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Christmas Break	Have a lovely Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.25am.										
Disco	Thank you to everyone for making the disco such a great success. We have raised an amazing £858 to spend on resources for the children.										
7OA Parents & Carers' Assembly	Mr Alcorn would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 7OA to come and see their class assembly on 15th January 2019 at 2.35pm. Refreshments will be available.										
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7KW Parents' & Carers' Assembly	Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 7KW who were able to attend their class assembly on Tuesday. We enjoyed welcoming you and it was a great opportunity for the pupils to perform!										
Clubs Update	Clubs will start again during the week beginning 14th January 2019.										
'Aspects of Christmas'	<p>Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our performance on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December.</p> <p>Well done to all the cast:</p> <p>Year 5s: <i>Holly S, Eliza M, Leoni B, Sophie E, Ellen M, Lilly-Mae D-H, Isabelle C, Emilia M, Holly K, Florence B, Emily R, Emily W, Abigail R, Amelia S, Amber G, Phoebe S</i></p> <p>Year 6s <i>Eloise H, Fynn M, Caitlin V, Evie F, Rory C</i></p> <p>Year 7s <i>Isobel S, Reuben S, Hattie B, Sylvia S</i></p> <p>A special thank you to Mrs Whiting and Mrs Bentley for their dedication and enthusiasm in bringing the performance together.</p>										
Year 7 Activities Week	Please note that the next payment is due on Tuesday 8th January 2019.										
Maggs Day Centre Donations	A HUGE thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Maggs Day Centre. We have been lucky enough to be able to deliver a large collection of clothing, toiletries, towels and bedding as well as a cheque for £283.00.										



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Mobile 'Phones	Children need to ensure their mobile 'phones are turned off on arrival at the school gates and remain switched off until the children have left the school grounds. This helps us to keep staff and children safe.																																						
Topic Maps	We have drawn up topic maps for each year group to share with you the areas that we will be covering in each subject in the forthcoming term. You will find the topic map relevant to your child's year group with this Warbler and on the website.																																						
Year 5 Swimming	<p>To enable all children in Year 5 to have access to swimming lessons, Mr Tudgay has arranged for 5SW to go swimming on Thursday mornings from 10th January to 14th February inclusive.</p> <p>The children will walk to Droitwich Swimming Pool at 8.25am, they will swim from 9.00am – 9.30am and return to school as soon as possible.</p> <p>If your child has his/her own swimming goggles and wishes to wear them during the swimming sessions please indicate on the reply slip below. <u>The Leisure Centre does not allow shorts that come below the knee</u>. Earrings will have to be taken out. Children can bring a healthy snack to eat after swimming. Please note they will not be permitted to purchase snacks or drinks from the vending machines. Roll on deodorants are fine but <u>no sprays or glass containers please</u>. Unfortunately if sessions are missed, it will not normally be possible to make them up later.</p> <p>Swimming is a National Curriculum requirement and I am sure you will support the need to develop this life skill. Please contact Mr Tudgay as soon as possible if you have any questions.</p>																																						
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Uniform and Equipment Checks

We will be doing uniform and equipment checks during the first week back so please ensure your child is fully equipped and read to learn.

See the section below giving full requirements.

Key equipment required for the school year

Please help your child arrive at school 'ready to learn' by ensuring they have the following equipment:

Pencil Case

- Classes run all the more smoothly if the children are prepared by having with them, at all times, a named pencil case containing:-
 - At least 2 Blue Berol Handwriting pens (no black pens, biro's or gel pens please)
 - At least 2 Red pens for editing work
 - A pink highlighter (for peer marking)
 - At least 2 HB pencils (plus 2B and 4B for artwork)
 - A rubber
 - A pack of colouring pencils (not felt tips)
 - A 30cm ruler (non folding)
 - A pencil sharpener
 - A dry-wipe marker pen
 - A glue stick
 - A protractor
 - Earbud headphones for use in ICT (optional)
- It would be helpful if all these items could be named, wherever possible.

Uniform

Please contact us regarding any genuine circumstances which mean that the correct uniform is unavailable to your child.

White formal shirt (short or long sleeved)	Red/white gingham dress (optional)
Burgundy tie (clip-on)	Black formal shorts (optional)
Burgundy V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge	Plain black socks or black tights
Plain black formal trousers or plain black knee-length formal skirt	Plain black shoes (<i>not trainers or boots</i>)
Hair accessories or belts, must be discreet and uniform colour. Hair must be tied up at all times.	

We discourage pupils from bringing valuable items into school such as jewellery. Plain studs and a signet ring are allowed (these must be removed for P.E.). However, extreme hair styles, make-up and nail varnish are not. Should your child choose not to follow any of these rules, they will be asked to comply, but failure to do so will result in parents and carers being asked to take their child home.

Ties can be purchased from the school office for £3.75.





