



# The Witton Warbler



7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## 7BT Parents & Carers' Assembly

Mr Tudgay would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 7BT to come and see their class assembly on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.35pm.**

Refreshments will be available.

## Attendance

Well done Year 5 !

### Attendance up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Overall attendance	95.6%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	95.6%
Year 7	95.2%

## Christmas Jumper Day

This year at Witton we would like to use our Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Homeless people in Worcestershire. On **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** your child can come to school wearing **non-uniform which is to include a Christmas jumper or top** and bring £1. Alternatively, you can donate useful items for that will help homeless people get through the difficult winter days and nights. Please donate new toothbrushes, soap, small packets of tissues or wet wipes, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, combs and hair brushes, thick socks and high energy snacks such as dried fruit or granola bars. Please give what you can to help people struggling with no permanent home this Christmas.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for children is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** The menu and order forms will be sent home next week.

Orders must be received by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. If no order is received, children must bring a packed lunch.

## Homework marking

We have received a few questions about homework and so hopefully, this will help:

Homework is set in order to involve families in their children's learning; to develop basic skills and also to encourage positive and independent attitudes to personal study. However, we do understand that homework can be a tricky issue that is difficult to get agreement on: many would happily see the back of it as they feel that it creates unnecessary conflict, while others feel that they would like much more of it. Added to this, staff workload is a real issue for the teaching profession, and it is not a good use of time for your child's teacher to mark each child's homework pieces, because the levels of support that children receive at home are so varied. However, we really value the work that children do at home - it can really help them - and we want to support your child, and recognise their efforts. Our policy is to self and peer check our homework books in class and to celebrate both effort and attainment. Please refer to the school policy, which can be found in the 'Statutory' section of our website. Homework club is available every week for children who may need support or computer access.

## Lost & Found

Lost- full PE kit including trainers, belonging to Annie is 5SO. If you know of it's whereabouts, please return it to the school office.



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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

For further information on the work of this charity please visit [www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk](http://www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk)

Thank you for your support.

## Golden Time

All year groups will have golden time during the last week of term and are allowed to come to school in non-uniform on their allocated day:

Year 5 – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6 – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 7 – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Disco

Our Christmas Disco is on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** from 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Sports Fixtures

Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:

11 Dec Y7 5a-side football (boys) at South Bromsgrove School  
12 Dec Y7 5a-side football (girls) at South Bromsgrove School



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<p><b>Year 7 French pen friends</b></p>	<p>Our Year 7 pupils have been busy this week, writing replies to their French pen friends at our partner school in Brittany. Most of the children have written their message in Christmas cards and have included their name, age, town/village name, hobbies and favourite school subjects.</p> <p>The children have been instructed not to include personal telephone numbers/addresses, email addresses or social media contact details.</p> <p>The school will meet the costs of cards, postage and packaging.</p> <p>If you would like to know more about our French penfriend programme please email the school office FAO Mrs Rooney, MFL Coordinator.</p>	
<p><b>Class Football Tournaments</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Year 5- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  Year 6 – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  Year 7 – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</p>	
<p><b>7KW Parents' &amp; Carers' Assembly</b></p>	<p>Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 7KW who were able to attend their class assembly on Wednesday. We enjoyed welcoming you and it was a great opportunity for the pupils to perform!</p>	
<p><b>Dates for your Diary</b></p>	<p>10 Dec  11 Dec  11 Dec  14 Dec  14 Dec  <b>19 Dec</b>  <b>21 Dec</b>  <b>7 Jan</b>  <b>8 Jan</b>  15 Jan</p>	<p>Drama group Christmas performance at 7.00pm  7BT Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm  Drama group Christmas performance at 7.00pm  Christmas Jumper Day  Christmas Dinner  <b>Christmas Disco 5.30pm – 7.00pm</b>  <b>School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term</b>  <b>Teacher Training Day (School closed)</b>  <b>School starts at 8.25am</b>  7OA Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm</p>
<p><b>Christmas Raffle 2018</b></p>	<p>A poster and tickets have been sent home with the children today. 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.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Family Portrait gift voucher  2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Family 5 day pass for David Lloyd  3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – 4 tickets for West Midlands Safari Park</p> <p><b>18 PRIZES TO BE WON.</b> Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. <b>Tickets are £1 each.</b></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>	



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<p><b>Pupil recognition-</b></p> <p><b>Ready Responsible Respectful Safe</b></p>	<p>The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond':</p> <p><b>5JB:</b> Lexus, Madison, Finley  <b>5JD:</b> Poppy, Charlie, Tom  <b>5SO:</b> Florence, Hope, Annie, Alice  <b>5AP:</b> Eliza, Henry, Chloe, Erin  <b>5SW:</b> Phoebe, Sophie, Holly, Owen</p> <p><b>6LC:</b> Rory, Fynn, Caitlin, Josh  <b>6CB:</b> Brian, Alfie, Alex  <b>6LM:</b> Holly, Rhys, Owen  <b>6LQ:</b> Sam, Alex  <b>6CR:</b> Phoebe, Hayden, Ella, Keelee, Violet, Ruby, Ewan</p> <p><b>7JC:</b> Emily, Ellie  <b>7OA:</b> Grace, Alesha  <b>7BT:</b> Amelia, Madelyn  <b>7CW:</b> Madeline, Reuben, Jack  <b>7KW:</b> Zoe, Olivia, Joe</p>										
<p><b>Headteacher Awards</b></p>	<p><b>Charlotte 5JB</b> for outstanding writing of a setting description.  <b>Leoni and Romeo, both 5JB</b>, for becoming much more independent and fluent writers.  <b>Harri 6LC</b> for planning, measuring and writing, then making an amazing pinball machine that includes parts of the world.</p>										
<p><b>Vacancy</b></p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Role</td> <td>Intervention Teaching Assistant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tenure</td> <td>Term Time, 2 terms in the first instance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grade</td> <td>Scale 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hours</td> <td>25 per week</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salary range</td> <td>£10,218 - £10,790 per annum</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>About the role</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Closing date: <b>9am Monday 10 December 2018</b>  Interviews will be held on the morning of 14 December 2018</p>	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
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## Community News

### **ZUMBA FOR CHARITY- 17<sup>th</sup> 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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