



# The Witton Warbler



9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Welcome

This week we have been pleased to welcome Tom Barker-Phillips to the support team in school. Tom will be taking forward the work done by Mrs Hamilton on the Thrive approach and working for us in pupil and family support. Tom has moved into the old Thrive room, which is now to be known as 'Orchard'. He will be supporting children with a range of individual and group interventions on behaviour, special needs, mental health and more, and is already becoming a familiar and friendly face around school.

We also welcome into school an additional teacher, Mr Beveridge, who is supporting lessons in 6CB prior to Miss Biddle's maternity leave and groups in Year 7. He will be helping children to 'catch up' in various areas from now until Christmas, and we are very pleased he has joined us.

## Witton Family Fun Run

The Family Fun run has once again been a big success for us in school. This is one of our biggest events, so we were very grateful to you for supporting it and your children. Despite the event being cut short due to a huge downpour, the Fun Run has already raised over £1000, and while it's still fresh in everyone's mind we would encourage children to chase any outstanding sponsorship money.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your patience at the end of the fun run. As you know, at the same time as the fun run ended, we received an important safety message. This delayed things as we needed to be sure all children and families had that message and no child left without our knowledge.

## Children in Need

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** if children wish to, they can wear something spotty and bring in £1.00 for Pudsey.

All monies raised will be sent to the Children in Need Charity.



## Attendance

Once again, congratulations to Year 5 for meeting the 97% target. Keep trying Year 6 and Year 7.

### Attendance up to and including 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Overall attendance	96.2%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	95.9%
Year 7	95.6%

## Scientific Calculators

By Christmas, it would be helpful for the children in Year 7 to have a scientific calculator for maths- these can be purchased for as little as £1.00 in some shops.

## Pupil Progress Meetings

Children should have given you a letter inviting you to book a parent's evening appointment with their class teacher on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** between **5.00pm and 7.00pm** or **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** between **3.30pm and 5.30pm**.

**Mr Tudgay (7BT)** will not be available on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, but you are able to book an appointment on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 3.00pm and 7.00pm**. If this date does not work for you, please write a note in your child's organiser and Mr Tudgay will arrange an appointment with you at a mutually convenient time.



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## Year 7 Visit to The Commandery

As part of the Year 7 Autumn Term History topic on the English Civil War, we are planning to take Year 7 pupils to The Commandery in Worcester – Museum of the Battle of Worcester, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The classes will be visiting the centre on the following dates:  
**7OA (Mr Alcorn) and 7KW (Mrs Watson) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7JC (Miss Carr) and 7CW (Miss Wyles) on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7BT (Mr Tudgay) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

The cost of the visit, which includes coach travel and entry to The Commandery, a city walk guided by the Education Officer and two practical workshops, is **£10.50** per child. This is a voluntary contribution, and whilst no child would be excluded on financial grounds, if insufficient payments are received, then the trip would have to be cancelled. It is not in our policy to make any profit on trips and children cannot be covered by the payments that other parents make. Should this cause you financial difficulty, please do speak to us.

Please return the permission slip from the letter sent home earlier this week by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to ensure that the trip goes ahead as planned.

## Sports Fixtures

Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:

- 14 Nov Netball v Tudor Grange Academy, at Tudor Grange
- 15 Nov Y6 Football tournament at Kidderminster Harriers Training Ground

## Dates for your Diary

- 16 Nov Children in Need- wear something spotty
- 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
- 4 Dec 7OA & 7KW to The Commandery in Worcester
- 5 Dec 7KW Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
- 6 Dec 7JC & 7CW to The Commandery in Worcester
- 7 Dec 7BT to The Commandery in Worcester
- 10 Dec Drama group Christmas performance
- 11 Dec 7BT Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
- 11 Dec Drama group Christmas performance
- 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

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> November** and thank you for your support.



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<p><b>Lost Property</b></p>	<p>We have a number of children missing uniform or PE kit items. Please could you have a look at home to check your child has not accidentally picked up another child's possessions in error. If you do discover any stray items, please send them in to the school office so we can reunite them with their rightful owner.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p>	
<p><b>Homework</b></p>	<p>You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link:  <a href="http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/">http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/</a>          Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.</p>	
<p><b>Pupil recognition-  Ready Responsible Respect Safe</b></p>	<p><b>The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond':</b>  <b>5JD:</b> Eddy Pheasant, Yolanda Wamiridza, Calvin Dunn, Sam Barnett, Jocelyn Cheah  <b>5SO:</b> Louis Harris, Andrea Wild, Rose Lewis, Daisy-May Evans-Lochlin  <b>5SW:</b> Ruby Bywater, Toby Baker, Lily-Kate Tompkins  <b>6LC:</b> Milly Beattie, Alfie Semmens  <b>6CB:</b> Kacie Fazackerley, Jack Daniels, Kiaron Semmens  <b>6LM:</b> Faith Andres-Barber, Ffion Blackwood, Holly Dufty, Ana Makejeva, Simran Nijjar, Roxy Robinson, Lily Sharpe, Charlotte Westcott, Summer Wright, Chloe Kemp  <b>6LQ:</b> Lacey Groves, Lily Noone, Oliver Elvins  <b>6CR:</b> Violet Adams, Esther Duerden, Ella Marshall  <b>7OA:</b> Ruby Boulton, Alesha Bennett, Christopher Brown  <b>7BT:</b> Alice Ralphs, Catherine Sandell, Oliver Simmons</p>	
<p><b>Headteacher Awards</b></p>	<p><b>Olivia Weatherby 6LC</b> for amazing confidence building and greater independence in maths.  <b>Chris Brown 7OA</b> for an amazing letter in English.  <b>Lily-Jo Caldicott 5JB, Harry Dormer 7CW and George Dormer 7KW</b> for all their hard work during the fun run.  <b>Corey Fincher, Jasmine Crawford, Oliver Freeman, James Lettis, Heidi Shipway, Emily Sprague, Finley Walton, Joel Park, Annabelle Dashey, Isabelle Lewis, Andy Potts, all 7JC,</b> for doing an amazing job of learning their lines and performing in their class assembly.  <b>Elouise Harris 6LC</b> for a fabulous diary entry demonstrating greater depth.</p>	



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