



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....Paddington Bear and his adventures! Interwoven into these topics we have lots of exciting activities planned e.g. Healthy Schools week, School Sports week, Enterprise for Year 6, Forest Schools, Northwich Sings, All Change Day, Takeover Day for our Year 6 children when they lead the school, sports days, educational day visits for everyone, our Year 2 residential to Beeston and our Year 4 residential to Mount Cook. 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, Instagram and our school website.

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

Healthy Schools week and School Sports week

Miss Higgins 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. 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.

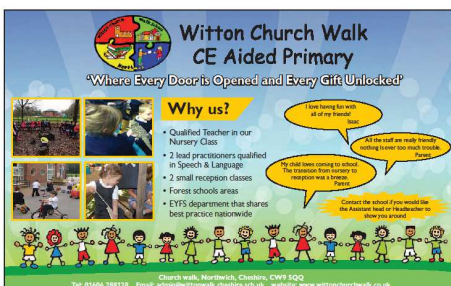
SPORTS DAY DATES:

Nursery – 22nd May 2019

KS1 – AM – 23rd May 2019

KS2 – PM – 23rd May 2019

Let's hope the weather is good for us!



School Places and Nursery Places – Rising 3 paid places

Please let parents know that we are now taking 45 pupils in Reception, 5 additional places. We hope that our school will grow to enable us to maintain this structure and continue to see our children thrive, our school succeed and continue to

be a school for the future delivering 'Everyday Excellence'. If you have any questions about places for children in Nursery or Reception please pop in and ask me and I will endeavor to answer them.

We are taking Rising 3s in our Nursery for 5 mornings, (places are limited and will go quick) – please pop in to the office for more details or an application form.



Staff News

We welcome Mr Wilson to our Nursery this term; he will continue to work with us this term as a member of our teaching team. Mr Wilson will cover Mrs Ridd's maternity leave until the end of the summer term.

Mrs Ridd gave birth to a beautiful baby boy called George. Both mother and baby are doing really well and the children and staff will be meeting George very soon.

We will be saying goodbye, with a very heavy heart, to Mrs Puffer at the end of term. Mrs Puffer has been with us for 7 years! She has made her mark and is such an amazing teaching assistant and teacher. Mrs Puffer leaves us at the end of the summer term to start a new life in Leicestershire with her partner as they move to be nearer his family. I know you will join me in wishing her well. She has been with us throughout our journey from 'Notice to Improve' to two consistently 'Good' Ofsted's. I personally would like to thank her for her dedication to the children, the staff and the school community.



PTA News

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize for the Easter Bingo – always a popular event in our fundraising calendar. Without your support and involvement, these fun events could not take place.

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre this year will be held on Saturday 29th June 2019, 11.00am – 2.00pm. The theme this year will be based around 'Afternoon Tea'.

I know the PTA and staff are busy planning lots of fun activities for you all so please do come along. More details will be available after the May half term break.

You can always find out more information from the PTA and the events they run to help raise vital funds for school via their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/wittonchurchwalkpta/>

Upcoming Curriculum Linked Trips/Activities & Whole School Activities up to May half term break

DATE	YEAR GROUP	ACTIVITY
23.04.2019	WHOLE SCHOOL	ST GEORGES DAY LUNCH
25.04.2019	WHOLE SCHOOL	'USE YOUR HEAD DAY' – CAKE SALE AT BREAK TIME
25.04.2019	YEAR 1	MARBURY PARK VISIT
16.05.2019	WHOLE SCHOOL	PADDINGTON PICNIC LUNCH
22.05.2019	YEAR 3 & 4	CHESTER VISIT – DEWA ROMAN EXPERIENCE
22.05.2019	YEAR 5 & 6	QUARRY BANK MILL VISIT – WORKHOUSE EXPERIENCE

Instagram



You may have noticed that we now have an Instagram page – please follow and share our page. If you have any family members or friends who are choosing schools or a nursery for their child please ask them to follow us on Instagram – wittoncwschool – and Twitter -

@witton_walkce – so they can see all the exciting learning opportunities at our school. If they would like to view our school, please ask them to call 0160 288128 and I will be happy to show them around.



