



# The Witton Warbler



10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Next Week

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

## Year 6 SATs

As you know, your child in Year 6 has their SATs tests next week. The children are really looking and sounding ready now, and we are confident that they will do the best they possibly can!

Please ensure:

- your child arrives in school refreshed after a good night's sleep;
- they have a good breakfast;
- they arrive early to be enjoy their toast and drink.

Day	Toast and Registration 0815 - 0835	Warm Up 0835 - Vary	Lesson 1 Vary -10.15	10.15-10.30	Lesson 2 10.30-11.25
M	Toast and registration 8.15 – 8.35	20 mins warm up & test admin	8.55 START TIME: SPaG	B R E A K	Spelling Tests 11.00
T	Toast and registration 8.15 – 8.35	20 mins warm up & test admin	8.55 START TIME: READING (60mins)		
W	Toast and registration 8.15 – 8.35	35 mins warm up & test admin	9.10 START TIME : ARITHMETIC		10.45 START TIME: REASONING 1 (40mins)
Th	Toast and registration 8.15 – 8.35	25 mins warm up & test admin	9.00 START TIME: REASONING 2		

Should your child be feeling unwell during the week of the SATs or at any point, please do be aware that we can administer 'Calpol' etc. at your request. If your child is absent, we will normally arrange for them to sit the missed test on their return.

Finally, Year 6 staff would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support.

## Attendance

Every day matters – aim high!

### Attendance up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Overall attendance	95.1%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	95.0%
Year 7	94.7%

## Friends of Witton

The Friends of Witton met on Wednesday evening and have decided to hold a cake sale for the children on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June to raise money to purchase computers for the new library.

**Next Friends of Witton meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.**



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<b>Cashless Catering</b>	<p>All children with written consent have now had their fingerprint scanned and will have brought home a letter giving details of your iPayimpact account and how to add money to enable your child to purchase food from the canteen.</p> <p>If you have not completed and returned a consent form your child has not had their fingerprint scanned. This means they are now unable to purchase food from the canteen until consent is received, thumb scan completed and your account activated. Please ensure they bring a packed lunch until your account is live.</p> <p>If your child is entitled to <b>Free School Meals</b> we still require consent in order for your child to claim their meal.</p>	
<b>Clubs Update</b>	<p>During the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May, THERE WILL BE NO <b>rounders, athletics</b> or <b>music club</b>, as the teachers are away for Year 7 Activities Week.</p>	
<b>Next week's Recognition Focus in School</b>	<p><b>SMART WALKING</b> – being responsible around school Showing that you care for the safety of others and give them the space to move around safely.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Walking calmly (not running)</b></li> <li>2. <b>On the left</b></li> <li>3. <b>Using quiet indoor voices.</b></li> </ol>	
<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.</p> <p>Please help your child fill their collection box and return it to school by <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> for them to be sent off to be included in the competition which has a closing date of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p>	
<b>Save the Date</b>	<p><b>Sports day</b> is scheduled for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Contingency date: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	
<b>Scholastic Book Club</b>	<p>Our new <b>Scholastic Book Club is up and running!</b> Go to <a href="http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witton-middle">http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witton-middle</a> to browse the latest books and order online. For <b>every £1 you spend</b> on this month's Book Club, <b>our school will earn 25p</b> in Scholastic Rewards.</p> <p>Please place your <b>order online or by returning the order form on the leaflet with cash or cheque by May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.</b></p>	
<b>Homework</b>	<p>You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link: <a href="http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/">http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/</a> Children can also collect worksheets from their class teacher.</p>	
<b>Lost Property</b>	<p>Grey water bottle, belonging to Bee. If found please return to the office.</p>	
<b>Witton's Wormery</b>	<p>Our wormery is now well established and they are busy producing fertiliser. In order to collect the liquid fertiliser we are asking for donations of jam jars, with lids. If you have any jars, please send them in to the school office.</p>	



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## Dates for your Diary

13 - 16 May	Y6 SATs – National Testing Week
20 - 25 May	Y7 Activities Week
22 May	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
23 May	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5
<b>24 May</b>	<b>School closes at 3.00pm for Half Term</b>
<b>3 Jun</b>	<b>School starts at 8.25am</b>
3 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (Monday to Thursday)
5 Jun	Y7 Photos (year group & individual) - Full uniform
10 Jun	Y6 Bikeability (Monday to Thursday)
11 Jun	Y5 to Blists Hill
<b>17 Jun</b>	<b>'Friends of Witton' meeting at 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
24 Jun	New intake meeting for Y7 families at DSHS at 6.30pm
20 Jun	Small School's Transition Afternoon
26 Jun	6CR Parents/Carers' Assembly at 2.35pm
<b>1 Jul</b>	<b>Pyramid Transfer Day</b>
<b>1 Jul</b>	<b>New Intake Evening 6.30pm to 7.30pm</b>
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
<b>11 Jul</b>	<b>Sports' Day</b>
12 Jul	Sports' Day (Contingency)
15 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6
16 Jul	Y7 Leavers' Parents/Carers' Assembly at <b>2.15pm</b> followed by tea & cake in Y7 block
17 Jul	Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 7
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	<b>School closes at 3.00pm for Summer Break</b>

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



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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 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.

### '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 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** Madison, Sophie, Olivia

**5JD:** George, Max, Bethan, Jack, Seanah

**5SO:** Evie, Jack, Cameron

**5AP:** May, Amber, Charlie, Holly, Erin, Sophie

**5SW:** Isabelle, Owen, Macy-Louise

**6LC:** Eloise, Caitlin

**6AB:** Poppy, Fraser

**6LM:** Simran, Holly, Lewis

**6LQ:** Finn, Daniel, Amy

**6CR:** Violet, Ewan, Lily

**7JC:** Demi, Grace, Cassius

**7OA:** Harry P, Tilly P

**7BT:** Owen, Ben, Hattie

**7CW:** Jack M, Grace S, Jess P

**7KW:** Lucy, Ellie H, James, Emily S, Righley, Emily B, Maisie, Ellie C



## Headteacher Awards

**Tamzin 6LC** for great focus on her work.

**Lucy, Daniel, Larisa, Viya, Lexus all 5JB** for their detailed explanations of the plant lifecycle.

**Lucy 7KW** for a superb sonnet.

**Josh W 6LC** for huge improvement in handwriting.



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