



# The Witton Warbler



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## Next Week

Next week is **Blue Week** and will be **Week 3** on the Aspens lunch menu –see attached.

## 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

Look out for extra 'recognition' for great attendance!

### Attendance up to and including 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Overall attendance	95.1%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.0%
Year 7	94.5%

## Next week's Recognition Focus in School

### Empathy: I appreciate the needs of others

1. Remember we are all different
2. Listen to others experiences
3. Try to help, share and understand each other

If we show empathy for others, we can all live together happily.

## Year 6 SATs

Children who are eligible for additional time in their SATs test will be bringing home a letter next week.

## Easter Disco

The disco is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm**. Tickets are on sale in the library at morning break and lunchtime at the cost of £3.00.



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## Easter Egg Competition

### PRIZES

#### Whole school 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes

1. Giant Easter Egg  
Kindly donated by Nicol&Co
2. £10 Voucher  
Kindly donated by Morrisons
3. Easter Egg

#### Plus lots of class prizes too!

Decorate your Egg – make it Eggs-traordinary!

All entries must be clearly labelled with your name and class and brought to your class on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Hard boiled, blown or polystyrene eggs only please.

Prizes will be awarded on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

If you wish to keep your decorated egg, please ensure that it is collected to take home by the end of the day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holidays.



## 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.

## '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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<b>Pre-loved Uniform</b>	We are planning to hold a pre-loved uniform sale on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April. If you have any uniform you would like to donate, please bring it in to the school office. Thank you.	
<b>Lost Property</b>	Morrison's red carrier bag containing a PE top, leggings, shorts, fleece jacket and 2 pairs of trainers and a school cardigan, most of which is named. If you know of it's whereabouts, please contact the school office.	
<b>Year 7 Tests</b>	Our Year 7 children will be undertaking maths and reading tests during the week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> April.	
<b>Mother's Day Lunches</b>	It was lovely to see so many families join us this week to have lunch with our children. Thank you for your patience and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.	
<b>5AP Parents' &amp; Carers' Assembly</b>	Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 5AP 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!	
<b>Fundraising Litter Pick</b>	<p>Our Eco Committee have pledged its support for this year's Great British Spring Clean, run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Clean.</p> <p>Our litter pick will take place within our school grounds with each class spending a small part of the day collecting litter on the following dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year 5 Tuesday 2nd April Year 6 Wednesday 3rd April Year 7 Thursday 4th April</p> <p>Please ensure your child has a coat and a change of shoes on their allocated day. The children will be provided with gloves and will share litter pickers, which they will be shown how to use safely. They will also be washing their hand and forearms thoroughly following their litter picking session. Please ensure any cuts or scratches are covered by a wash proof plaster.</p> <p>We also want to use this event to raise money to support other eco activities in school. We are working closely with our school lunch providers, Aspens, and hope to reduce the amount of plastic waste we have in our school dining hall.</p>	
<b>Great Battery Recycling Challenge</b>	<p>We have registered to take part in the 'Great Battery Recycling Challenge' and there are prizes to be won. The children have now been issued with a letter and their very own battery collection box.</p> <p>Please help your child fill their collection box and return it to school by <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> for them to be sent off and included in the competition which has a closing date of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p>	
<b>Save the Date</b>	<b>Sports day</b> is scheduled for Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July.	
<b>Rags to Riches</b>	Thank you so much to everyone who kindly brought in donations. As a result of your generosity, we have raised £67.35 for our school from this collection.	



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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.



## Witton Reading Challenge

The challenge is to read and pass the Accelerated Reader quiz for 50 books in a school year. For every ten books read a certificate is awarded. Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a certificate this week:

**10 books:** *Finley B, William F, Owen H, Seanah L, Alfie W, Annie G, Alice RP, Jadeen H, Jacob D, Rhys N, Ewan S, Sonny W, Chloe K, Millie A, Lillie G, Harvey D, Grace S, Isabelle, Harry C, Lewis C, Emily-Grace S*

**20 books:** *Chloe B, Charlie E, Luke D, Jack D, Max K, Yolanda W, Rose L, Macy-Louise P, Joshua S, Brian N, Phoebe-Leigh S, Charlie W, Sophie C, Bobby-Milan P, Amy Taverner, Jaspreet K, Tilly P*

**30 books:** *Theo B, Toby B, Hollie F, Rhys M*

**40 books:** *Emily C, Daniel E, Robbielee E, Isobel S, Emily S*

**50 books:** *Holly D, Owen E*

**Millionaires (read a million words):** *Isaac R, Isaac P*

**Multi-Millionaires (read multi-million words):** *Alex B*



## Pupil recognition-

## Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

**5JB:** *Luke, Thomas, Jensen*

**5JD:** *Tom, Alfie, Alexis, Lily*

**5SO:** *Penelope, Daisy, Joseph*

**5AP:** *Whole class*

**5SW:** *Oscar, Scott, Fin, Travis*

**6LC:** *Jensen, Felix, Darwin*

**6AB:** *Mordecai, Sam*

**6LM:** *Amarion, Simran, Chloe*

**6LQ:** *Lily, Lillie, Oliver*

**6CR:** *Cameron, Charlie, Phoebe*

**7JC:** *James, Finley, Maddison*

**7OA:** *Alisha A, Megan H, Megan K, Sally B*

**7BT:** *Taylor, Lucy C, Tom*

**7CW:** *Lancelot, Jordan, Lucas*

**7KW:** *Alfie, Grace*



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## Dates for your Diary

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
<b>12 Jun</b>	<b>Open Day 8.45am – 12.00pm and 3.30pm – 6.30pm</b>
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>



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@witton.worcs.sch.uk)

## Headteacher Awards

**Grace, Alisha, Alesha, Megan, Briony-Mai, Izzy, Ruby, Sally and Freddy all 7OA** for writing an amazing magazine article about William Shakespeare.

**Theo 5SO** for self challenging in maths.

**Lily and Daisy 5SO** for planning and developing a whole class warm up in PE.

**Larisa, Charlotte, Grace 5JB** for analysis of data and explanation in science.

**Bryce 6LC** for persevering with maths.

**Felix 6LC** for showing very strong PRIDE values.

**Milly 6LC** for independently completing long multiplication questions.

**Charlie, Cameron, both 6CR** for amazing Tudor sailor diaries.

**Jack 5JD** for amazing effort with homework and in maths lessons!

**Scott 5SW** for amazing improvement in attitude to learning.



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