



The Witton Warbler



12th April 2019

Easter Break

As another busy term comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Happy Easter.

The Summer Term begins on **Monday 29th April**.



Next Week

Week beginning **29th April** is **Blue Week** and will be **Week 1** on the Aspens lunch menu.

Cashless Catering

If your child had their fingerprint scanned they will have brought home a letter today giving details of your iPayimpact account and how to add money to enable your child to purchase food from the canteen.

You are able to add money to your account from Monday 22nd April and the system will be in use from Monday 29th April.

If your child has not had their fingerprint scanned or you have not paid money into your account by Monday 29th April, your child will be unable to purchase food from the canteen after the Easter break and will have to bring a packed lunch to school. We are planning to do catch up scanning session on Monday 29th, but your child will be unable to purchase food until you have received your account details and paid money in.

Attendance

We are creeping up towards national, please keep up the good work.

Attendance up to and including 5th April 2019

Overall attendance	95.1%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.0%
Year 7	94.6%

Great Battery Recycling Challenge

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.

Please help your child fill their collection box and return it to school by **Friday 18th May** for them to be sent off to be included in the competition which has a closing date of Monday 3rd June.

Weekly Quizzes

Since January we have been sharing a quiz around school each week. The purpose of this is to broaden children's general knowledge, exercise our 'memory muscles' and promote meaningful conversation around the tables in the school canteen. We thought it might be nice if we started sharing the quizzes with you, so will be popping these in with the warbler each week. We hope you will enjoy looking at these with your children and sharing the challenge of learning some of these facts! Past quizzes will be popped up onto the website shortly for you to look back at too. There will be a prize quiz after Easter containing some of this half term's questions.

Summer Open Day

We are hosting our Summer open day for prospective families on **Wednesday 12th June**. Visitors are welcome between 8.45am and 12 noon and from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Headteacher talks at 9.00am and 4.00pm.



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Save the Date	Sports day is scheduled for Thursday 11 th July. Contingency date: Friday 12 th July.
Competition	We are launching our Friends of Witton Middle School, to support our school with activities and to raise much needed funds, and would love the children to design a new logo for our Facebook page and all of our event posters. The entry form is attached... closing date Monday 29 th April.
Drinking Cans	Please do not allow your child to bring canned water to school. Cans are not allowed in school because when broken, the edges can be sharp and dangerous.
ECO & Litter Pick	A big thank you to all those families who donated toward the Eco initiatives this term – incredible response to support our children with saving the planet! The Eco Committee are doing an amazing job of drawing our attention to important world matters, and did themselves proud by speaking to the whole school in assembly – well done! Well done to all the children for their litter picking efforts. The school grounds are looking really good. Along with this we raised an amazing £326.91 . The Eco Committee now look forward to using this money to tackle plastic waste in the dining hall.
Let us know your thoughts...	We are reviewing our homework policy and would like to hear your views. We think it is important to prepare children for future study and provide opportunities for meaningful independent practice, but we also need homework to be manageable for staff, pupils and parents alike. We are also currently looking at the possibility of introducing 'epraise' – an online system that would replace the children's Organisers and Dojos, and provide a more comprehensive way to communicate. If you would like to comment about homework or the use of epraise – perhaps you have experience of the High School use of this - we would love to hear your views. Please do send them in an email to our feedback address wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk
Remember our School Rules	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ready 2. Respectful 3. Responsible 4. To be safe
Year 6 Support Club	From Monday 1 st April, the daily Year 6 lunch time support club will begin and will take place in the Year 6 ICT suite during the lunch break. If your child would like to complete their homework, ask a teacher about something they are unsure about or anything that is worrying them, they are more than welcome to drop in. Please ensure lunch is eaten before attending!
Disco	Thank you to everyone for making the disco such a great success. We have raised an amazing £736 to spend on resources for the children.



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Summer Term Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their child's club requests. Many clubs have proved very popular and now have a waiting list.

Your child will have brought home a copy of their form today which confirms which clubs they have been allocated to and any they may be on the waiting list for. An email will be sent to parents/carers in the first week back after the Easter break as confirmation.

If your child will not be attending club on a specific day, please contact the school office. Should they wish to relinquish their club place at any point, please do let us know so that we can offer it to a child on the waiting list.

