



The Witton Warbler



23rd November 2018

Parental Consultation evenings next week

We are pleased to welcome you into school for our Autumn Term Parental Consultation Evenings next week. Please do arrange to see your child's teacher at another time if you have been unable to make an appointment. We are always very happy to see the child with you – it's a great opportunity for us to work together.

You may notice that these are slightly later this year. This is so that we can make absolute best of the time for both yourselves and our staff by giving our meetings a strong learning focus. Our teachers will now know your children well and a number of key assessments will have taken place, so they will be in a good position to give you important information about the standard your child is working at and what they need to do next. They will be able to tell you how your child is doing in relation to National Curriculum Age-Related Expectations, your child's learning behaviours and attitudes and how well they have settled into their new class.

Please also note that the appointment time is 10 minutes and so where there is a specific issue that is worthy of a longer discussion, please may we ask that you make a separate appointment. Senior leaders are also available for appointments. Your child's class teacher may suggest this during the meeting in order to avoid keeping other parents' waiting, and we are always very happy to help.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

7CW Parents & Carers' Assembly

Miss Wyles would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 7CW to come and see their class assembly on **Tuesday 27th November at 2.35pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

Attendance

Wrap up warm and keep attending well!

Attendance up to and including 16th November 2018	
Overall attendance	95.9%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.6%
Year 7	95.3%

Internet Safety

On Monday, Year 5 had an assembly provided by Parentzone and Google which explained the power of the internet in both positive and negative ways. The children were thoroughly engaged and learnt what they needed to do to stay safe whilst surfing and communicating on the internet and have become "internet legends" knowing the motto "Sharp, Alert, Secure, Kind, Brave".

Following on from the assembly, there is a game which the children can play online to continue to develop their skills at:

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

Attached is a guide for parents/carers that can be used to support your child's understanding of internet safety at home. The link below provides safety tips.

<https://safety.google/families/families-tips/>



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Maggs Day Centre Donations

In the run up to Christmas, we will be collecting donations for Maggs Day Centre, an organisation which provides clean, dry clothes and bedding for homeless and other particularly vulnerable people in the Worcester area. When a homeless person makes the step to proper accommodation, the Centre also provides some essentials – like a kettle and saucepans – to help get them started.

To support Maggs Day Centre with their work, we welcome your donations of:

- * Men's clothing: Trousers and jeans; shoes and trainers; underwear; T-shirts; jumpers; shirts; coats and waterproofs
- * Women's clothing: Trousers and jeans; shoes and trainers; underwear; T-shirts; jumpers; shirts; coats and waterproofs
- * Household goods: Kitchen items such as crockery, cutlery, breadboards or other utensils
- * Bedding and towels
- * Electrical goods such as toasters, kettles, microwaves, vacuum cleaners
- * Tinned food
- * Rucksacks and sleeping bags
- * Toiletries: Soap, shaving foam, razors, shampoo, toothbrushes, wet wipes, feminine hygiene products

Please note that glassware, feather bedding or kitchen knives cannot be used by the Centre.

If you would like to donate any of the above items, please bring to the school office or, alternatively, pupils can hand any donations to their class teacher.

We will be collecting items until Tuesday 18th December 2018.

For further information on the work of this charity please visit www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

Music Tuition

Invoices for music tuition in the Spring term 2019 have been sent home. If you have not received yours, please contact the school office.

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.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will continue to be held outdoors despite a drop in temperature. Children are encouraged to bring **named** leggings or joggers and jumpers to wear during their lessons for extra warmth.

