



The Witton Warbler



30th November 2018

Witton Family Fun Run

Thanks to everyone's efforts so far, we have raised an amazing **£2435** to date. Remember, it's never too late to send in any remaining sponsor monies.

7KW Parents & Carers' Assembly

Miss Watson would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 7KW to come and see their class assembly on **Wednesday 5th December at 2.35pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

Attendance

Attendance matters!
Please ensure you are present in school so you don't miss your learning in class!

Attendance up to and including 23rd November 2018

Overall attendance	95.8%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	95.6%
Year 7	95.3%

Year 7 Visit to The Commandery

Year 7 are off to The Commandery in Worcester – Museum of the Battle of Worcester - next week. Please ensure they are in full school uniform, with a coat and their packed lunch. Pupils entitled to free school meals will be catered for.

The classes will be visiting the centre on the following dates:

7OA (Mr Alcorn) and 7KW (Mrs Watson) on Tuesday 4th December

7JC (Miss Carr) and 7CW (Miss Wyles) on Thursday 6th December

7BT (Mr Tudgay) on Friday 7th December

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.

Vehicles Outside School

Once again we must ask that you respect the safety of our pupils when collecting your child(ren) outside school. The situation is highly dangerous for our children and a number of you have asked us to raise this again. Please do not mount the pavement, pull over into the bus bay, on to yellow zig-zags, park at angles that block the road and park across the driveways of our neighbours.

Please park a little further away and meeting your child on foot or agree a place to meet further down from the school.

Clubs Updates

There will be no more netball club for Year 7 pupils until after Christmas. Year 5 and Year 6 netball club is now moved to the gym.

Year 7 Activities Week

Please be aware that the next payment for Upton Warren and Kingswood are due on **Monday 3rd December.**



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Christmas Disco	Our Christmas Disco is on Wednesday 19th December from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 4 th 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.																												
Maggs Day Centre Donations	<p>To support Maggs Day Centre with their work, we welcome your donations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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 <p>Please note that glassware, feather bedding or kitchen knives cannot be used by the Centre.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will be collecting items until Tuesday 18th December 2018.</p> <p>For further information on the work of this charity please visit www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p>																												
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Uniform and Equipment Checks

We will be doing uniform and equipment checks during next week 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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<p>PE Lessons</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>PE is a legal requirement under the National Curriculum and all pupils are expected to participate.</p>
<p>Sports Fixtures</p>	<p>Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures: 4th Dec Cross Country Tournament at Bromsgrove School (all Year Groups)</p>
<p>Scientific Calculators</p>	<p>Year 7 children will be calculating square roots and cubes from Monday 3rd December. Whilst we have some in school, it would be useful for them to have their own scientific calculator by then.</p>
<p>7CW Parents' & Carers' Assembly</p>	<p>Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 7CW 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!</p>
<p>Lost & Found</p>	<p>Missing- two cardigans belonging to a Year 5 child, both are named.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>We appreciate your feedback</p>	<p>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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p> <p>Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the office@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p>
<p>Pupil recognition- Ready Responsible Respectful Safe</p>	<p>The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond':</p> <p>5JB: Sophie, Romeo, Leoni 5JD: Calvin, Beth, Seanah, Lily, Hermione 5SO: Jackson, Lucy, Joseph</p> <p>6LC: Amelia, Kian, Bryce 6CB: Leona, William, Josh 6LM: Noah, Charlie, Owen, Alex, Chloe, Lily 6LQ: 6CR: Abbie, Hayden, Rhys, Lily, Charlie, Ella, Esther</p> <p>7CW: Rhiannon, Grace, Josh</p>
<p>Headteacher Awards</p>	<p>Isaac, Evie, Joseph and Florence, all 5SO for great synoptic writing Holly, Sophie and Levi, all 5SW for excellent 'The Highwayman' setting using figurative language.</p>



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Congratulations to...

Emily of 5JB who took part in a swimming competition last weekend and earned 3 medals: 2 bronze for 50m backstroke and 50m breast stroke and a gold for 25m backstroke.

Vacancy

Role	Intervention Teaching Assistant
Tenure	Term Time, 2 terms in the first instance
Grade	Scale 2
Hours	25 per week
Salary range	£10,218 - £10,790 per annum

About the role

Under the guidance and supervision of the Pupil Premium lead teacher, contribute to the planning, delivery and evaluation of learning activities for targeted Pupil Premium and vulnerable pupils to improve progress. This will include the delivery of intervention classes to whole classes, groups and individual pupils as part of the Pupil Premium Strategy to include outdoor learning.

Initially there will be the need to concentrate on basic skills with small groups of targeted children (no more than 6) to pre-teach basic maths and SPaG skills.

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: **9am Monday 10 December 2018**

Interviews will be held on the morning of 14 December 2018

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.



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