



Witton Church Walk Aided CofE Primary School

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final term of this school year. This term starts off with the children learning all about British Culture and the Royal Family, as the term unfolds the children will begin to look at the Olympics in Rio. Interwoven into these topics we have lots of exciting activities planned e.g. Healthy Schools week, School Sports week, Wimbledon Enterprise, All Change Day, Takeover Day for our Year 6 children when they lead the school, sports days, educational day visits for everyone and our Year 2 residential to Beeston. Of course we have many more exciting opportunities which your children will partake in as they continue their learning so please ensure you keep up with these events on our school calendar, twitter and our school website. I know that this term your children will experience some inspirational learning opportunities in which they will be able to develop their understanding of the world around them and continue to develop the characteristics of learning that will stand them in good stead for a successful future.

I hope the weather is kind to us this term. Mrs. Magiera

Healthy Schools week and School Sports week

Miss Merchant, Miss Rowlinson and Mrs. Westron are working very hard at the moment putting together an exciting plan for our busy two weeks. They are planning a mix of activities which will ensure everyone will have the information they need to make healthy choices for their mind, body and soul. Please look out for the letters explaining the timetable of activities. School Sports week, although a very exciting week for our children, is a very busy week. Chris Story, who leads our school sports partnership, organises the events and I am apologising now if you receive letters close to the event or even text messages to give permission.

Staff Changes for September – keeping you informed.

Mrs. Westron will end her maternity leave on Friday 27th May. She will not go back in to a class until September. During the second half of the summer term she will be working with children in Year 1 and 2 to support them with interventions and phonics. As Mrs. Westron will go back in to class in September, Miss Rowlinson, who has been covering her maternity, will leave us on 31st August 2016.

Miss Coates' contract also comes to an end on 31st August. We would like to take this opportunity to wish both Miss Rowlinson and Miss Coates well from September and thank them for all their hard work this school year.

Miss Burns will leave us on 31st August 2016. The Governors have agreed to allow Miss Burns a year away from our school to teach abroad. This is a fabulous adventure for both our school and Miss Burns; when she returns next September I am sure she will have some amazing stories and partnership opportunities for our staff and children to engage in.

The week before our spring break Mrs. Jefferies, a governor at our school, Mrs. Parr and I undertook a two-day process interviewing potential teachers for our school. We met some wonderful, inspirational young teachers who specifically chose our school – they knew so much about our school, were extremely passionate about our Christian ethos, the opportunities our curriculum offers and the chance to become part of our school community. We have appointed three teachers, Miss Salisbury who will teach in KS1 and Miss Morley and Miss Jeffrey who will both teach in KS2. I know that you will give them a warm Christian welcome in to our school.

You will have many opportunities to meet our new teachers throughout the Summer term and I know the children will be very excited to meet them.

This is a very exciting time for our school developing new staff and supporting them as they begin their teaching career in our school and observing them as they bring new and exciting opportunities to our children.



Sometimes we only get a few days' notice of events and I would, as you know, always allow our children the opportunity to access these activities.



More Important News

Tea and Tots, Mondays, 9.00am – 11.00am

At the end of this school year Mrs. Gibbon and Norma will be stepping down and handing the reins over to new leaders of Tea and Tots. Miss Ward and Miss Ennion will be leading Tea and Tots from September with Imogen Durkan's mum, Hayley McCaw. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Gibbon and Norma for their hard work and dedication to ensure that this group runs each week. During the summer term Miss Ward and Miss Ennion will be popping in each Monday morning to ensure a smooth transition. Please let everyone know that this group will continue to meet weekly and we hope it will grow from strength to strength from its already strong foundations.

Building work

Over the last three years the Governors and I have been trying to extend and grow our school to enable us to move from five KS2 classes to six – three 3/4 classes and three 5/6 classes. In January I applied for a grant to enable us to build an eco-classroom outside which would release the Community Room back to a classroom. During this process it has been extremely important that we still had space for family learning, tea and tots, before and after school provision and a space in which our school community can meet and spend time together supporting each other. Hence the need for additional space was a priority before we moved the community room back to a classroom.

The news that we had secured the grant has been fabulous and we have started the process of planning and securing quotes for the work. This is such an exciting time for our school and hopefully we will be able to move to six KS2 classes from September 2017.

Please let parents know that we are now taking 45 pupils in places. We hope that our to maintain this structure and thrive, our school succeed and future delivering 'Everyday questions about places for Reception, or the new build endeavor to answer them.

