



# The Witton Warbler



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## Cashless Catering

The Cashless Catering System starts **on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019** and applies to all food purchased from the canteen. Pupils, for whom we have received consent, will have their **fingerprint scanned on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. The fingerprint is then converted to an encrypted code and for safe storage. Your child will then bring home details of how to register with iPay. Once you register, you will receive an email to activate your account and set up your login credentials. You will then be able to make a payment to your child's account. You will receive an email receipt to confirm your payment.

Should your child be entitled to free school meals, their account will be automatically credited with £2.30 per day, therefore we still require your consent to take your child's fingerprint. If you wish to 'top-up' this amount, you can 'credit' their account.

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the canteen will no longer be accepting cash payments for any food. All purchases will be made through the fingerprint system. If your child only purchases breakfast or food at break time we will still require your consent to fingerprint them. **If we do not receive your consent for fingerprinting, your child will be unable to purchase any food from the canteen after the Easter break.**

**Unless your child is entitled to free school meals you will need to credit your child's account so that they can purchase food from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April onwards.**

To ensure your child can continue to purchase food from the canteen, if you have not already done so, please complete and return the consent form on the letter, by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

## Attendance

Aim for 96% or above!

### Attendance up to and including 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Overall attendance	95.0%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	95.1%
Year 7	94.4%

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.35pm**.

Refreshments will be available.

## 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**

## Easter Disco

The disco is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm**. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at the cost of £3.00.



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Why children misbehave.  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Anxiety.  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Pastoral Mentor.

## Mothers' Day Lunches

### Mothers' Day lunches-

Year 5s Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon  
Year 6s Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon  
Year 7s Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon

### Unfortunately we cannot accept any further orders.

We are looking forward to welcoming you next week. Please sign in at reception where your child will come and find you; they will present each pre-booked adult with a raffle ticket which you will hand in at the till when you have received your meal.

To minimise congestion on Old Coach Road, we ask that you park a little further away from school and walk, where possible.



## 'Friends of Witton Middle School'

A very positive and friendly group of parents, carers, grandparents, staff and Governors met on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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## Rags to Riches

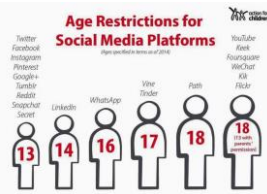
Help us to help others without. We have a **'Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools'** collection scheduled, which is a fundraising initiative where we ask for good quality second hand clothing as well as soft toys, shoes, belts, handbags, jewellery and accessories, bath and hand towels, bedding and household linen to be donated. The items then go on to become affordable clothing and accessories for others.

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



## How can I support my child with social media?



Age restrictions are placed on social media sites to protect children from using social media before they are emotionally ready. You can help your child by firstly adhering to the age restrictions. Use of social media, particularly if choosing to ignore the age restrictions, should be carefully monitored. Many parents and carers insist that their children share their login information so that they can monitor activity and messages.

Simple communications on social media can often be misinterpreted by children. Unkind comments or messages, which would quickly be forgotten on the playground, can escalate and lead to difficulties for all concerned. In turn, this can affect your child's learning. Therefore, if you choose to allow your child access to social media, we ask that you carefully monitor this and to discontinue access to sites where you know the messages to be harmful.

Witton Middle School takes e-safety seriously and we educate our children regarding the correct use of media sites. However, we ask parents and carers to take responsibility for their overall conduct on social media.

## SATs Evening

It was great to see many of our families at the SATs sessions on Wednesday evening and hopefully you found the information and documents useful.

All the information shared can be found on our website:  
<http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/key-stage-2-maths-english/>

Copies of documents distributed will be issued to the children to bring home.

## Save the Date

**Sports day** is scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

## 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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## Dates for your Diary

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
3 Apr	'Friends of Witton' meeting at 6.00pm
9 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 7
10 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
10 Apr	Easter Disco – 5.30pm to 7.00pm
11 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
12 Apr	Y5 Islamic Art Day
<b>12 Apr</b>	<b>School closes at 3.00pm for Easter Break</b>
<b>29 Apr</b>	<b>School starts at 8.25am</b>
2 May	Y7 Kingswood Trip Information Evening at 6.00pm
<b>6 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>
10 May	Y6 Photos (class and individual)
13 - 16 May	Y6 SATs Tests
20 - 25 May	Y7 Activities Week
21 May	SEN Coffee Morning 10.30am to 11.30am
22 May	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
23 May	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
25 May	<b>School closes at 3.00pm for Half Term</b>
3 Jun	<b>School starts at 8.25am</b>
5 Jun	Y7 Photos (year group & individual)
11 Jun	Y5 to Blists Hill
18 Jun	SEN Coffee Morning 10.30am to 11.30am
19 – 24 Jun	Book Fair in school
19 Jun	6LC Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
26 Jun	6CR Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
1 Jul	Pyramid Transfer Day
3 Jul	6LQ Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
8 Jul	Drama Production at 7.00pm
9 Jul	Drama Production at 7.00pm
10 Jul	6LM Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
11 Jul	Sports' Day
12 Jul	Sports' Day (Contingency)
16 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 7
16 Jul	Y7 Leavers' Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
17 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
17 Jul	6AB Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
18 Jul	Y7 to Drayton Manor
18 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
19 Jul	<b>School closes at 3.00pm for Summer Break</b>

## Mobile 'Phones

Children need to ensure their mobile 'phones are turned off on arrival at the school gates and remain switched off until the children have left the school grounds. This helps us to keep staff and children safe.



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## Bicycles and scooters

We are sure that you are all aware of the dangers that are present on our roads today and we wish to do everything we can to minimise the danger to our children when cycling or scooting to school. Whilst the responsibility of the children cycling to school lies with the parents/carers, we are stipulating that a cycle permit must be held by children to ensure they are aware of some safety guidelines that must be adhered to when travelling to and from school.

Please complete and return the attached form if you would like your child to travel to school by bike or scooter.

## Pupil recognition-

### Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

**5JB:** Grace, Jamie, Emily, Owen

**5JD:** James, Sam, Izzy, Amelia, Jocelyn, Charlie

**5SO:** Florence, Hope, Alice, Annie

**5AP:** Amber, Erin, Charlie

**5SW:** Isabelle, Emilia, Ellen, Kaprice, Macy-Louise

**6LC:** Olivia, Marcus, Jaygo, Grace, Darwin

**6AB:** Fraser and Katie

**6LM:** Noah, Simaran, Thomas

**6LQ:** Isla, Calum, Sadie

**6CR:** Everyone

**7JC:** Annabelle, Tom M, Amanda, Ella

**7OA:** Kenzie, Harvey, Ruby

**7BT:** Olivia, Imogen, Hattie, Jaspreet

**7CW:** Cassidy, Nixie, Katie

**7KW:** Eric, Ellie



## Headteacher Awards

**Lewis 6LM** for being so helpful to Mrs Crossley.

**Grace, Marcus, Olivia, Jaygo, Darwin, all 6LC** for amazing progress in reading.

**Max 5JD** for being a helpful member of the class.

**Seanah 5JD** for great maths and homework effort.

**Izzy 5JD** for an excellent newspaper report.

**Isobel 7BT and Emily 7JC** for having their writing published in a young writers competition.

**Lucy, Zoe, Mia, Alice, Olivia, all 7BT** for winning the poetry slam and will be representing the school at the final.

**Joel 7JC and Jack 7CW** for performing in assembly (drums and piano).

**Rhys 6LM** for continued great effort and determination in all he does.



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