



AUTUMN TERM 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to another vibrant and exciting year at Witton Church Walk. A year which has seen our school name changed to include our very special nursery provision. The school will now be registered as –

Witton Church Walk CofE Aided Nursery and Primary School

Our new signs will be up shortly, one at the front of school to replace the current one and a new one placed at the back of school – these signs will advertise our new name and make our community aware of the nursery provision which is available at our school. Please share this with your friends and spread the news of the excellent provision and start to each child gets in our nursery provision. New families are welcome to contact school and I will happily show them around and welcome them into our school.

As you know our nursery provision is a special place for children to begin their learning journey and Miss Higgins and her team are extremely excited about welcoming new children and families. In the Autumn term Miss Higgins will be our nursery teacher Wednesday to Friday and when Mrs Ridd returns from her maternity leave in January she will be the teacher Monday to Wednesday. Our well qualified, exceptional teaching assistants Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Wilkes will continue to support both Miss Higgins and Mrs Ridd each day.

I do hope that your children have had the opportunity to rest and have now fully re-charged those batteries and have come back invigorated to learn. It seems only yesterday that I was saying this in my newsletter last Autumn! I am looking forward to welcoming all our families back to school and continuing each child's learning journey with them. I know you will also join me in welcoming our new families to school.

Please take some time to read this newsletter and check our website for those all-important diary dates so you can add them to your family calendar at home. The website diary will be updated regularly as will our School App, Instagram, Twitter and our new Facebook page. Please remember that our social media sites are for information and celebration only as per our social media policy.

Thank you and as always please pop in to make an appointment if you have any concerns to discuss or you would like to compliment your child's school and what we do.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera , Head Teacher





Time Keeping and Attendance

Last year I wrote to you as 2017/18 was the first time since I became head teacher that our attendance was below 96%. With your support 2018/19 saw our attendance come back to just 96%, I do hope that with your continued support throughout this school year we can again be 96% by the end of the school year!



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Over the year our attendance officer, Mrs Bannister, has put our new policy in to practice and followed our very clear protocol for any attendance that dips below 96% consistently e.g. your child is absent on the same day each week and where medical evidence is not provided. The policy offers many opportunities for supporting parents and ensuring all our children access the education that they are entitled to and I would like to thank those families who have worked with us or asked for support, putting their children's education as a priority. Where the policy is not adhered to by families, they chose not to work with us in partnership and attendance continues to dip a fixed penalty notice will be issued, as a final outcome.

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.

Lates have continued to decrease last school year and we had six weeks at the end of last term where we had no unauthorised attendance due to lates – thank you so much for working in partnership with us. I hope to see this continue throughout this school year.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

0 school days off per year	100%	PERFECTION!
4 school days off per year	98%	Very impressive
7 school days off per year	96%	Good
9 school days off per year	95%	Almost there
11 school days off per year	94%	Needs to improve
1 month off per year	90%	Concerns
2 months off per year	80%	Serious concern





Family Breakfast

As you know we held family breakfasts each morning of healthy schools week. These were a huge success and it was such a fabulous feeling being part of these mornings, welcoming all our families from throughout school to chat, have fun and live out our vision each morning before school starts.....'Love thy neighbour as yourself' Matthew 22:39. We are looking forward to welcoming families each Wednesday morning prior to our worship. I will be sending out a letter very soon with further details and starting date and timings. I do hope that many of you choose to join us and then maybe walk to church with us or stay in our hall and join us for worship in school led by our Reverend.



Breakfast Club, snack time & school lunches

From 1st September a school lunch cost will remain at £2.30 per day. Can you please ensure your child's lunch and snack account are kept in credit as it is unfair on the staff in the kitchen and your child when they are turned away because they already owe money. A copy of the new term's menu can be found at the end of this newsletter.

If your child comes to our breakfast club at 8.20am then you need to pay the new £2 charge on ParentPay, where your child's attendance is logged daily. Any purchases made will come directly from your child's snack balance on ParentPay.



