



The Witton Warbler



1st February 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.										
5JD Parents & Carers' Assembly	Miss Diggett would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 5JD to come and see their class assembly on Thursday 7th February at 2.35pm . Refreshments will be available.										
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Year 7 Shakespeare Day	Please can all Year7 pupils bring a shoe box, or similar, into school next week as they are designing a stage set as part of their 'Shakespeare Day' on Friday.										
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>										
Managing Children's Anxiety: Workshops for parents & carers	<p>What is it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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 <p>When is it?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 6th February 4.00pm - 5.30pm or Friday 8th February 1.30pm -3.00pm (Same session on two different days.)</p> <p>We still have spaces available, so if you are interested in attending, please contact the school office to book a place on your preferred workshop.</p>										



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Inclement Weather/School Closures

As weather forecasts have started 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:

- Text message to parents/carers
- School website www.witton.worcs.sch.uk
- Facebook
- Local Radio stations
- Worcestershire County Council website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/school_closures

BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition

For the next two weeks, Year 5 will be writing a story in their English lessons to enter the 'Radio 2 500 Words Competition'. To kick-start their creativity the whole year group will be taking part in a live lesson at 11am on Thursday 7th February in our hall. Mrs Bradburn has emailed the BBC to request a 'shout out' to year 5 at Witton on the live lesson. Fingers crossed that we get a mention!



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.



Sports Fixtures

Good luck to our teams in the forthcoming fixtures:

4th Feb Y7 Indoor Futsal Regional Competition in Birmingham

Year 7 Activities Week

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.

Copper Coin Collage

As part of a PSHEC project about helping others, children will be creating copper coin collages for the following charities:

Year 5: Make a Wish Foundation

Year 6: Barnardos

Year 7: Buttle UK

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.

Next week's Recognition Focus in School

Responsible: I play safely outside.

1. **Safe and kind contact only**
2. **Aware of other people's space**
3. **Kind words to all**



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Book Fair

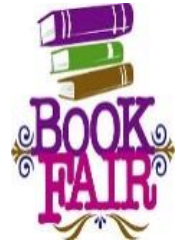
From **Friday 1st - Wednesday 6th February** we have a book fair in school. Each class will have a time to visit the book fair and it will be open every lunch time. There are over 200 titles for your child to choose from; with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone, as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

Pupil premium children will receive a book voucher. Are you claiming your free school meals?

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

Thank you for your support.



Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection

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.

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.

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.



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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Dates for your Diary

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
8 Feb	Shakespeare Day
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?

- 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.

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:

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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<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: Ava, Luke, Charlotte 5JD: Lexi, James, Jack 5SO: Kloe, Lily, Brandon 5AP: Finlay, Abi 5SW: Travis, Archie, Tom, Phoebe, Toby</p> <p>6LC: Cara, Milly, Grace 6AB: Kiaron, Lexi, 6LM: Alex, Rhys, Charlie 6LQ: Edward, Sarah, Oliver, Lily 6CR: Cameron, Medi-Rose, Jake, Charlie, Sonny</p> <p>7JC: Kyran, James, Amelia, Shelby 7OA: Sam, Skye, Briony-May 7BT: Josie, Joe, Isobel 7CW: Jess, Nixie, Katie 7KW: Mark, Ellie C, James</p>	
<p>Headteacher Awards</p>	<p>Jaspreef 7BT for exceptional level of independent learning and commitment to grammar practise. Emily, Will, Olivia, Finley, all 5JB, for using precise scientific vocabulary.</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:-</p> <p>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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