Save the Date

Christmas Disco... Wednesday 19th December 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Lost Property

Missing- black 'Next' trainers with a purple stripe, size 3

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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<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>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 19 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</p>	
<p>Pupil Leadership</p>	<p>Rhys and Roxy, both 6LM attended their first Droitwich Youth Council meeting at Droitwich High School where they met with representatives from other youth organisations from across Droitwich. They were great ambassadors for Witton and Councillor Richard Morris called them a credit to our school. They now look forward to sharing the information with our school council so we can be involved in various events across Droitwich in the coming year.</p>	
<p>Headteacher Awards</p>	<p>Daniel 6LC for amazing hard work and determination in maths. Jack 7BT for having an awesome Great Grandad and researching his past. Caitlin 6LC for an amazing diary entry. Bryce 6LC for working independently throughout the morning and for excellent use of a compass. Millie and Bryce, both 6LC for excellent work in maths, translating shapes. Alice 5AP for a fantastic first animation on pivot. Charlie 5JB for his spelling and writing this week. Emily and Bella, both 5JB for great homework.</p>	
<p>Witton Reading Challenge</p>	<p>The challenge is to read and pass the Accelerated Reader quiz for 50 books in a school year. For every ten books read a certificate is awarded. Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a certificate this week:</p> <p>Rainbow (10 Books): Rhys, Henry, Finlay, Emily, Olivia, Calvin, Yolanda, Daisy-May, Toby, Hollie, Alex, Lily, Joshua, Charlie, Alex, Lilyan, Sophie, Liam, Isla, Sally, Hope, Megan, Tilly</p> <p>Bronze (20 books): Dylan, Holly, Owen, Isobel, Emily</p> <p>Silver (30 books): Eliza,, Oscar, Isaac, Roxy</p> <p>Gold (40 books): Noah, Simran</p> <p>Millionaires (read a million words): Daniel, Olivia, Bethany, Isobel, Emily</p>	



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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: Grace, William, Callum, Viya, Thomas, Bella, Finley, Jamie, Olivia

5JD: Jack, Max, Seanah, Simaran, Amelia, Hermione

5SO: Jack, Evie, Joe, Hope, Cody, Emily, Brandon, Lily, Penelope

6LC: Millie, Caitlin, Josh, Grace

6LM: Simran, Ffion, Noah

6LQ: Isabelle, Edward, Lewis, Daniel, Rhiann

6CR: Sonny, Lily, Chanel, Cameron, Ruby

7OA: Alisha, Briony-Mai, Izzy

7BT: Joe, Jaspreet, Oliver

7CW: Holly, Oliver, Jordan



**South
Worcestershire
Healthcare**

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.

It can be difficult to arrange a GP appointment outside of University and work hours. With busy working lives, and for those that have students at school / college, it isn't always possible to take time off to attend an appointment during the day, so we would like to make as many people as possible aware of extended access appointments being offered by your own practice.

**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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Community News

Chawson First School are holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. See the attached flyer for more information.

New Educational TV Experience for BBC2

The BBC are making a new factual, family entertainment. This new format will follow families from all over Britain as they go head-to-head in a battle to find the brainiest!

It's a warm-hearted show, which celebrates incredible families and explores their dynamic as they work together to take on a series of highly compelling challenges, puzzles and gameplay. Showcasing the many skills and talents that define modern day intelligence, the programme will promote logic, reasoning, strategy and creativity whilst engaging families in healthy competition.

See the attached flyer for more information about how to enter.

ZUMBA FOR CHARITY- 17th December 2018

Persona Fitness are holding a Zumbathon at Witton Middle School, Droitwich WR9 8BD from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

£10 per person with all funds going the Ups and Downs charity.

Just turn up on the night or for further information please call Carline (01905 774478) or Dave (07515 879824). If you can't make it but would still like to support, you can donate at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/personafitness>

Evesham Bell Tower Lights Launch

Saturday 15 December between 5.30 – 7.30pm.

Pop in and see the launch of the Bell Tower's new permanent lights with a light show, as well as activities such as shadow puppetry (suitable for aged 4 upwards), make a lantern workshops, and drop in projection workshops. There's also the opportunity to see the new permanent lights at the war memorial too, these were launched on the 11 November.



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