




The Witton Warbler



20th September 2019

Next Week	Next week is Green Week and will be Week 1 on the Aspens lunch menu.											
Witton Middle School Open Day	Our Open Day/Evening this year is on Thursday 26th September, 8:45am to 12:00pm and 3:30pm to 6:30pm . We will be inviting some of our children to come back into school to support us and welcome prospective families. If this is the case you will be informed, but in the meantime if you know of anyone with children in Year 3 or Year 4 in the Droitwich Schools encourage them to come along.											
Attendance	<p>69 children were late this week! Please can we work together to improve this.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Attendance up to and including 13th September 2019</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Overall attendance</td> <td>97.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>98.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>96.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 7</td> <td>97.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Attendance up to and including 13 th September 2019		Overall attendance	97.4%	Year 5	98.9%	Year 6	96.3%	Year 7	97.3%
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Cashless Catering	<p>Children's thumbprints have now been scanned and converted to a unique code for the cashless catering system. Your child has been issued with a letter with your unique code and instructions to set up child's lunch account.</p> <p>We have number of children for whom we do not hold consent so we will be sending duplicate letters home to families next week for completion and return.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has sufficient funds in their account to enable them to purchase their lunch. www.ipayimpact.co.uk</p>											
Year 5 Photographs	Our Year 5 children looked fabulous when they had their photographs taken last week. The proofs have been sent home with the children earlier this week. If you would like to place an order, please ensure your order form and payment are returned to the school office by Monday 30th September .											
Y5 Aztec Trip	Year 5 are off on their Aztec trip on Monday 23rd September . The children need to wear old clothes suitable for getting dirty, cold and wet e.g. tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, fleeces (layers), waterproof coat, warm socks and old trainers. They also need a spare set of similar clothes and a spare carrier bag. A change of footwear is essential for the coach journey home. Please also remember a packed lunch and water bottle.											
Meet the Headteacher	If you would like come along and meet Mrs Bourne, you are welcome to join us at the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 27th September or between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on the same day where she will be more than happy to say hello.											
Macmillan Coffee Morning	<p>We are hosting a coffee morning on Friday 27th September from 8.30am to 9.30am in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please join us and be part of the world's biggest coffee morning. Witton children will stay in lessons but will have their own event at breaktime.</p> <p>Cake donations welcome from all please.</p> <p>We are a nut free school so please avoid any products containing nuts. Thank you.</p>											



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French Flag Competition

Competition to make a French flag, open to pupils in all year groups.

Either draw or paint a blue, white and red French flag, or make your flag out of something more unusual.

Ideas: lollipop sticks, wool, collage, Lego, buttons, sequins

Winning flags will be displayed in the French classroom and there will be small prizes for the best ones

Entries to Mrs Walker by Monday 24th September

Need help? Come and see Mrs Walker in the MFL room for ideas or help with resources.



Clubs Update

Monday

Girls' football (Mr Cocker)
Badminton (Mr Lines)

Tuesday

Football for Year 5 boys (Mr Lines)
Droitwich Strings* (Mr Alcorn)
Drama (Mrs Bentley & Mr Barker-Phillips)

Wednesday

Dance (Mr Tudgay)
Touch Rugby - All years (Mr Pegg)
Choir* (Mr Alcorn)
Band* (Mr Alcorn)
Woodwind Group* (Mr Alcorn)

Thursday

Football for Year 7 boys (Mr Cocker)
Football Year 6 boys (Mr Lines)
Netball - All Years (Mr Tudgay)

Friday

Table Tennis (Mr Tudgay)

If your child is interested in signing up to one of our after-school clubs, they need speak to the teacher responsible for the club.

*** Auditions have taken place for these clubs have already taken place with Mr Alcorn.**

Harvest Festival

On **Tuesday 8th October** it is our Harvest Festival and we are collecting for Droitwich Spa food bank, who provided support to 1630 people in the local area last year. Please support us if you can by sending in 'in-date' foods from the list below on the morning. Please ask your child to take their donation to the hall. Thank you.

500G BAGS OF PASTA AND RICE
LONG LIFE ORANGE JUICE
TINNED CARROTS, PEAS AND POTATOES
SOUP
TINNED MEAT
JAM
BREAKFAST CEREAL



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Peripatetic Music Lessons

Here at Witton Middle School we have a team of specialist Peripatetic Instrumental Teachers who offer tuition in the following areas:

- Brass (trumpet, tenor horn, euphonium, baritone, tuba, french horn & trombone)
- Drums
- Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass and ukulele)
- Music theory (ABRSM)
- Piano and keyboard
- Strings (cello, violin)
- Vocal
- Woodwind (clarinet, saxophone, flute, fife)

Lessons take place in the Music Room, all year round and usually last for 20 or 30 minutes each and where possible, are arranged on a rota basis so that pupils do not have to miss the same lesson every week.

