



The Witton Warbler



24th May 2019

Next Week	Next week is Blue Week and will be Week 3 on the Aspens lunch menu.		
Half Term	School is closed next week for half term and we look forward to seeing the children at 8.25am on Monday 3rd June.		
Attendance	Remember: 90% attendance over 5 years is equal to half a school year missed!	Attendance up to and including 17th May 2019	
		Overall attendance	95.2%
		Year 5	95.8%
		Year 6	95.1%
		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 th June to raise money to purchase computers for the new library. Next Friends of Witton meeting is on Monday 17th June at 6.30pm.		
Cashless Catering	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. Thumbprints are now being completed in the school office. Please ensure they bring a packed lunch until your account is live. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals we still require consent in order for your child to claim their meal.		
'Friends of Witton Middle School'	RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER Enter for your chance to win tickets to the Circus Starr on Tuesday 11 th 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 th June at 10.00am		
Year 6 Bikeability	All children have been notified of their Bikeability training dates. Please make sure your bike is roadworthy ready for Monday 3 rd June or Monday 10 th June.		
Save the Date	Sports day is scheduled for Thursday 11th July. Contingency date: Friday 12 th July. Summer Disco – Tuesday 16th July from 5.30pm to 7.00pm		
Witton's Wormery	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.		
DSHS New Intake Evening	Please note that the new intake meeting for parents and carers at Droitwich Spa High School is on Wednesday 26th June at 6.30pm.		



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Next week's Recognition Focus in School	<p>Ready – Being ready to leave your lesson.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quietly tidy your classroom 2. Stand behind your seat 3. Wait to be dismissed by the adult. <p>To be ready to leave for next lesson on the bell/on time.</p>
Chewing Gum	Chewing gum is not permitted in school as it can cause damage to clothing, hair and furniture, as well as being unhygienic when disposed of incorrectly.
Clubs Update	Drama Club will be running until 4.30pm on 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th June and 4 th July 2019. Letters requesting permission have been issued to the children.
New Headteacher	You will be pleased to hear that the recruitment process for our new headteacher has begun and is going really well. Despite the advert only going live this week (online through E-Teach and Gov.uk jobs) there have already been a number of potential applicants showing an interest and planning to visit the school after the half term break. Interviews will be taking place at the end of June.
Dates for your Diary	<p>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 20 Jun Small School's Transition Afternoon 26 Jun New intake meeting for Y7 families at DSHS at 6.30pm 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</p>

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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

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 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: Viya, Farrah, William

5JD: Calvin, Lily, Eddy, Jocelyn

5SO: Beth, Theo, Annie

5AP: May, Alice, Oscar

5SW: Levi, Sophie B, Scott

6LC: Eloise, Rory

6AB: Josh, Abi, Alfie

6LM: Ana, Faith

6LQ: Tom, Cameron, Sadie

6CR: Ewan, Chanel, Kyle



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Headteacher Awards

Jem 6LM for superb French.
Sophie B, Henry, Isabelle, Macy, Hollie F, Sophie E, Lilly-Mae, Levi, Oscar, Scott, all 5SW for fantastic 'Secret Garden' summaries.



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: Maise P, Lily M, Charles T, Cameron B, Brandon GC, Annie G, Archie H, Matt T, Hollie B, Charlie W, Jake JB, Kian A, Milly B, Alexander M, Madison C, Charlotte J, Rhiannon G, Flynn HE, Maddison J, Andrew P, Riley B, Lucy D, Bryn L, Shai-Dee G

20 books: Millie L, Gabriel O, Ava C, Callum E, George C, Isaac R, Lily S, Owen F, Hollie F, Joshua S, Scott SC, William B, Finlay J, Freddie D, Samuel P

30 books: Chloe B, James C, Olivia K, Eloise H, Charlie B, Alex R, Lilyan S, Isla F, Katie H, James R

40 books: Erin B, Alice C, Theo B, Penelope C, Finley G, Michael N

50 books: Dylan S, Alex B, Isobel S

Millionaires (read a million words): Isaac P, Finlay M, Isaac R, Hope E

Multi-Millionaires (read multi-million words): Holly D, Daniel E, Noah G, Roxy R



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