



The Witton Warbler



6th September 2019

Welcome Back

This is my first opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher here at Witton – and what a privilege it is lead such a fantastic school. I have found it hard to contain my enthusiasm since being appointed to the role, and am thrilled to now be here 'for real'.

The staff and I spent a very intense couple of days in training at the start of the week. The sessions gave a real insight into how the team all work together and showed me just how passionate the adults in school are to get the very best out of every single child. When the children arrived on Wednesday the school really 'came alive'. I have been so impressed with the way that children have approached their return to school after the holidays. They are eager to learn, curious about their lessons and the world around them, and have been very welcoming to me.

I am really looking forward to getting to know all of the children and their families better over the coming months, and would love to hear about any interests, achievements and community events that children are involved in. Thank you for taking pride in being part of the Witton community and for your support during the exciting year ahead.

Year 5 Photographs

We have Tempest Photography visiting school on **Tuesday 10th September** to take photographs of our Year 5 pupils. They will take individual photos as well as a group shot of their class with proofs coming home within a few days.

Cashless Catering

We are planning to set up children's lunch accounts with thumbprints early next week and letters detailing how to set up your child's account will follow.

Please ensure your child has sufficient funds in their account to enable them to purchase their lunch. www.ipayimpact.co.uk

The lunch menu for the first half term accompanies this Warbler.

Droitwich Spa High School Open Day

Families of children in Year 7 have now received an invitation to Droitwich Spa Open Day next **Thursday, 12th September**. If you wish to take your child to visit during the school day, please put a note in their journal and they can then be collected from Reception at the appropriate time.

In addition, Year 7 children should have brought home their high school application pack earlier this week. If you have not received yours, please contact the School Office.

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 calling on 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 please let them know.

Breakfast Club

Running late or just don't want breakfast too early? Children can purchase breakfast at school between 8.00am and 8.20am.

Children are also able to buy a variety of breakfast items during morning break.

Year Group Information

Children have brought home a copy of their year group newsletter along with a topic map for the Autumn Term which details the subject content they will be focussing on this term.



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<p>Children's safety</p>	<p>Attendance and punctuality are important to us. Please be aware that the main gate to the playground will be locked at 8.25am when the school day starts. Any children arriving at school after the gate is locked will need to enter via the single white door where they will be greeted by a member of staff. Children should not be on site before 8.00am as we are unable to supervise them at this time.</p> <p>The safety of our children is paramount so we politely request that parents and carers do not use the school staff car park at the beginning or end of the day as this can be dangerous.</p>																														
<p>Parent/Carer Support Opportunities</p>	<p>SEN Coffee Mornings</p> <p>We will be hosting SEN Coffee Mornings, each with a different focus, from 10.30am to 11.30am on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 19th November - Reading • Tuesday 21st January - Sleep • Tuesday 10th March - Why Children Misbehave • Tuesday 5th May - Computer Games • Tuesday 16th June - Transitions <p>Parent/Carer Support Sessions</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>																														
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Request for Absence in Term Time

Please try your best to arrange appointments outside of the normal school day. If you wish to request an absence, please consider the following term dates and apply in writing via the school office pending the Headteachers' written decision.

2019 – 2020 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Friday 25th October
Monday 28th October
Friday 1st November
Monday 4th November
Friday 20th December

School closes at 3.00pm – half term
Half term week starts
Half term week ends
School starts at 8.25am
School closes at 3.00pm – end of Autumn Term

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January
Tuesday 7th January
Friday 14th February
Monday 17th February
Friday 21st February
Monday 24th February
Friday 3rd April

Teacher Training Day (School closed)
School starts at 8.25am
School closes at 3.00pm – half term
Half term week starts
Half term week ends
School starts at 8.25am
School closes at 3.00pm – end of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April
Tuesday 21st April
Friday 8th May
Friday 22nd May
Monday 25th May
Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June
Friday 17th July
Monday 20th July

Teacher Training Day (School closed)
School starts at 8.25am
Bank Holiday (School closed)
School closes at 3.00pm – half term
Half term week starts
Half term week ends
School starts at 8.25am
School closes at 3.00pm – end of Summer Term
Teacher Training Day (School closed)

Community News

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



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