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition- we had some fantastic entries with winners from each class and three overall prize winners.

Dates for your Diary

29 Apr	School starts at 8.25am
2 May	Y7 Kingswood Trip Information Evening at 6.00pm
6 May	Bank Holiday (School closed)
10 May	Y6 Photos (class and individual) – Full uniform
13 - 16 May	Y6 SATs – National Testing Week
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	School closes at 3.00pm for Half Term
3 Jun	School starts at 8.25am
5 Jun	Y7 Photos (year group & individual) - Full uniform
11 Jun	Y5 to Blists Hill
12 Jun	Open Day 8.45am – 12.00pm and 3.30pm – 6.30pm
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
20 Jun	Small School's Transition Afternoon
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 (reward trip)
18 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
19 Jul	School closes at 3.00pm for Summer Break



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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 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, Pastoral Mentor.

'Talking Teens' Parent Group

This group helps you to deal with the challenges of parenting a teenager so you can have a calmer, happier family life.

The course runs on Thursdays from 6th June for six weeks, 9.30am to 11.30am at Witton Middle School. To book a place, call Simon Cooke, South Worcestershire Parenting Support on 01905 749149 or Tom Barker-Phillips at Witton on 01905 773362.

Pupil recognition-

Ready Responsible Respectful Safe

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

5JB: Sophie, Charlie, Will

5JD: Hermione, Poppy, Ted, Fynley

5SO: Isaac, Jackson, Theo

5AP: Brandon, Millie, Alice

5SW: Levi, Toby, Macy-Louise

6LC: Harri, Tamzin, Dan

6AB: Charlie, Abbi

6LM: Rhys, Lily, Sydney

6LQ: Sadie, Bobby, Alex

6CR: Kyle, Phoebe, Ewan

7JC: Demi, Madelyn, Rachael

7OA: Hope, George, Grace

7BT: Zoe, Lucy C, Imogen, Lucy R, Bradley, Olivia

7CW: Leona, Oliver, Josh

7KW: Emily B, Ellie D, Alfie, Harry, Alice, Lewis



Head of Year Certificates

The following pupils have been awarded a 'Head of Year' certificate:

7JC: Annabelle, Oliver

7OA: Ruby, George

7BT: Izzy S, Ben T

7CW: Daniel B, Madeline H

7KW: Lucy D, Lewis C



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Headteacher Awards

Summer 6LM for great effort with her maths and diary writing.
Fynn 6LC for superb setting description
Noah 6LM for great skills using the ACE dictionary.
Connor 6LM for great focus and determination to improve his writing quality.
Madison, Luke, Daniel, all 5JB, for great progress in writing.



Community News

Kidderminster Harriers Community Trust will be holding Easter Football courses for children aged 5-14 years. Courses will run 10am-3pm. Cost £10 per day, £20 for two, £27 for three or £35 for four days. Younger children (5-7 years) can attend for half a day @ £5 per morning/afternoon. The Strikers & GoalKeeper days will focus on scoring and saving goals including Goal of the Day and Save of the Day competitions plus our regular 6-a-side tournament. The venues are:-
Droitwich, Dodderhill School - Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April
Tenbury High School - Monday 15th & Wednesday 16th April
Bromsgrove, Catshill Middle School - Monday 15th & Tuesday April
Malvern, Dyson Perrins Academy – Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th
Worcester, Bishop Perowne College - Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th
Kinver High School - Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th April
Kidderminster, Baxter College - Tuesday 23rd, Wed 24th, Thurs 25th & Fri 26th April
Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre - Wednesday 24th, Thurs 25th & Friday 26th April
 To reserve a place please send their name, age, any medical conditions and an emergency contact to harrierscommunity@hotmail.co.uk or Tel. 01562 863821

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Dates & Times:

MONDAY

REDDITCH TKD
St Bede's Catholic Middle School
Holloway Lane
Lodge Park
Redditch
B98 7HA

6:30pm – 7:30pm Beginners
7:30pm – 8:30pm Advanced

WEDNESDAY

DROITWICH SPA TKD
Chawson First School
Wych Road
Droitwich Spa
WR9 8BN

6:30pm – 7:30pm Beginners
7:30 – 8:30 Advanced



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