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25th January 2019

Pupil Progress Meetings Pupil progress meetings will be held on **Tuesday 5th March** between **5.00pm and 7.00pm** or **Thursday 7th March** between **3.30pm and 5.30pm**.
Letters will be issued in February for booking appointments.

5JB Parents & Carers' Assembly Mrs Bradburn would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 5JB to come and see their class assembly on **Thursday 31st January at 2.35pm**.
Refreshments will be available.

Attendance Needs some improvement.

Attendance up to and including 18 th January 2019	
Overall attendance	95.3%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	95.3%
Year 7	94.8%

We are asking for your support in maintaining excellent attendance at Witton Middle School. Historically our attendance figure has been above average, at 96.5% and we are really proud of this. Our current school target is 97%. There is a very strong link between good attendance and success at school. Currently, our attendance percentage has fallen below what we would expect and we are asking for your help in getting it back to 'good'. Whilst we understand that some children are genuinely ill, we are concerned about some of our children's attendance. If your son's/daughter's attendance is concerning us we will be contacting you before half term.

Next week's Recognition Focus in School

Ready – Being ready to leave your lesson.

- Quietly tidy your classroom**
- Stand behind your seat**
- Wait to be dismissed by the adult.**

To be ready to leave for next lesson on the bell/on time.

Sports Fixtures

Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:

29th Jan Y7 Indoor Athletics Competition at South Bromsgrove School

30th Jan Y6 Indoor Athletics Competition at South Bromsgrove School



Save the Date

Mothers' Day lunches-
Year 5s Wednesday 27th March
Year 6s Thursday 28th March
Year 7s Friday 29th March
Invitations and menus will be sent home in February.



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!



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<p>Clubs Update</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our after school clubs, with some of them proving extremely popular.</p> <p>Please remember to contact the school office if your child will not be attending a club on a particular day to avoid us texting you unnecessarily if your child is absent on the club register.</p> <p>If your child does not attend for three consecutive weeks without reason, we will make contact with you prior to them being removed from the register, especially when we have children waiting for a space in the club.</p> <p>Thank you for your support with this and please do contact the school office if you have any questions.</p>	
<p>Sports Fixtures</p>	<p>Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:</p> <p>29th Jan Y7 Indoor Athletics Competition at South Bromsgrove School</p> <p>30th Jan Y6 Indoor Athletics Competition at South Bromsgrove School</p>	
<p>BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition</p>	<p>We are embracing this competition as a school...so watch this space!</p>	
<p>Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection</p>	<p>Help us to help others without. We have a 'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools' collection scheduled, which is a fundraising initiative where we ask for good quality second hand clothing as well as soft toys, shoes, belts, handbags, jewellery and accessories, bath and hand towels, bedding and household linen to be donated. The items become affordable clothing and accessories.</p> <p>If you are having a 'sort-out' in the next few weeks and feel you are able to donate such items, please help us to help others and bring them in to school on Monday 25th March. Once all donations have been collected, the school will receive a cheque based on their weight which goes into our school fund account.</p> <p>Bags will be sent out approximately two weeks prior to the collection, but you are able to use any bags you may have at home.</p>	
<p>Inclement Weather/School Closures</p>	<p>As weather forecasts have the potential to start mentioning snow and weather warnings, please be aware that whilst we do our best to keep school open, should the need arise to close the school, we will keep you informed via the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School website www.witton.worcs.sch.uk • Facebook • Local Radio stations • Worcestershire County Council website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/school_closures 	



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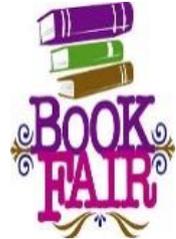
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Book Fair

From **Friday 1st - Wednesday 6th February** we have a book fair in school. Each class will have a time to visit the book fair and it will be open every lunch time. There are over 200 titles for your child to choose from; with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone, as well as a range of stationery from 50p.