Reminder about class names

Nursery – Mrs. Osborn, Beatrix Potter

Reception – Miss Boston, Jill Murphy

Reception – Mrs. Selby Assistant Head, Julia Donaldson

Year 1 – Miss Higgins, Anthony Brown

Year 1/2 – Miss Rowlinson, Antony Lishak

Year 2 – Ms Graham (please note change in name), Roald Dahl

Year 3/4 – Miss Coates, David Walliams

Year 3/4 – Miss Burns, Lewis Carroll

Year 4/5 – Mrs. Kimber, JK Rowling

Year 5/6 – Miss Merchant, Michael Morpurgo

Year 5/6 – Mr. Green, Anthony Horowitz

Reception, 5 additional school will grow to enable us continue to see our children continue to be a school for the Excellence'. If you have any children in Nursery or please ask me and I will



SAT's preparation

In the four weeks leading up to Year 6 SAT's, Year 6 pupils will be taught separately in the morning and during SATs week, as happens every year, and the Year 5 children upstairs will be taught English and Maths by Mrs. Buzzard. In the afternoons they will be back in their correct classrooms. If you have any questions please speak to myself or Mrs. Parr. May I request that parents watch the DfE information video on my twitter account.

St Helens News

Confirmation

Once again, we are inviting members of Year 6 to think about being Confirmed before they leave to go on to High School. If your child is in Year 6 and feels that the Christian Faith, that has been so much a part of their time at Witton Church Walk School, has now become an important part of their own lives, please talk to them about being confirmed. This special service, with the Bishop of Birkenhead, will take place in church on Sunday, July 10th at 6.30pm. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Confirmation is also for adults too, so if you would like to know more about Confirmation for yourself, please do get in touch.

Other events coming up to which you are very warmly invited....

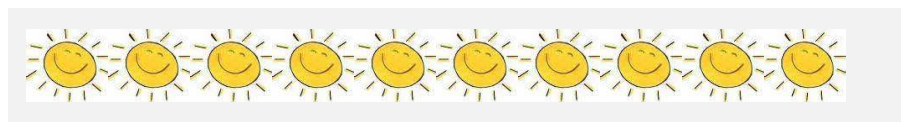
Street Party in Church!

As part of the weekend of national celebrations to celebrate H.M. Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday we are having an afternoon tea, (street party style!) on Sunday, June 12th, starting at 4.00pm. We will finish with a short service of thanks and praise. (The tea will be organised on a "bring and share" basis.)

Picnic in Marbury Park

We are organising a picnic in Marbury Park (weather permitting) on 17th July. We will meet at the picnic tables near the rangers' cabin any time after 11am. Games and fun for the whole family. Bring your own picnic, blanket etc.

And don't forget about 'The BIG Story' after school group for Years 5 & 6, from Wednesday 20th April – Wednesday 25th May. Permission forms must be returned to attend.



PTA News

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to a new term, from your PTA. As you may know your PTA Team (Parent Teacher Association) is a really vital part of the school team - we arrange fundraising events to raise funds for the school and also organise & run events which are fun, sociable and enjoyable for parents, staff and children alike!

Our next big event is:

* School May Fayre - Sat 14th May

Please look out for posters and letters home!

In September this year we will be looking for some new voluntary members - as our current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary are looking to train up some new parents or carers to run these exciting events. Our current Team (Nikki, Carol and Amy) have done sterling work to ensure the events have been run with precision, good humour and have raised some amazing funds for school. With your help we can continue the PTA's success.

So, if you feel you can spare some time in September onwards to fill one of these rewarding voluntary roles, please get in touch with Nikki Townley via our Facebook page (Witton Church Walk PTA) or see the school office.

Thanks again for your continued support

PTA Team, Nikki, Carol & Amy
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Governor News

At our Full Governing Body meeting on 24th March we very much enjoyed welcoming Lystra Landon to her first meeting. We also welcomed the pupils who represent the Eco Committee and Curriculum Committee in school; thank you all for the information you brought to the meeting.

The termly Governor Update will be available on the school website before the end of April; please try to read the update as it keeps you informed of what is happening in school and how the Governors are involved with this.

ParentPay

In order to make payments easier for parents and to reduce the amount of cash held in school, it has been decided that from Monday 18th April there will no longer be a minimum top up for lunch and snack accounts. This means that you can top up your child's account by as much or little as you wish.

Residentials

Please ensure you take advantage of paying for residentials on ParentPay as it spreads the cost over the school year.

REMAINING HOLIDAY DATES 2015/2016

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Spring Break 2016	Friday 1 st April	Monday 18 th April
May Day Weekend 2016	Friday 29 th April	Tuesday 3 rd May
Summer Half-Term 2016	Friday 27 th May	Monday 13 th June
Summer 2016	Wednesday 27 th July	

REMAINING INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – Friday 1st July 2016, Thursday 28th July 2016

HOLIDAY DATES 2016/2017

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2016	Wednesday 27 th July	Wednesday 7 th September
Autumn Half-Term 2016	Friday 28 th October	Tuesday 8 th November
Christmas 2016/2017	Thursday 22 nd December	Monday 9 th January
Spring Half-Term 2017	Friday 17 th February	Monday 27 th February
Spring Break 2017	Friday 31 st March	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Weekend 2017	Friday 28 th April	Tuesday 2 nd May
Summer Half-Term 2017	Friday 26 th May	Tuesday 6 th June
Summer 2017	Tuesday 25 th July	

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total

Monday 5th September 2016, Tuesday 6th September 2016, Monday 7th November 2016,
Friday 23rd December 2016, Monday 5th June 2017

