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15th February 2019

Pupil Progress Meetings

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**.

Letters will be issued in February and we urge all parents/carers to book an appointment.

SATs Evening

All Year 6 parents are invited to attend a SATs information meeting at either 3.30pm or 6.00pm on March 20th. There will be information about the tests and how to support your child.

Attendance

Remember: there are only 190 days in a school year – every day counts!

After half term, every child with 100% attendance for that week will be entered into a lucky dip with the chance of winning a voucher.

Attendance up to and including 8th February 2019

Overall attendance	94.9%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.0%
Year 7	94.1%

5SW Parents & Carers' Assembly

Mrs Whiting would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 5SW to come and see their class assembly on **Thursday 7th March at 2.35pm**.

Refreshments will be available.

ClassDojo

We are continuing to use ClassDojo as a fun way to encourage, reward and recognise the achievements and positive attitudes of our pupils.

Please note

- **We will not be responding to any messages sent through to the messenger facility attached to ClassDojo** and you should continue to follow the usual channels when contacting school about anything.
- The Dojos are simply shared with you so that you can congratulate your child. It is unhelpful to seek to compare Dojos with other pupils at school.
- We will not be using the 'Needs Work' section at this time – we would like to keep Dojos positive.
- The average points given to the class over the course of a half term is around 1000. The teachers will be expected to use their professional judgement within their own classroom management routines, so there may be some variation. Individual points have so far been, on average, around 30 per half term.

If you haven't signed up already, you can join ClassDojo online at www.classdojo.com or you can download the free app on iOS or Android platforms. You will need the parent code that your child brought home before Christmas. If you do not have the code, please put a note in your child's organiser and their teacher will be able to help with this.

Thank you so much for your continued support in encouraging the children to make good choices, and follow our rules of 'Ready, Respectful, Responsible and Safe' at all times.



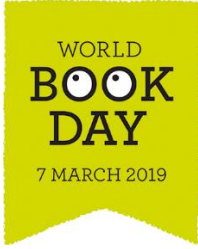

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Friends of Witton	The first meeting of the new 'Friends of Witton' PTA will take place on Wednesday 6 th March at 6.00pm. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along. Tea and biscuits will be provided!	
Lunchtime Conversation	Over this half term there has been a general knowledge quiz on the dining tables. This helps stimulate meaningful conversation over lunch and builds general knowledge with fun facts! There will be a prize quiz after half term, with a range of questions from the weekly quizzes. A copy of the questions is attached if your child would like to brush up and take part!	
SEN Coffee Mornings	We will be hosting SEN Coffee Mornings, each with a different focus, from 10.30am to 11.30am on the following dates: Tuesday 2 nd April – Why children misbehave. Tuesday 21 st May – Anxiety. Tuesday 18 th June – How computer games impact upon children.	
After School Clubs	Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our after school clubs, with some of them proving extremely popular. 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. 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. Thank you for your support with this and please do contact the school office if you have any questions.	
World Book Day	Our theme this year is Literary Charades which will involve pupils guessing characters from a range of texts using the clues their peers have provided. Every pupil will therefore need to bring in or draw a range of clues to help other pupils guess their chosen character. Children can either wear these e.g. a hat, uniform, prop or they can create a mystery story sack/shoebox which involves placing items (clues) in a sack or box linked to particular book. During the day, pupils will be given the opportunity to showcase their clues to see if other children can guess their chosen character. In addition to this, children are invited to bring in a book they have read and no longer want in order to create Book Swap Shop in our school library. In exchange, they can choose and keep a text another child has donated.	
Save the Date	Mothers' Day lunches- Year 5s Wednesday 27 th March Year 6s Thursday 28 th March Year 7s Friday 29 th March Invitations and menus will be sent home after half term.	