If you would rather not send cash into school, try the discounted Gift Vouchers available at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

Don't forget that every book you buy helps to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school.
Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary

31 Jan	5JB Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
1 Feb	Book Fair in school
4 Feb	Shakespeare Day
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
14 Feb	Short reports home to families
15 Feb	Y7 Poetry Slam with Spoz
15 Feb	School closes at 3.00pm for half term
25 Feb	School starts at 8.25am
27 Feb	Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop 4.00pm to 5.30pm
28 Feb	Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop 4.00pm to 5.30pm
5 Mar	Pupil progress meetings 5.00pm to 7.00pm
7 Mar	5SW Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
7 Mar	Pupil progress meetings 3.30pm – 5.30pm
14 Mar	5SO Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
20 Mar	SATs evening for Y6 parents/carers at 3.30pm
20 Mar	SATs evening for Y6 parents/carers at 6.00pm
25 th Mar	'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools' collection
28 Mar	5AP Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
12 Apr	School closes at 3.00pm for Easter Break
29 Apr	School starts at 8.25am

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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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.



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: *Charlie E, Grace D, Thomas C, Izzy S, Hope A, Pippa, Lily S, Emily W, Sophie B, Kaprice-Marie B, Ruby B, Tristan C, Sophie E, Hollie F, Macy-Louise P, Phoebe S, Joshua S, Fraser A, Hayden G, Callum L, Milo R, Medi-Rose S, Abbie W, Charlie W, Ffion B, Charlotte W, Summer W, Edward C, Freddie D, Evangeline F, Nithin N, Samuel P, Cameron S, Amy T, Lucy C*

20 books: *May W, Emily C, Samuel L, Florence B, Theo B, Michael N, Henry R, Scott S, Robbielee E, Eloise H, James D, Katie H, Lily N*

30 books: *Alice C, Daniel E, Jocelyn C, Penelope C, Finley G, Oliver M, Oscar P, Emily S*

40 books: *Holly D, Owen E*

50 books: *Eliza M, Bethany C, Roxy R*

Millionaires (read a million words):

Roxy R, Penelope C, Noah G



Pupil recognition-

**Ready
Responsible
Respectful
Safe**

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

5JB: *Erin, Emily, Daniel*

5JD: *Amelia, George, James*

5SO: *Alan, Evie, Joe*

5AP: *Faye, May, Oscar*

5SW: *Tristan, Levi, Sophie*

6LC: *Grace*

6AB: *Josh, Emily, Taylor*

6LM: *Hayden, Harvey*

6LQ: *Freddie, Sarah, Isla*

6CR: *Milo, Mia*

7JC: *Oliver, Madelyn, Mason*

7OA: *Harry, Megan, Alesha*

7BT: *Zoe, Jessica, Joe*

7CW: *Jack M, Luca, Cassidy*

7KW: *Maisie, Emily S, Hollie*



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Headteacher Awards

Holly 6LM for being a very proactive and supportive maths Ambassador.
Roxy 6LM for consistent self-challenge in maths.
Thomas 6LM for consistent high quality work and amazing attitude to learning.
Finlay 6LM for continued good focus in maths lessons.
Lily 5JD for fantastic effort in maths.
Jocelyn 5JD always putting 100% effort into her writing.
Phoebe and Sophie, both 5SW for working hard with ACE dictionaries.



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.

Managing Children's Behaviour: Workshops for parents & carers

What is it?

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

When is it?

Wednesday 27th February 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Thursday 28th 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.

Parents Plus Adolescents Programme

This is an 8 week course for families with 11—16 year olds who want support to understand their teenager.

If you want to:

- Get to know and connect more with your teenager;
- Seek support and problem solving ideas;
- Meet other parents and share experiences,

then this course is for you!

Date: starts Tuesday 26th February

Time: 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue: Witton Middle School

For more information or to book a place contact Simone Cooke, Parenting Practitioner for South Worcestershire Parent and Family Support further on 01905 749149 or speak to Tom Barker-Phillips at Witton Middle School.



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