



The Witton Warbler



8th 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.

5SO Parents & Carers' Assembly

Mr Osbaldiston would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in 5SO to come and see their class assembly on **Thursday 14th March at 2.35pm**. Refreshments will be available.

Attendance

Requires improvement!

Congratulations to **Olivia in 6LC** who won the 100% attendance lucky dip for last half term.

Attendance up to and including 1st March 2019

Overall attendance	94.9%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	95.0%
Year 7	94.2%

5SW Parents' & Carers' Assembly

Thank you to the parents and carers of pupils in 5SW 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!

Yellow Zig-Zag and Bus Bay Parking

The school continues to experience significant issues related to inconsiderate parking outside the school gates. This is not a new issue, and we have now even had calls from members of the general public who are concerned about the traffic chaos created both morning and afternoon, and the risk to children's safety. Recently, the school bus was not able to park in the bus bay at the end of the day, causing a genuine danger to pedestrians.

There must be NO parking on the yellow zig-zags even for just a minute or moment to collect or drop off. All of the children are old enough to walk a short distance from a safe, legal place. The bus bay, particularly the front 4-5 car lengths, MUST be left clear for school transport at all times.

We are grateful for your consideration - this is for the safety of all the local children. We do not want to see a child injured or even killed, before this is taken seriously.

Mother's Day Lunches

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

Hopefully you have received your invitation and menu – if not, please contact the school office

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.



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Red Nose Day

To support 'Red Nose Day' this year, we are asking you to buy your nose at Sainsbury's or other outlets, then wear it to school on **Friday 15th March** and bring in £1 for the charity.



'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.

Healthy Foods

Please can we ask that your child is not allowed to come to school with sweets, chocolate bars and 'sharer' bags of crisps. We would like to see all children choosing snacks that sustain them well, without high sugar, salt and saturated fats.

Aspens, our school kitchen caterers have made a commitment to supporting us to healthy foods in school, and this means that they will not be serving cookies and cake as part of the break-time menu. We are working with them to further ensure that less healthy choices are 'swapped' for better alternatives.

Children should also be bringing their snacks to school in a plastic container, so that litter is not strewn across the school grounds. Please support us in encouraging better lifestyle habits.

Next week's Recognition Focus in School

Ready and equipped

Having what you need to learn:

1. **Organiser**
2. **Correct pencil case items**
3. **Reading book**

Governor News

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new Parent Governor! Adam Rudkin has been appointed unopposed and will be joining the Governing Body. We also recently appointed a new Co-opted Governor, Sarah Harris. A warm Witton welcome to them both.

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.



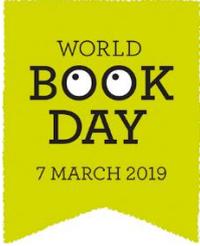
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<p>Biometrics – Cashless Catering</p>	<p>Please note that every child MUST be signed up for biometrics. If they are not signed up, we will be unable to sell them any food from the date of implementation, expected to be Monday 1st April.</p>	
<p>World Book Day - Reading matters!</p>	<p>World Book Day went down a storm across the classes on Thursday, with children taking part in activities such as Guess the Book, Book Tasting, Book Swap and much more! It was great to see the thoughtful sets of clues that the children had come up with and we would like to thank you for supporting your children to gather these and encouraging them to take part in this great day of reading!</p> <p><i>There is a proven link between the amount of reading children do and their academic success in exams, careers and higher earning potential. Not only this, but reading in both children and adults is proven to have a positive impact upon feelings of belonging, understanding the world and overall mental health.</i></p> <p>See https://readingagency.org.uk/ for more information.</p> <p>If you would like any support with helping your child with reading, adult literacy, or choosing books, please do let us know.</p>	
<p>Can you offer Multi-cultural Links?</p>	<p>We are looking for community members and volunteers to come and undertake multi-ethnic story-telling, give talks in assembly or contribute to children's learning. Our children often have limited experiences of a range of cultures, and we know that broadening this understanding will help them to become more rounded individuals. If you have any ideas, contacts or would like to participate in this yourself, please do let us know.</p>	
<p>Spring Prize General Knowledge Quiz</p>	<p>The following pupils have been lucky enough to be entered into the Spring Quiz Prize Draw as they scored 18, 19 or 20 out of 20 in the quiz.</p> <p>5JB: Daniel, Charlotte 5JD: Ted, Alex 5SO: Pippa, Penelope, Isaac, Joe, Lily 6LM: Thomas, Simaran, Chloe 6LQ: Isla, Bobby, Fred 6CR: Ava, Medi-Rose, Jake, Hayden 7JC: Andy, Emily, Jasmine, James, Kyran 7KW: Ellie, Maisie, Ellie 7CW: Madeline, Noah, Jack, Reuben 7BT: Isobel, Zoe, Olivia, Lucy</p> <p>And the lucky winner drawn for the WHSmith Gift Voucher ... Reuben in 7CW</p>	
<p>Save the Date</p>	<p>Easter Disco - Wednesday 10th April 2019 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm</p>	



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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. 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 18th March** and thank you for your support.

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection

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 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.

Bags will be sent home next week, but you are able to use any bags you may have at home.



Dates for your Diary

11 Mar	Science Festival at The Hive
14 Mar	SSO 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
9 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 7
10 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
10 Apr	Easter Disco – 6.30pm to 7.00pm
11 Apr	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
12 Apr	School closes at 3.00pm for Easter Break
29 Apr	School starts at 8.25am



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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

Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the office@witton.worcs.sch.uk

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.

Pupil recognition-

Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

5JB: Daniel, Emily, Isaac

5JD: Izzy, Sam, Alfie

5SO: Andrea, Louie, Isaac

5AP: Charlie, Holly, Oscar

5SW: Kaprice, Henry, Tom, Lilly-Mae

6LC: Jack

6AB: Brian, Will

6LM: Sydney, Charlie, Connor,

6LQ: Lillie, Amy, Sam

6CR: Violet, Abbie, Charlie

7JC: Ella, Maddison, Finley, Annabelle, Emily

7OA: Josh, Tilly, Freddy

7BT: Ben, Owen, Jess, Sam, Alice

7CW: Lancelot, Charlie Madeline

7KW: Righley, Freya, Daisy



Headteacher Awards

Josh 6LC for fantastic evidence and grammar

Olivia 6LC for amazing independent writing

Jack 6LC for awesome focus and dedication in maths

Noah 6LM for amazing reading.



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Vacancy at Droitwich Spa High School

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. If you would like more details or an application form please visit our web site at www.droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk and select our job vacancies page

Exciting opportunity to join our Learning Support Team as a Teaching Assistant

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Working under the direction of the school's SENDCo you will have a varied role which may include small group work, in class support or providing one to one support for students on the SEN Register in all their subject areas.

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Closing Date: 9am Monday 11 March 2019

Interviews will take place on Wednesday 13 March 2019

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