The charges to parents per term from September 2019 are:

- £106.34 for 20 minute individual lessons
- £159.50 for 30 minute individual lessons
- £79.75 for 30 minutes shared lessons

If you would like further information, please contact the school office or ask your child to collect a letter from Mr Alcorn.

Visiting Author

We are hosting an exciting author visit from **Megan Rix on Monday 23rd September**. Children will have the opportunity to buy personally signed and dedicated copies of her books.

To avoid disappointment, your child will need to bring money with them and books are priced at £6. If children can have the exact change that would be much appreciated.

Y6 Visit to Warwick Castle

Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their permission slips and payments. We ask that all outstanding payments are sent in by **Thursday 26th September** as Warwick Castle require payment in full in advance, therefore refunds will not be available. Financial support may be available for families in receipt of free school meals, please contact Mrs Smith (School Business Manager) through the school office.

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 19th November - Reading
- Tuesday 21st January - Sleep

Parent/Carer Support Sessions

If you would like to book on to one of the weekly 30-minute parent 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.




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<p>Dates for your Diary</p>	<p>23 Sep Y5 visit to Aztec 23 Sep Megan Rix- author visit 26 Sep Open Day 8.45am to 12.00pm & 3.30pm to 6.30pm 27 Sep Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30am to 9.30am 27 Sep Meet the Headteacher – 8.30am to 9.30am 27 Sep Meet the Headteacher – 3.00pm to 4.00pm 8 Oct Harvest Festival Collection Day 10 Oct Hello Yellow Non-uniform Day 11 Oct Y6 visit to Warwick Castle 22 Oct Parents' Evening 5.00pm to 7.00pm 24 Oct Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm 25 Oct Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm 25 Oct School closes at 3.00pm for half term 4 Nov School starts at 8.25am</p>	
<p>Homework</p>	<p>You are able to access your child's homework from our website - just follow this link: http://www.witton.worcs.sch.uk/homework/</p>	
<p>We appreciate your feedback</p>	<p>The comments we receive from parents and carers are incredibly helpful to us. They often lead us to make improvements or to give you more information when this is needed. In order to allow you to give feedback that is informal, non-urgent or even a little bit amusing, we have set up a new email address for this purpose. Please contact us at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">wmsfeedback@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p> <p>Please remember that if you have a more pressing enquiry, you should still contact the office@witton.worcs.sch.uk</p>	
<p>Save the Date Friday 25th October... Witton Family Fun Run from 12.30pm.</p>		
<p>Community News</p>	<p>Droitwich Spa Library Summer Reading Challenge A quick reminder to all reading challengers that you must complete the Droitwich Spa Library Summer Reading Challenge by Saturday 21st September in order to get their certificate and attend the medal ceremony on the 29th October 2019.</p>	
<p>Vacancies</p>	<p>We are seeking:</p> <p>Attendance and Welfare Officer Closing date for applications: 30 September 2019 at 9 am Interviews will be held: 10 October 2019</p> <p>Lunchtime Supervisor</p> <p><i>For further details, please visit our website at www.witton.worcs.sch.uk or request an application pack from the School Business Manager on 01905 773362.</i></p>	



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'For Oscar' Day

Please see the flyer attached to this Warbler regarding the 'For Oscar' campaign.

Oscar is a child from Worcester and has T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia which he has been battling for nearly 9 months now. Unfortunately, Oscar's recent stem cell transplant hasn't cured him meaning he needs further treatment that sadly the NHS will not fund. Oscar's parents are pleading for help across the globe to save their child in raising £500,000 to either fund a second transplant or enrol onto Car-T therapy in Singapore. **Every donation counts, no matter how small.**

We are in the process of organising an Oscar Day in school but in the meantime, to support this family we would like to encourage parents to donate if they can. We cannot imagine how this affects Oscar, his family and school community and we are all thinking of him.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/HandinHandforOscar>

If you are unable to donate directly to the Virgin Money Giving page, please send cheques to the following address. Please write 'For Oscar' on the back of the cheque to ensure your donation goes to the correct campaign.

Please make cheques payable to 'The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust' and send to:
Orchard View
Church Road
Crowle
Worcester
WR7 4AX



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