



The Witton Warbler



14 December 2018

Christmas Raffle 2018

We have many great prizes for you and your family to win! Please sell as many tickets as you can – all funds raised will be for resources for our pupils.

- 1st Prize – Family Portrait gift voucher
- 2nd Prize – Family 5 day pass for David Lloyd
- 3rd Prize – 4 tickets for West Midlands Safari Park

18 PRIZES TO BE WON. Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18th December.
Tickets are £1 each.

Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Disco is on **Wednesday 19th December** from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 4th December at a cost of **£3.00** to include free squash. **Tickets must be purchased before the event.** Jay from 'Project' is our DJ for the evening again, so this promises to be another great event.

Please do support your child to come to the disco if they would like to - the funds raised really do help the children in school. Just recently, for example, we have spent £2000 on new books for the library - it makes a real difference!

Golden Time Non-Uniform

Each year group will be permitted to wear non-uniform on the day of their golden time:

- Year 7 - Tuesday 18th Dec
- Year 6 - Wednesday 19th Dec
- Year 5 - Thursday 20th Dec

Please can we request that children do not attend school wearing crop tops that reveal the midriff; ultra-mini skirts or vest tops with spaghetti straps. All clothing should provide suitable body coverage. As always, please dress warmly, sensibly and economically for school. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee or replace expensive or valuable items.

Class Football Tournaments

Kidderminster Harriers Football Club are hosting our class football tournaments during the last week of term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on their tournament day.

- Year 5- Tuesday 18th December
- Year 6 – Wednesday 19th December
- Year 7 – Thursday 20th December

Attendance

Needs improvement!

Attendance up to and including 7th December 2018

Overall attendance	95.5%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	95.5%
Year 7	95.0%

Pupil Leadership- Maths Ambassadors

The maths ambassadors have produced some festive maths puzzles for a maths competition they are organising. They will be on sale for only 10p a go in the hall at breakfast club all next week. The winner will be drawn on Friday from all the correct entries.

A sweet, festive treat awaits the lucky winners. Good luck!



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Parking

Once again, we must ask that you do not park across our neighbours' drive ways or turn around in them. I am sure most of us can understand how frustrating this can be for them. Turning in the road outside school is very unsafe and we request that you do not do this but instead drive around the road system. It is also not safe to park on the pavement or yellow zig-zags: please do not do this. We will be asking for a police presence once again as we are concerned about the safety of the children.

Maggs Day Centre Donations

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.

Managing Children's Anxiety: Workshops for parents & carers

What is it?

- A 90 minute informal presentation workshop on anxiety in children, followed by a group discussion.
- Advice and tips on dealing with anxiety in children and looking after yourself as a parent/carer

When is it?

Wednesday 6th February 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Friday 8th February 1.30pm - 3.00pm
(Same session on two different days.)

If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office to book a place on your preferred workshop.

Games for nurture room

Don't forget that we are always on the lookout for games and toys of a sensible, social kind for the nurture room. We are also always happy to receive colouring books, playing cards and jigsaw puzzles.



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PTA

You will see from the flyer attached to this newsletter that we are hoping to get the PTA up and running again. Unfortunately we have not had one for some years now, so are at a disadvantage as a result. Our staff do the best they can to raise much-needed funds, but this is increasingly difficult to maintain without a PTA. Our children, community and families would also benefit massively from more local events. Please do consider if you might be able to help and we would be so happy to welcome you into school.

