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Pupil Progress Meetings	<p>Pupil progress meetings will be held on Tuesday 5th March between 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Thursday 7th March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.</p> <p>Letters will be issued in February and we urge all parents/carers to book an appointment.</p>										
SATs Evening	<p>All Year 6 parents are invited to attend a SATs information meeting at either 3.30 or 6.00pm on March 20th. There will be information about the tests and how to support your child.</p>										
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Poetry Slam	<p>Award winning performance poet Spoz will be running a poetry slam with Year 7 next week. The winners from each Middle School across Worcestershire go on to the final event at The Palace Theatre in Redditch.</p>										
After School Clubs	<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 two consecutive weeks without reason we will remove them 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>										
7CW Reward	<p>7CW can come in non-school uniform as a reward on Wednesday 12th February.</p>										
Mobile Phones	<p>Please remember that mobile phones should be switched off at the school gates and then stored in the safe during the day. Thank you</p>										



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Vacancy	<p>Role Lunchtime Supervisor (several positions)</p> <p>Tenure Term time and Permanent</p> <p>Hours 5 per week (1 hour per day)</p> <p>Salary £1,634.39 - £1,686.31 per annum</p> <p>About the role</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Closing date for application: 25th February 9.00am</p> <p>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.</p>	
Save the Date	<p>Mothers' Day lunches-</p> <p>Year 5s Wednesday 27th March</p> <p>Year 6s Thursday 28th March</p> <p>Year 7s Friday 29th March</p> <p>Invitations and menus will be sent home in February.</p>	
Pupil Leadership	<p>Congratulations to the eco ambassadors who have now successfully achieved their bronze Eco-School award.</p>	
Year 7 Activities Week	<p>Please note that the penultimate payment is due today and the final payment must be made by Friday 1st March as we have to pay the final invoice at that point.</p>	
Copper Coin Collage	<p>As part of a PSHEC project about helping others, children will be creating copper coin collages for the following charities:</p> <p>Year 5: Make a Wish Foundation</p> <p>Year 6: Barnardos</p> <p>Year 7: Buttle UK</p> <p>Please can pupils bring in any loose change (1ps, 2ps and 5ps) over the next two weeks so they can create this special collage for their year group charity.</p>	



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Next week's Recognition Focus in School	<p>Responsible: I play safely outside.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and kind contact only Aware of other people's space <p>Kind words to all</p>	
Book Fair	<p>Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week. We raised an astonishing £745 to spend on books for the library. Your support is very much appreciated.</p>	
Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection	<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 then go on to become affordable clothing and accessories for others.</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>	
Parents Plus Adolescents Programme	<p>This is an 8 week course for families with 11—16 year olds who want support to understand their teenager.</p> <p>If you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know and connect more with your teenager; • Seek support and problem solving ideas; • Meet other parents and share experiences, <p>then this course is for you!</p> <p>Date: starts Tuesday 26th February Time: 4.30pm to 6.30pm Venue: Witton Middle School</p> <p>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.</p>	



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Dates for your Diary	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	

Managing Children's Behaviour: Workshops for parents & carers	What is it?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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 27 th February 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Thursday 28 th 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.

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.	

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:
	<p>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>



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<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: Romeo, Charlie, Finley. 5JD: Poppy, Fynley 5SO: Beth, Cameron, Joe 5AP: Millie, Holly, Erin, Sophie, Oscar, Chloe, Alice 5SW: Toby, Tristan, Matt, Oscar, Owen</p> <p>6LC: Dan R, Darwin, Josh G 6AB: Abigail, Jadeen, William, 6LM: The whole class and an individual one for Lewis, 6LQ: Rhiann, Tom, Sarah 6CR: Milo, Violet, Abbie</p> <p>7JC: Tom B, Oliver, Maddison 7OA: Mackenzie, Maisie 7BT: Lewis, Jacob, Hattie 7CW: Flynn, Robyn, Rhiannon 7KW: Mackenzie, Maisie</p>	
<p>Headteacher Awards</p>	<p>Simaran, Hermione, Poppy and Fynley 5JB all for superb diary entries. Seanah 5JB for effort in maths over this half term Rory, Grace and Caitlin 6LC all for writing brilliant narratives Madison determination and effort in maths</p>	
<p>Community News</p>	<p><u>Kidderminster Harriers Holiday Football</u> Harriers next holiday courses for children 5-14 years during February half term feature Goal scorers and Goals, Goals, Goals competitions plus our regular 6-a-side tournament. Cost £10 per day or £27 for 3 days. If a full day is too much, younger children can opt for a half day @ £5 per day. Courses run 10am-3pm. The venues are:- Droitwich – Dodderhill School – Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th Kinver High School - Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th Tenbury Wells - Tenbury High School - Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th Worcester – Bishop Perowne College -Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th Kidderminster – Baxter College - Wednesday 20th, Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre - Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd</p> <p>To book a place contact the Community Scheme on 01562 863821 or email harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk. Payment can be made in advance or on the day. Please send name, age, course attending, any medical conditions and an emergency contact.</p>	



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