Snacks are for children from Year 1 to Year 6, all Key Stage One and Reception pupils get free fruit and milk so please do not feel they need to purchase snack at break time. Water is available freely all day and you are welcome to send in a **HEALTHY** snack with your child for break from home.

Please remember juice and flavoured water are **ONLY** allowed with children's lunches as part of a balanced lunch and **NOT** as a drink for during the day – you may send a bottle of still water in with your child which they can fill up throughout the day if required.





Curriculum

Throughout this year we will be studying themes as a whole school. As in previous years this Autumn term our theme will be based on high quality literature and art. The themes are as follows

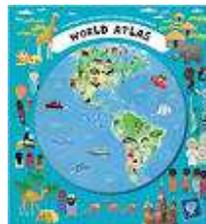
Autumn Term – Where My Wellies Take Me....



Spring Term – A day in the life of.....



Summer Term – A Voyage of Discovery



This term we will be using our feet to take us on our learning journey. Wellington boots are the order of the day.....where will they take our learning and who will we share it with?

New Families

May I take this opportunity to welcome all our new families in to Reception and Nursery. This is an exciting time for any child starting school but I always believe that it is more difficult for the parents. The children generally skip through the doors quite happily whilst we have many parents not wanting to leave the window!

We have many children starting our school who are already familiar to school as they came to our nursery or they already have siblings in our school, may I ask that whilst we warmly welcome these children we make a special welcome to our new families and try to get them involved as much as we can in our PTA, conversation in the playground and many other school activities we may be holding.

NEW STAFF

Mr Callum Willson– Teacher Year 5/6

Mrs J Quinn – Nursery Assistant





Payments into school for educational visit, Pantomime and residentials

We would like to reiterate that wherever possible, any payments made to school are made via ParentPay. If you need help with your log in details, please contact the school office. Please ensure that all outstanding payment for previous educational visits and residentials are cleared before the first Friday of this term – Friday 8th September 2018.

Due to non-payments, last year our new policy was introduced and any payments for the pantomime visit and residentials **MUST** be paid for **BEFORE** the day of the visits. If payments are not received your child will be unable to attend. Reminders via letter and text messages will be sent out as per our policy, a record of these are kept. If you have concerns regarding payments then please contact the office as soon as the letter goes out to speak with Mrs Foulkes or myself and we can agree a way forward.

We will continue to request voluntary contributions for educational day visits but if enough payments are not collected then the trip will be unable to go ahead. All visits are subsidised by school but as budgets get cut further this subsidy will become less and less. We are extremely grateful to our PTA for the funds they offer which ensures the majority of our coach expenses are covered for everyone.

The following payments are now online so that you can pay small amounts weekly or monthly as it suits you –

Menai – Year 6 – November 2019, this has been on for a number of months

Pantomime – Whole School, Reception to Year 6 – 12th December 2019

Residential – Y4 – 25th March 2010, this has been on for a number of months

Beeston – Y2 – 12th May 2020 – price not available yet but no more than £80

The cost of all these upcoming events/residentials are on ParentPay.

Reminders on uniform

Please see our school website for our uniform lists. I would just like to remind parents of the following –

- Only small studs are allowed in ears, no necklaces or bracelets.
- Your child may wear a watch - this watch must not be able to access the internet.
- **Black shoes** with socks or tights.
- Any coloured sandals, in the warmer weather, may be worn but socks must be worn.
- Leather close fitting boots may be worn in winter but if your child come to school in UGG boots or wellington then they must change into their school shoes on entering school.
- **No** nail varnish.





- Hair **must** be tied back off the face
- Your child must have a coat in school as the weather turns colder, if they do not have a coat they will not be able to go outside at break times.

Please remember that if your child brings a phone to school it must be placed in the office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the school day.

Please look out for our Facebook page.

If you have any other ideas that you feel will aid communication please email Mrs Foulkes on our admin email admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk and she will forward them to me. Any ideas will be much appreciated.

