



The Witton Warbler



1st March 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 . We urge all parents/carers to book an appointment.											
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.											
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Friends of Witton	The first meeting of the new 'Friends of Witton' PTA will take place on Wednesday 6th March at 6.00pm . If you would like to join us, please feel free to come along. Tea and biscuits will be provided!											
Mother's Day Lunches	<p>Mother's Day lunches- Year 5s Wednesday 27th March at 12 noon Year 6s Thursday 28th March at 12 noon Year 7s Friday 29th March at 12 noon</p> <p>Hopefully you have received your invitation and menu – if not, please contact the school office</p> <p>Please ensure all adult meals are ordered and paid for by Wednesday 13th March. Children choose their meal and pay on the day. No orders can be accepted after this date.</p>											
World Book Day Thursday 7th March	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>											
Clubs update	There will be no Touch Rugby club on Tuesday 5 March due to parents evening.											



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<p>Next week's Recognition Focus in School</p>	<p>SMART WALKING – being responsible around school!</p> <p>Showing that you care for the safety of others and give them the space to move around safely.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walking calmly (not running) 2. On the left 3. Using quiet indoor voices. 	
<p>SATs Evening</p>	<p>All Year 6 parents are invited to attend a SATs information meeting at either 3.30pm or 6.00pm on Wednesday 20th March. There will be information about the tests and how to support your child.</p>	
<p>Internet Safety</p>	<p>Over the last few days there have been a number of reports in the media regarding unwanted online content being viewed by children. The school's website has general support for keeping your child safe online. However, there are a few easy steps we can all take to avoid unwanted online content:</p> <p>YouTube- turn off 'auto play' setting</p> <p>WhatsApp- ensure your contact details are hidden</p> <p>Fortnite- ensure 'no fill' option is 'on'</p> <p>Xbox and Playstation- ensure all settings are closed</p> <p>If you or your child do view unsuitable content please report it, either on the site or using the CEOP button on the front page of the school's website.</p>	
<p>School Car Park</p>	<p>Please note that the car park is for staff use only. Parents/carers should not be on the car park unless you have an agreement with Headteacher. This is to ensure the safety of our staff and children.</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 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>	



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<p>Pupil Leadership</p>	<p>Eco ambassadors</p> <p>Following our audit last term, we have planned the following actions in order to achieve a green flag award for the school. We have chosen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Energy * Waste * School grounds <p>Our plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To have a switch off fortnight. We will check how good classes are at turning off lights, computers and projectors in secret. Then challenge them to get better. We are doing this to make people aware of the amount of energy we are using so we can reduce it! * We are trying to reduce waste and use resources economically. We have set up a wormery and are using waste food products to feed them. * We have been watching how much our school grounds have litter. Our plan is to do a survey of the school grounds to find out where most litter is and what type of litter it is. The government are also telling schools to go single use plastic-free by 2022. We are going to have a sponsored litter pick to raise money to buy reusable cups for our dining hall. <p>We look forward to updating you with our progress as the year continues.</p>																																								
<p>Science Sessions with Chawson First School</p>	<p>On Thursday 28th February, we welcomed two Year 4 classes from Chawson First School to our science labs for an introductory lesson about states of matter. We had great fun investigating the best way to make ice melt and discovering why salt is put on roads in winter. A big thank you to the Year 7 students who helped the groups: James R, Andy P, James B, Jasmine C, Ellie C, Lucy D, Erin M and Daisy P.</p>																																								
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Parent/Carer Support Opportunities

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 2nd April – Why children misbehave.
Tuesday 21st May – Anxiety.
Tuesday 18th June – How computer games impact upon children.

Parent/Carer Support Sessions

We understand the importance of involving families in their child's education and school life. We have set up a programme of parent support sessions where parents can receive 1:1 advice in areas such as behaviour, sleep and anxiety.

To book on to one of the weekly 30 minute sessions on Thursday afternoons, 1.30pm, 2.00pm, 2.30pm, please call the school office or for more information, please ask to speak to Tom Barker-Phillips, Behaviour Mentor.

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

Pupil recognition- Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

5JB: Larisa, Olivia, Sam
5JD: George, Bethan
5SO: Rose, Jackson, Emily
5AP: James, Henry
5SW: Kaprice, Henry, Tom, Lilly-Mae

6LC: Eloise
6AB: Olivia, Phoebe-Leigh, Robbie
6LM: Noah, Connor, Alex, Hayden, Ffion
6LQ: Bobby, Finn, Evie,
6CR: Rennay, Ewan, Sonny

7JC: Tom M, Rachael, Finley, Amanda
7OA: Kiera, Hope, Mia, Sam
7BT: Joe, Lucy, Lewis, Jack
7CW: Katie, Rhiannon, Grace, James, Lily,
7KW: Beth, Erin, Ellie H, Grace



Headteacher Awards

Sophie 5SW for taking the responsibility to coach a group of pupils on how to use an ACE dictionary.
Will 5JB for his detailed inference answers in his reading comprehension.



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Scholastic Book Club

Our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witton-middle> or use the paper order form on the leaflet sent home today. Unfortunately we are unable to accept credit cards. Please make all cheques payable to Witton Middle school. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from and for every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, you earn **25p in Scholastic Rewards** for our school to spend on books.

Please place orders by **Monday 17th March** and thank you for your support.

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.



Community News

Oscar Saxelby-Lee, a Reception child at Pitmaston Primary in St. Johns, has been diagnosed with Leukaemia and needs a stem cell donor in 3 months. Please help us spread the word that we are holding a **DKMS registration event on 2nd and 3rd March at Pitmaston from 9.00am to 3.00pm.**

They are asking everyone between the ages of "17 to 55 years in good health" to go to the registration event being organised by DKMS and support them in trying to urgently find a stem cell donor. This involves a simple, pain free swab to see if you are eligible. Please share with all your friends and family – we desperately need to see you there!

They are raising funds to support the parents of Oscar Saxelby-Lee - please read his story below by clicking on the link.

Please donate to the JustGiving Crowdfunding Page and help make it happen: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hand-in-handforoscarsaxelby-lee?utm_id=2&utm_term=4K7epRawW



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