Dates for your Diary

18 Dec	Y7 Golden Time- non-uniform
18 Dec	Y5 Class Football Tournament- PE kit required
19 Dec	Y6 Golden Time- non-uniform
19 Dec	Y6 Class Football Tournament- PE kit required
19 Dec	Christmas Disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm
20 Dec	Y5 Golden Time- non-uniform
20 Dec	Y7 Class Football Tournament- PE kit required
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
21 Jan	Young Voices- Genting Arena
21 Jan	5JB & 5SW to Bishops Wood Centre
22 Jan	5SO & 5AP to Bishops Wood Centre
23 Jan	5JD to Bishops Wood Centre
31 Jan	5JB Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
1 Feb	Book Fair in school
4 Feb	Book Fair in school
5 Feb	Book Fair in school
6 Feb	Book Fair in school
6 Feb	Managing Children's Anxiety Workshop 4.00pm to 5.30pm
7 Feb	5JD Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
8 Feb	Managing Children's Anxiety Workshop 1.30pm to 3.00pm
14 Feb	Y7 Poetry Slam with Spoz
15 Feb	Y7 Poetry Slam with Spoz
15 Feb	School closes at 3.00pm for half term
25 Feb	School starts at 8.25am

Lost

A full PE kit, including white trainers belonging to Simaran. If you know of it's whereabouts, please contact the school office.

7BT Parents' & Carers' Assembly

Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 7BT who were able to attend their class assembly on Thursday. We enjoyed welcoming you and it was a great opportunity for the pupils to perform!

Cyber Bullying

Please see the advice sheet issued by West Mercia Police regarding cyberbullying and online harrasment.

Congratulations to...

Mark 7KW who has been asked to represent the under 16s Worcester County Golf. He already represents the under 14s and achieved a hole in one at the weekend!



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Pupil recognition-

**Ready
Responsible
Respectful
Safe**

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

5JB: Lucy, Olivia, Jensen, Isaac

5JD: Samuel, Alex, Alexis

5SO: Beth, Cameron, Jack, Lucy, Abi

5AP: Maisie, James, Alice

5SW: Tom, Lilly-Mae, Tristan

6LC: Rory, Caitlin, Fynn, Eloise

6AB: Leona, Taylor

6LM: Simran, Hayden, Summer, Noah, Chloe

6LQ: Isabelle, Sam, Sadie, Cameron

6CR: Violet, Ava, Charlie, Jake

7JC: Tom, Joel, Heidi

7OA: George, Megan, Ruby

7BT: Codi, Izzy, Lucy

7CW: Jack, Robyn, Julian

7KW: Sylvia, Harry



Headteacher Awards

Josh 6LC for helping another pupil on his way to school.

Caitlin 6LC for an amazing newspaper report.

Isaac 5JB for very ambitious history homework.

Sophie, Ellen, Toby, Phoebe, Tristan, Oliver, Hollie, Macy-Louise, Owen and Tom, all 5SW for fantastic monologues based on the characters from The Highwayman.



Vacancies

Role Lunchtime Supervisor (several positions)

Tenure

Term time and Permanent

Hours

5 per week (1 hour per day)

Salary

£1,634.39 - £1,686.31 per annum

About the role

Required to supervise pupils (aged between 9-12 years) in the Dining Hall, and/or assist in the playground during the lunch period. The position may involve some light lifting.

The successful candidate will have a sense of humour, able to deal with difficult situations in a calm & sensitive manner, work well in a team, hold positive values and have a cheerful disposition.

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 applications: 21 January 2019 at 9 am

For further details, please visit our website at www.witton.worcs.sch.uk or request an application pack from the School Business Manager on 01905 773362.



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Community News

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.

Kidderminster Harriers next holiday courses will be held in the New Year- January 3rd & 4th. All courses run 10am-3pm, Younger children can attend for half days if they prefer 10-12.30 or 1-3pm. Cost £10 per day. Each course will feature Santa's Penalty Shoot Out Competition and an indoor five a side tournament. The venues are:

Kidderminster, Baxter College, Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January

Droitwich, Dodderhill School – Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January

Bromsgrove, Catshill Middle School – Thursday 3rd January

Worcester, Bishop Perowne College – Thursday 3rd January

Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre – Friday 4th January

To book a place please email harriescommunity@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01562 863821. Please leave the child's name, any medical conditions, an emergency contact and with course you would like to book onto.



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