



The Witton Warbler



15th March 2019

SATs Evening	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.											
5AP Parents & Carers' Assembly	Mr Pegg would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 5AP to come and see their class assembly on Thursday 28th March at 2.35pm . Refreshments will be available.											
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5SO Parents' & Carers' Assembly	Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 5SO who were able to attend their class assembly on Thursday. We enjoyed welcoming you and it was a great opportunity for the pupils to perform!											
Parent/Carer Support Opportunities	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>											
Clubs Update	Table Tennis Club is cancelled until further notice.											
Great Battery Recycling Challenge	We have registered to take part in the 'Great Battery Recycling Challenge' and there are prizes to be won. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending home a letter and a box for you to collect batteries for recycling; children will then bring their full collection boxes in to school for the batteries to be sent off collectively.											
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>Unfortunately we cannot accept any further orders.</p>											






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Poetry Slam	Congratulations to Lucy B, Zoe, Alice, Mia, Olivia, all in 7BT , who go through to the Worcestershire Poetry Slam Final at The Palace Theatre in Redditch on the evening of Wednesday 8 th May.																													
Next week's Recognition Focus in School	READY – being ready to leave your lesson 1. Quietly tidy the classroom. 2. Stand behind your seat. 3. Wait to be dismissed by the adult.																													
Author visit	On Wednesday 20 th March we have arranged for the author E.R. Reilly to visit our school to talk to pupils about his books and give them tips for their own writing. This local author shows us that we can all enjoy reading and writing!																													
Rags to Riches – help us raise money from your reusable clothes	Help us to help other with out we have a Bag 2 School collection scheduled, which is a fundraising initiative where we ask for good quality second hand clothing as well as soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags to be donated. The organisation sends these items for re-use in countries less fortunate than ours. If you are having a 'sort-out' in the next couple of weeks and feel you are able to donate such items, please help us to help others and bring them in to school on Wednesday 28th February . Once all donations have been collected, the school will receive a cheque based on their weight which goes into our school fund account.																													
Easter Disco	The disco is on Wednesday 10 th April 2019 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Tickets will be on sale on Monday 25 th March at the cost of £3.00.																													
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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.																													



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'Friends of Witton Middle School'

A very positive and friendly group of parents, carers, grandparents, staff and Governors met on Thursday 6th March for the first new 'Friends' meeting. We had a really lovely meeting, and would be thrilled to welcome anyone with an interest to the next one, which will be on **Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm** - please do come along. Nobody is going to need to commit to anything - every little helps along the way, but we would be very happy to see you even if you would just like to listen.

The group have made a few steps toward thinking about ways in which they can support fundraising, and also felt that it would be lovely to reach further out into the community - we would like the 'Friends of Witton Middle School' to be as inclusive as possible. During the meeting, we discussed the aims of the group and some ideas for fundraising - such as towards redevelopment of outdoor spaces. The school would welcome ideas and community links, and if you would just like your name to be included on the emails for the Friends, do let us know.

Pupil recognition-

Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

5JB: Charlotte, Ava, Viya

5JD: Alex, Calvin, George, Max

5SO: Cody, Pippa, Rose

5AP: Maisie, Alice, Erin, Sophie, Eliza

5SW: Hollie F, Macy-Louise, Joshua, Sophie, Ellen, Phoebe

6LC: Eloise, Fynn, Caitlin

6AB: Alex, Josh, Abi

6LM: Alex R, Charlie, Connor

6LQ: Tom, Alex, Liam

6CR: Mia, Phoebe, Charlie

7JC: Grace B, Charlie, Shelby, Joel, Finley

7OA: Harry, Hope, Alisha

7BT: Taylor, Imogen, Jess

7CW: Erin, Noah, Julian

7KW: Sylvia, Harry F



Headteacher Awards

Archie 5SW for improved presentation.

Lilly-Mae 5SW for improved maths independence.

Finn 5SW for self-challenge.

Bryce 6LC for commitment to learning in maths.

Lancelot 7CW for creating a great comic.

Daniel 5JB for working hard to improve his reasoning explanations in maths.

Romeo 5JB for working hard in maths and challenging himself.

Seanah 5JD for homework effort this week: a detailed and informative life-cycle.



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