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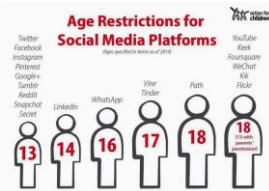


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A message from #HelloYellow

Young Minds wrote to say a massive **THANK YOU** for holding a #HelloYellow day and raising money at your school. You showed children and young people up and down the country that they're not alone with their mental health. Every penny you raised will help us continue the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges.

How can I support my child with social media?



With many children potentially receiving digital devices as gifts over Christmas we wanted to issue a reminder regarding social media.

Age restrictions are placed on social media sites to protect children from using social media before they are emotionally ready. You can help your child by firstly adhering to the age restrictions. Use of social media, particularly if choosing to ignore the age restrictions, should be carefully monitored. Many parents and carers insist that their children share their login information so that they can monitor activity and messages.

Simple communications on social media can often be misinterpreted by children. Unkind comments or messages, which would quickly be forgotten on the playground, can escalate and lead to difficulties for all concerned. In turn, this can affect your child's learning. Therefore, if you choose to allow your child access to social media, we ask that you carefully monitor this and to discontinue access to sites where you know the messages to be harmful.

Witton Middle School takes e-safety seriously and we educate our children regarding the correct use of media sites. However, we ask parents and carers to take responsibility for their overall conduct on social media.

Witton's Wormery

Our Eco-ambassadors joined with the gardening club to set up the new school wormery. The Worcestershire 'Waste Less' volunteers supported them and made sure they knew which foods the worms would prefer. They now look forward to harvesting the liquid fertiliser and using it to grow plants in the school greenhouse.

In order to collect the liquid fertiliser we are asking for donations of jam jars, with lids. If you have any jars, please send them in to the school office.

PTA

Please do consider putting your name forward to help us set up a new 'Friends of Witton' PTA – we really do need to get a few more names together so we can get going! Please contact us at school if there is anything at all you can do to help – we know how busy everyone is but if we all 'muck in' then we can do so much to support the children's learning!

Lost Property

PE top belonging to Emily in 5SO has gone missing. If you find it, please return it to the school office. Thank you.



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Witton Reading Challenge

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:

10 Books: Chloe B, Ciaran D, Millie L, Niall M, Gabriel O, Faye S, May W, Ava C, Callum E, Sophie J, Romeo M, Samuel B, Jack D, Eddy P, Florence B, Isaac R, Lilly-Mae D, Owen F, Ellen M, Emilia M, Michael N, Oliver P, Henry R, Robbie E, Jack H, Brian N, Phoebe-Leigh S, Esther D, Keelee S, Cara F, Daniel R, Caitlin V, Finlay J, Thomas R, Harvey W, Isabelle B, Oliver E, Lillie F, Lacey G, Katie H, Bobby-Milan P, Julian N, James R, Tom B, Nicolas E

20 books: Erin B, Alice C, James C, Sophie H, Rhys L, Finlay W, Jamie M, Jocelyn C, Finley G, Jack D, Rhys M, Alex R

30 books: Noah H, Oliver H, James L, Alex B, Bethany C, Alex N, Holly D

40 books: Eliza M, Oscar S, Dylan S, Toby B, Roxy R

50 books: Isaac P, Noah G, Simran N

Millionaires (read a million words): Alex C, Alex B, Owen E, Holly D

Multi-Millionaires (read multi-million words): Bethany C, Isobel S, Emily S



Pupil recognition-

Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

5JB: Emily C, William, Luke

5JD: Seanah, George, Alfie

5SO: Kloe, Pippa, Evie, Isaac, Alan, Emily

5AP: Eliza, Niall, Faye

5SW: Phoebe, Sophie, Ellen

6LC: Darwin, Jaygo, Olivia

6AB: Jack, Lexi

6LM: Ana, Sydney-Sade, James D

6LQ: Lillie F, Finn

6CR: Phoebe, Milo, Esther, Ruby

7JC: Rachael, Charlie

7OA: Kenzie, Grace

7BT: Bradley, Dillan

7CW: Noah, Charlie

7KW: Bryn, Ellie



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Headteacher Awards

James 5JD for spectacular presentation in English.
Violet 6CR for working independently and confidently in maths.
Lucy C 7BT for her positive attitude and willingness always to go above and beyond e.g. volunteering for extra Ambassador duty to cover absent pupils.
Lucy, Evie, Alice, Beth and Isaac, all 5SO for a superb setting description including Year 5 writing techniques.
Annie, Louis, Pippa, Penelope, Lily, Abi, Beth, Florence, Jackson, Evie and Cameron, all 5SO for writing a superb monologue.
Lewis 7KW for superb programming in computing.
Stanley 7OA for amazing work in science which included a fabulous diagram.
Olivia 6LC for making a massive effort in reading and improving her reading age massively this term.
Bethan, James, Charlie, George, Izzy, all 5JD, for superb extended writing in English.
Alfie 5JD for always trying his best in Maths.
Caitlin 6LC for an exceptional narrative.
Owen 7BT for beautiful



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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