SAT's preparation – Year 2 and Year 6 parents

YEAR 2

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Most pupils won't know they are taking them as teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom practice.

Subject

English reading

Test paper

2 papers: short text and questions;
longer text with separate questions

Mathematics

2 papers: arithmetic; mathematical
reasoning

YEAR 6

May I request that parents watch the DfE information video on the school twitter account and please ensure you read the SAT's letter from Mrs Parr.

Further information.

Teachers will make sure all pupils in their class are prepared for the tests and there's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child. You should just follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's learning throughout the year.

If you want any further information about the tests or assessments, or have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

You can see examples of the tests your child will take at

www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials

More details about the tests can also be found at www.gov.uk/STA.

ECO FRIENDLY – SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT WHILST SAVING SCHOOL FUNDS!

As you will know, we now use ParentMail to communicate with parents and carers. This has proved to be really useful as we now have the option to contact you by email as well as text.

Going forward we will no longer be sending home paper copies of newsletters or letters for trips, activities etc as we will be sending this information by email. Paper copies will always be available from the school office if required but please look out for correspondence from school via email. If you don't have your email listed on our school records, please come to the school office to fill out a short form and we can update your records so that you are kept fully informed.

Notifications will show on Twitter and OurSchoolsApp when there will be a letter coming to you via email so that nothing is missed. You can always contact the school office via email – admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk – if you need to.



Drop off and Pick up

Please may I remind parents that school starts PROMPTLY at 8.50am. We have decreased our lates dramatically after the register has closed however we are struggling to make improvements on our lates before the register has closed. Let's work together to decrease these lates.

The end of the school day pick up seems to be getting later and later for some children. This is to remind parents that school finishes at 3.15pm. Any child still waiting at 3.25pm will be taken to the office with a senior leader and parents will pick up their child from there.

Tea and Tots, Mondays, 9.00am – 11.00am

Our mother and tots group is thriving, growing week on week.

We meet weekly in the hall as as the space is there for all of the exciting and messy activities which Miss Dayne and Mrs Martin plan for our young visitors.

Please encourage any friends to join our group!



By using this method we also hope that parents make payments to school via ParentPay wherever possible. If you need a ParentPay login I can arrange for this to be sent to you via email too.

Please call in at the school office if you need any further information.

ParentPay - <https://www.parentpay.com/>

OurSchoolsApp – Look for OurSchoolsApp on Google Play or iTunes

Parentmail - Look for Parentmail on Google Play or iTunes

REMAINING HOLIDAY DATES 2018/2019

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Easter 2019	Thursday 18 th April	Tuesday 23 rd April
May Day Weekend 2019	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
Summer Half-Term 2019	Friday 24 th May	Tuesday 4 th June
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 th July	

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – Monday 3rd June 2019, Monday 24th June 2019

HOLIDAY DATES 2019/2020

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 th July	Wednesday 4 th September
Autumn Half-Term 2019	Friday 25 th October	Tuesday 5 th November
Christmas 2019/2020	Friday 20 th December	Monday 6 th January
Spring Half-Term 2020	Friday 14 th February	Monday 24 th February
Spring Break 2020	Friday 3 rd April	Monday 20 th April
May Day Weekend 2020	Friday 1 st May	Tuesday 5 th May
Summer Half-Term 2020	Friday 22 nd May	Tuesday 2 nd June
Summer 2020	Friday 17 th July	

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total Monday 2nd September 2019, Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Monday 4th November 2019, Monday 1st June 2020, Monday 20th July 2020

Reminder - This year my attendance officer will be putting our policy in to practice and following our very clear protocol for any attendance that dips below 96% consistently, the child is absent on the same day each week and where medical evidence is not provided. The protocol offers many opportunities for supporting parents and ensuring all our children access the education that they are entitled to. Where the protocols are not adhered to by families and attendance continues to dip a fixed penalty notice will be issued.

Please take some time to read our 'Attendance Policy' which is on the website, this explains our requirements for attendance and also explains that holidays will NOT be authorised in term time.

