

## Witton Church Walk Aided Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back after half term. Let's hope that we see more sunshine than we do rain this half term! We have got an action packed half term planned for you, including sport, music, and an art exhibition alongside deepening the children's knowledge across the curriculum.

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### Staffing Changes

We welcome Miss Mottram as our Year 3/4 teacher, she will continue to work with us after half term as a member of our team. Mrs Selby returns on 12<sup>th</sup> March for a transition period, she will return back to class on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We say goodbye to Mrs Hockenhull on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, her laughter and love for music will be missed. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Hockenhull for her hard work and dedication to the children and our school team whilst she has covered Mrs Selby's maternity leave.

We also say goodbye, with a very heavy heart, to Mrs Edwards. Mrs Edwards has only been with us for 18 months but she has made her mark and is such an amazing teaching assistant. Mrs Edwards leaves us at Easter to start a new life in Yorkshire with her husband. They are moving to be near to his family and his new job. I know you will join me in wishing her well. We will cover the role with current staff due to budget cuts from central Government.

### Baby news

Miss Higgins has given birth to a beautiful baby girl called Marcie. Both mother and baby are doing really well and the children and staff got to see Miss Higgins and Marcie just before we broke up. The children were delighted to see Miss Higgins and Marcie.

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## Upcoming Key Events

**March 1 World Book Day**

**March 23 Sports Relief**

**March 26 Easter Bingo**

We have lots more events happening, please see the school app, twitter and our website calendar for all our events.....there are lots.

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## Important Announcement

Reverend Alison has informed us that she and her husband will retire on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Reverend Alison's retirement will leave a huge hole in our school and church community. Since starting her role she has made such positive changes and developed a strong link between our school and St Helen's Church community....a link that we will continue to grow as she leaves us. We have grown so much together and she will be sadly missed by all of us.

Of course we will not let Reverend Alison go quietly, Mrs Osborn are already starting to plan the celebrations for September. We will keep you informed and do hope that many of you will be able to join us to celebrate our wonderful Reverend, wish her and her family well.....and say what will be a very sad good bye.

Please look out for information!

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Mrs Hunter is expecting a baby and we hope for her to stay with us until Whit holiday. This is fabulous news for Mr and Mrs Hunter and we wish her well in her pregnancy.

### **Marriage news**

Miss Boston, our nursery teacher, will be getting married to her fiancé over the Easter break. I know that you will join me in wishing them well as they start their new life together. As we return after the Easter break Miss Boston will be known as Mrs Rudd.

## **More Important News**

### **Science Week**

During the 19<sup>th</sup> March the children will take part in lots of Science activities. The staff have started to plan these investigations and experiments. Throughout the week they will be hypothesing, predicting and testing all sorts of scientific ideas. During the week there will be an opportunity for you, as families, to get involved with homework activities and a Science fair, which you are all invited to. Key Stage One Science fair afternoon will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Key Stage Two Science Fair afternoons will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for Year 3 & 4 and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for Years 5 & 6

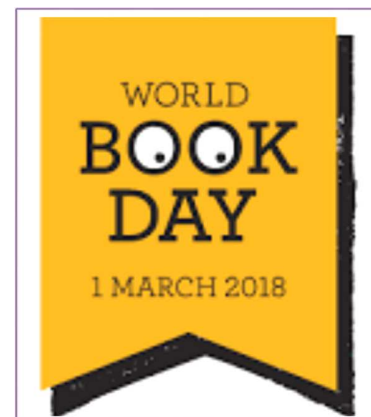
Timings will be finalised with an invitations from your child.

### **Afternoon Tea with the PTA**

During the Science Fair afternoons your PTA will be holding an Afternoon Tea in Mrs Osborn's room. Please pop in and see what your PTA do. Bring your ideas so that our whole school community can come together, have fun and raise some money for what used to be extras but as budget cuts continue from central Government, your funds are providing resources for lessons and essential funds to subsidise educational visits. Together we can do so much, please say hello and support your PTA – your skills and knowledge are vital if we are to grow our PTA and also ensure it continues year on year.

Thank you,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera



## **Change of Date**

### **Dress Down Day for Bingo**

Please note that due to Sports Relief we have changed the dress down day for Easter Bingo to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Please remember to bring in an Easter Egg, Chocolate Bunny or maybe a small Easter gift for our Easter bingo prizes!

### **Sports Relief**

We will be taking part in Sports Relief on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Miss Boston will be sending a letter out to inform you of the activities we will be taking part in during the day.