New Reverend at St Helens

As you know we said goodbye to Reverend Alison this time last year. At the end of the summer term I was kindly invited by St Helen's PCC to meet the applicants hoping to be successful in becoming our new Reverend. Over the summer break I was informed of who the successful candidate was. I am pleased to let you know that the new Incumbent at St Helens is Reverend Andrew Ridley. The Induction service will take place on 24th November and I do hope that many of you will be able to join me in welcoming Andrew and his family into our school community. We hope to share our special school with Reverend Andrew....it is one where God's love is daily lived out; where every child is valued, cared for and given the opportunities they need to thrive; where *every door is open and every gift unlocked*.

PTA News

The Witton Church Walk PTA (Parent Teacher Association) would like to welcome all Parents, Carers and Pupils a warm welcome and return to a new term at School. We would also like to extend our thanks for all of your support last term - all of the funds go back into the school and provide our pupils with extra equipment and support. A huge Thank-you!



We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead with many events planned - so keep a look out in the school calendar for these events. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us at our PTA Annual General Meeting which will be at school on Tuesday 10th September at 5.30pm in the school hall - come along to find out more about the PTA and contribute your ideas.

We look forward to seeing you all soon - please follow our page on Facebook for the latest PTA news - search for Witton Church Walk PTA.

PTA Team





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
VE Day Bank Holiday 2020	Thursday 7 th May	Monday 11 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



AVAILABLE EVERY DAY...

Bread

freshly baked on site daily

Daily salad selection

where you'll see a selection of salad items available daily

Jacket potatoes & toppings

available where advertised

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All our menu items are carefully analysed to ensure they meet our high nutritional standards. The School Food Standards are being fully adopted and we hope you will enjoy our new menu.

Where you would be subject to a special charge, please check your child's section for any applicable charges.

Vegetarian option

Oily Fish

Marine Stewardship Council details
www.msc.org
 Chain of Custody Registration Code
 MMS-5671 009

FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY
<p>MSC Fish Fingers / Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Cheese & Onion Quiche with Chips Sautéed Beans & Peas Fruit & Yoghurt Station</p> <p>COOKIE</p>	<p>Chickpea Arrabbiata Pasta Shepherd's Pie with Gravy Roasted Mixed Vegetables Apple Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>Chickpea Taghina with Rice Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Sautéed & Baked Potatoes Eve's Pudding with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p> <p>MSC Fish Fingers with Chips Tuna Pudding & Cheese Frittata Baked Beans & Peas Fruit & Yoghurt Station</p> <p>COOKIE</p>	<p>Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Broccoli Oaty Cookies Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p> <p>Roast (as advertised) with Roasted New Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Filler with Roasted New Potatoes & Gravy Carrotage & Carrots Apple Playback Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>Roast (as advertised) with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Fresh mixed seasonal vegetables Apple, Cheese & Biscuits Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>Beef Taggane with Garlic Bread Baked Cauliflower Curry with Rice Tomato & Onion Salad, Chicken Straws Chocolate & Mandarina Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Macaroni Cheese Fresh Baked Chicken with 50/50 Rice Green Beans & Carrots Carrot & Courgette Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>Roast Pie with Gravy Vegetarian Spag. Spaghetti Bolognese Peas & Carrots Chocolate Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p> <p>Chicken, Lentil & Gravy Pie with Mashed Potato Topping Creamy Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato & Gravy Broccoli, & Asparagus Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Pork Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges Quorn Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Cauliflower Orange Dietetic Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Platter</p> <p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes Vegetable Tagine with Couscous Peppers & Green Beans Wholemeal Pear Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>Spaghetti Bolognese Quorn Burger with New Potatoes Peas & Carrots Banana Loaf with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit Salad</p> <p>16 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov 25 Nov, 18 Dec</p>
<p>2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct 11 Nov, 2 Dec</p>	<p>9 Sept, 30 Sept, 21 Oct 19 Nov, 9 Dec</p>	<p>23 Sept, 14 Oct, 4 Nov 25 Nov, 18 Dec</p>	<p>16 Sept, 7 Oct, 4 Nov 25 Nov, 18 Dec</p>	<p>23 Sept, 14 Oct, 4 Nov 25 Nov, 18 Dec</p>

