



The Witton Warbler



3rd May 2019

Bank Holiday	School will be closed on Monday only as it is May Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing the children in school on Tuesday.										
Next Week	Next week is Green Week and will be Week 2 on the Aspens lunch menu.										
Cashless Catering	<p>We have now been able to resolve most of teething problems that we have experienced this week.</p> <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 Free School Meals we still require consent in order for your child to claim their meal.</p>										
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Year 6 Photographs	We have our Year 6 photographs being taken on Friday 10th May . We ask that Year 6 pupils come to school in full uniform and bring their best smiles.										
Clubs Update	During the week beginning 20 th May, THERE WILL BE NO rounders, athletics or music club , as the teachers are away for Year 7 Activities Week.										
Summer Open Day	We are hosting our Summer Open Day on Wednesday 12th June . Visitors are welcome between 8.45am and 12 noon and from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Headteacher talks at 9.30am and 5.30pm.										
Next week's Recognition Focus in School	<p>Ready To Learn – ready in lessons</p> <p>Showing that you are always ready to learn and contribute to lessons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Quickly organised Seated Reading (or activity) 										
Great Battery Recycling Challenge	<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 Friday 17th May for them to be sent off to be included in the competition which has a closing date of Monday 3rd June.</p>										



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Save the Date

Sports day is scheduled for Thursday 11th July.
Contingency date: Friday 12th July.

Dates for your Diary

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
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)
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

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/witton-middle> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online or by returning the order form on the leaflet with cash or cheque by May 13th, 2019.**



Year 6 Bikeability

We still have a number of places available for Year 6 pupils to take part in Bikability training. If your child is interested, please ask them to collect a letter from the school office.



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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 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.

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

Congratulations to...

Katie 6LQ on passing her ABRSM Grade 3 piano exam.

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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**Pupil
recognition-**

**Ready
Responsible
Respectful
Safe**

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

5JB: Romeo, Viya, Charlie

5JD: Harmony, Almay

5SO: Isaac, Lily, Lucy

5AP: Abi, Maisie, Brandon

5SW: Ruby, Matt, Scott

6LC: Tamzin, Jack, Amelia

6AB: Emily, Hollie,

6LM: Ffion, Alex, Finlay

6LQ: The whole of 6LQ

6CR: Kyle, Alfie, Ella

7JC: Heidi, Maddie

7OA: George W, Harvey W

7BT: Lewis, Lucy B

7CW: Julian, Harry F

7KW: Bryn, Maisie



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