7 Jan	Teacher Training Day (School closed)
8 Jan	School starts at 8.25am	
15 Jan	7OA Parents/Carers Assembly at 2.35pm	

Poppy Appeal	To show our support and help raise funds for The Royal British Legion we have various merchandise available for sale from Monday 22 nd October: Poppies 20p Wristbands £1.00 Metal Pin Badges £2.00 Rulers £1.00 Pencil Sharpeners 50p Pencils 50p Erasers 50p Reflective poppies 50p
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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.	
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Pupil recognition- Ready Responsible Respect Safe	The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond': 5JB: Sam Linton, Bella Myatt, Leoni Bryant 5JD: Max Kirkham, Hermione Marshall, Amelia Scattergood 5SO: Abigail Richards, Cameron Buckler, Hope Andres-Blockside, Alice Rooney-Powell, Florence Bird 5AP: Faye Smith, Ciaran Dearn 5SW: Owen Fletcher, Henry Riley, Levi Curtis 6LC: Cara Fern, Cesar Firu, Alfie Semmens 6CB: Brian Norris, Leona Butler, Alex Napier 6LM: Rhys Maidment, Finlay Jackson 6LQ: Cameron Sylvester-Jones, Sadie Summers, Lorcan Fowler, Bobby Patel, Tom King 6CR: The whole class 7JC: Finley Walton, James Lettis, Grace Bradley 7OA: Harry Price, Hope Evans, George Wharton, Alesha Bennett 7BT: Imogen Evans, Olivia Hughes, Mischa Sorrell 7CW: Lily Hirschfield, Nixie Pearson, Julian Nicklin 7KW: Maisie Leah, Emily Stanley	



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Headteacher Awards

Samuel Linton and Jamie McCammon, both 5JB for their precise scaled technical drawing in DT.

Isabelle Cooper, Scott Spencer-Cwik, Holly Kierasinska, Lilly-Mae Doherty-Lawrence, Owen Fletcher, Tristan Crook, Phoebe Sabel, Oliver Marshall, Ellen MacRae, Archie Hirschfield, all 5SW for fantastic figurative language in their character descriptions.

Penelope Crabbe, Lily Smith, Joe Steele, Evie Pinder, all 5SO, for fantastic character descriptions.

Eloise Harris 6LC for amazing contributions, behaviour and role modelling at Goodrich Castle.

Max Kirkham 5JD for being such a kind and caring member of the class - we all really appreciate what a thoughtful young man you are.

Hermione Marshall 5JD for trying incredibly hard to improve her writing. Your character description really does show your focus and dedication.

Calvin Dunn 5JD for a beautifully written character description.



Community News

Kidderminster Harriers Community Scheme will be holding their holiday football courses during half term. Courses run 10.00am - 3.00pm and are open to children aged 5-14 years. Younger children can attend for half days if they prefer. Cost is £10 for one day or, £27 for three. The courses will feature our Star Player Award and a mini soccer tournament, everyone who competes receive a prize. The venues are:-

- Tenbury Wells** - Tenbury High School - Monday 29th
- Droitwich** – Dodderhill School – Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th
- Worcester** – Bishop Perowne College -Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th
- Bromsgrove**- Catshill Middle School - Monday 29^h & Tuesday 30th
- Malvern** – Dyson Perrins Academy - Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st
- Kinver High School** - Wednesday 31st & Thursday 1st
- Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre** - Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd
- Kidderminster** – Baxter College - Wednesday 31st, Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd

To book a place contact the Community Scheme on 01562 863821 or email harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk. Payment can be made in advance or on the day. Please send name, age course attending, any medical conditions and an emergency contact.

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**Worcestershire Parenting Services** host groups for parents and free online courses for all Worcestershire residents. See the attached flyer for more details.

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Droitwich Spa Heritage and Information Centre is hosting a Wartime Experience exhibition to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One. The exhibition runs during half term from 29th October to 3rd November.



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