



# The Witton Warbler



17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

<b>Next Week</b>	Next week is <b>Green Week</b> and will be <b>Week 1</b> on the Aspens lunch menu.											
<b>Year 6 SATs</b>	Well done Year 6 – you were amazing! We have had a very positive, relaxed and happy SATs week this week, with children being extremely enthusiastic. The administering of so many tests is a massive undertaking for the school and we are very proud of our team, and particularly grateful to Mrs Wilkins and the other admin staff, who are amazing! Thank you also to Year 5 and Year 7 for their support by being so quiet and calm when moving around the school. We look forward to continuing with a range of learning activities after SATS, and to focusing on developing our writing still further.											
<b>Attendance</b>	Static at 95.1% for several weeks. Thanks to Year 5 for reaching the National Average.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Attendance up to and including 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Overall attendance</td> <td>95.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>95.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>95.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 7</td> <td>94.7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Attendance up to and including 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019		Overall attendance	95.1%	Year 5	95.8%	Year 6	95.0%	Year 7	94.7%
Attendance up to and including 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019												
Overall attendance	95.1%											
Year 5	95.8%											
Year 6	95.0%											
Year 7	94.7%											
<b>Friends of Witton</b>	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. <b>Next Friends of Witton meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.</b>											
<b>Cashless Catering</b>	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. 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, account activated and money added to the account. Please ensure they bring a packed lunch until your account is live. If your child is entitled to <b>Free School Meals</b> we still require consent in order for your child to claim their meal.											
<b>'Friends of Witton Middle School'</b>	<b>RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER</b> Enter for your chance to win tickets to the Circus Starr on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June. Show starts at 7pm at the Ketch Car Boot site, Broomhall Way, Worcester Raffle tickets on sale now, every Break time outside the Library £1 each. Draw will be held on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am											
<b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>	All children who applied to take part have been successful in securing a place. Letters have been sent some this week detailing which week they have been allocated and the time of their session each day.											
<b>Save the Date</b>	<b>Sports day</b> is scheduled for Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July. Contingency date: Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July.											
<b>Witton's Wormery</b>	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.											



Perseverance – Responsibility – Independence – Determination – Empathy



# The Witton Warbler



17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Next week's Recognition Focus in School

**Ready and equipped** – Having what you need to learn.

1. **Organiser**
2. **Correct pencil case items** At least 2 Blue Berol Handwriting pens
3. **Reading book**

Ready to learn!

## Great Battery Recycling Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their batteries as part of the 'Great Battery Recycling Challenge'.

They have now been collected and our entry has been added to the overall competition which closes on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Message from Great British School Spring Clean

Thank you for taking part and making a real difference at your school and in your local community - every piece of litter counts!

This year over 175,055 inspiring children and young people took part, compared to 126,000 last year - making it the biggest-ever school clean up!

They were part of a mass-action of over 563,163 volunteer #LitterHeroes who took part in our Great British Spring Clean. Together, they collected 957,377 bags of litter, equal to 4,308 tonnes, from our country's schools, streets, parks, beaches and waterways - litter that could otherwise have ended up in the ocean.

Thank you for getting your school involved this year. We couldn't have done it without your support!

Together we can create change and bring an end to litter pollution.

## 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:

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.



Perseverance – Responsibility – Independence – Determination – Empathy



# The Witton Warbler



17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## 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.



## Dates for your Diary

20 - 25 May Y7 Activities Week  
 22 May Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6  
 23 May Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 5  
**24 May School closes at 3.00pm for Half Term**  
**3 Jun School starts at 8.25am**  
 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  
**17 Jun 'Friends of Witton' meeting at 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  
 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  
**1 Jul Pyramid Transfer Day**  
**1 Jul New Intake Evening 6.30pm to 7.30pm**  
 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)  
 15 Jul Non-uniform & Golden Time for Year 6  
 16 Jul Y7 Leavers' Parents/Carers' Assembly at **2.15pm**  
     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 School closes at 3.00pm for Summer Break**

## 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)



Perseverance - Responsibility - Independence - Determination - Empathy



# The Witton Warbler



17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

<p><b>Head of Year Certificates</b></p>	<p><b>The following pupils have been awarded a 'Head of Year' certificate:</b>  <b>5SO</b> Louie, Daisy  <b>5JD</b> Seanah, Ted  <b>5JB</b> Jamie, Erin  <b>5SW</b> Travis, Ruby  <b>5AP</b> Holly, Oscar</p>	
<p><b>Pupil recognition-  Ready Responsible Respectful Safe</b></p>	<p><b>The following pupils have been awarded certificates to recognise that they have gone 'Above and Beyond':</b>  <b>5JB:</b> Lexus, Isaac, Owen  <b>5JD:</b> Sam, Yolanda  <b>5SO:</b> Emily, Jackson, Pippa  <b>5AP:</b> May, Amber, Charlie, Holly, Erin  <b>5SW:</b> Tristan, Phoebe, Sophie E</p> <p><b>Year 6 :</b> We really appreciate the high level of parent support in ensuring that all of the children have arrived on time, been focused and ready to take their tests having had lots of sleep. They have all worked extremely hard and been very dedicated to reading the tests carefully and answering all of the questions as best they can. Well done Year 6.</p> <p><b>7JC:</b> Tom B, Kyran, Dennis, Charlie  <b>7OA:</b> Alisha A, Poppy, Will M, Harvey W  <b>7BT:</b> Catherine, Lucy B, Isobel S  <b>7CW:</b> Jack F, James, Erin, Leona  <b>7KW:</b> Alfie, Erin, Daisy</p>	
<p><b>Headteacher Awards</b></p>	<p><b>Jack 5JD</b> for determination and positive attitude in lessons.  <b>Dan R 6LC</b> for excellent presentation in Mathematics.  <b>Bradley 7BT</b> for careful editing and improving of work in the Shakespeare unit of work.  <b>Theo 5SO</b> for beautiful manners.  <b>Emily 7JC</b> for amazing work.</p>	



Perseverance – Responsibility – Independence – Determination – Empathy