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<p>Next week's Recognition Focus in School</p>	<p>Ready to learn: ready in lessons. Showing that you are always ready to learn and contribute to lessons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quickly organised. 2. Seated 3. Reading (or activity)
<p>Year 7 Activities Week</p>	<p>Please note that the final payment must be made by Friday 1st March as we have to pay the final invoice at that point.</p>
<p>Copper Coin Collage</p>	<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 Year 6: Barnardos 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>
<p>Managing Children's Behaviour: Workshops for parents & carers</p>	<p>What is it?</p> <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 <p>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.</p>
<p>Parents Plus Adolescents Programme</p>	<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 For more information or to book a place contact Tom Barker-Phillips at Witton Middle School.</p>



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Dates for your Diary	25 Feb	School starts at 8.25am
	26 Feb	Parenting Course 4.30pm to 6.30pm (week 1)
	27 Feb	Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop 4.00pm to 5.30pm
	28 Feb	Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop 1.30pm to 3.00pm
	5 Mar	Parenting Course 4.30pm to 6.30pm (week 2)
	5 Mar	Pupil progress meetings 5.00pm to 7.00pm
	6 Mar	'Friends of Witton' PTA meeting at 6.00pm
	7 Mar	5SW Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
	7 Mar	Pupil progress meetings 3.30pm – 5.30pm
	11 Mar	Science Festival at The Hive
	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 Mar	'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools' collection
	27 Mar	Mother's Day Lunch for Year 5
28 Mar	Mother's day Lunch for Year 6	
28 Mar	5AP Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm	
29 Mar	Mother's Day Lunch for Year 7	
2 Apr	SEN Coffee Morning 10.30am to 11.30am	
12 Apr	School closes at 3.00pm for Easter Break	
29 Apr	School starts at 8.25am	

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>	

Homework	<p>You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link:</p>	
	<p>http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/ Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.</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

Role Lunchtime Supervisor (several positions)

Tenure Term time and Permanent
Hours 5 per week (1 hour per day)
Salary £1,634.39 - £1,686.31 per annum

About the role

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.

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.

Closing date for application: 25th February 9.00am

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.

Winston's Wish Bereavement Support

Winston's Wish support children, young people and their families after the death of a parent or sibling. This is one of the most devastating and traumatic situations a child can face, but with the right support at the right time children can lead full and flourishing lives. We hope for a society in which every child can get the help they need when someone close to them dies.

They aim to compliment other services within the county and work with the whole family and are in a position to take families onto their caseload.

They are running three drop-ins within the county, which are in Worcester on the second Tuesday of every month; Evesham on the first Tuesday of every month; Upton on Severn on the third Tuesday of every month.

The Drop-in is a service that is open to anyone who would like to find out more about supporting a bereaved child, what we and the other organisations offer, and it is available for individuals, families and professionals supporting families. Individuals/families from outside of these locations/areas who wish to make the journey to meet with us are also welcome.

A free helpline is also available. It is a UK-wide national helpline offering support, information and guidance to all those caring for a child or young person who has been bereaved and is staffed by practitioners with extensive experience, who have up-to-date knowledge of supporting bereaved children and their families. The lines are open from Monday to Friday (except bank Holidays) between 9am and 5pm. Calls are free and confidential.



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**Pupil
recognition-**

**Ready
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Safe**

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

5JB: Lexus, Madison, Lucy
5JD: James, Hermione, Jocelyn, Alex
5SO: Cody, Jack, Pippa
5AP: Charlie, Lewis, Brandon
5SW: Michael, Lilly-Mae, Holly, Isabelle, Macy-Louise

6LC: Grace, Alfie
6AB: Jack D, Mordecai, Jack H
6LM: Rhys, Chloe, Owen
6LQ: Katie, Isabelle, Lacey
6CR: Chanel, Violet, Cameron, Jacob, Lily, Milo

7JC: Amanda, Emily, Ella, Corey, James, Charlie
7OA: Ruby, Izzy, Alesha, Grace, Poppy, Bryony-Mai
7BT: Jessica, Mischa, Isobel
7CW: Reuben, Holly, Daniel
7KW: Emily, Lewis, Lucy, Tyler



**Headteacher
Awards**

Alexus 5JD for completing extra maths homework.
Macy-Louise, Hollie, Kaprice and Sophie, all 5SW. all for fabulous restorative posters.
Jenson and Callum, both 5JB for improved focus and better progress in maths.
Lexus 5JB for persevering in maths even when it was tricky.
Lexus and Finley, both 5JB, for making good progress in writing and demonstrating a more independent approach to writing.
Violet 6CR for having a positive attitude to learning which has resulted in excellent progress.
Jacob 6CR for conscientious learning attitude.
Abbie, Esther and Ella, all 6CR for always finding ways to help around the classroom.
Mackenzie, Ellie, Gracie, Maisie, all 7KW, for fantastic team work on their friction experiment, poster and presentation in science.



**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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Community News

Kidderminster Harriers Holiday Football

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

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.



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