# Witton Church Walk Aided CofE Nursery & Primary School

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final term of this school year. Is has been so lovely having everyone back at our school and seeing the children with their friends and staff. 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, Facebook and our school website.

I hope the weather is kind to us this term.....but maybe not as hot as last Summer term?! Mrs. Magiera

# School Places and Nursery Places – Rising 3 paid places

Please let parents know that we are able to take 40 children in Reception for our new intake in 2023.

We are currently full in our nursery at the beginning of the week and we currently have no 'Rising 3' places available. We only have very limited places at the end of the week.

As the majority of these children will move to Reception in September we will have spaces available then, if you or your friends would like to secure a place in our nursery for September or a Rising 3 place for September please do call the office and we will give you an application form.

If you have any questions about places for children in Nursery or Reception (or in any year group across school) please pop in and ask in our office and the staff will endeavor to answer them, we will also be happy to show you or your friends around our beautiful school.



# Healthy Schools Week – mentally and physically Healthy

Miss Clark and Year 6 children will be putting together an exciting plan for our busy week.

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. Lots of these activities will be outside in the fresh air surrounded by nature. They will take place from Monday 17th July – Wednesday 19th July 2023.

#### SPORTS DAY DATES:

Nursery - 28th June 2023

Reception and KS1 – AM – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

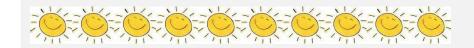
KS2 - PM - 29th June 2023

Let's hope the weather is good for us! If these are rained off, I am sorry but we are unable to rearrange them.

#### Coronation Celebrations -

Please look out for a flyer which has been sent home with all the details, activities and clothing that will be needed each day. Even got celebratory ice creams...but sshhhh don't tell the children.

Reception – Graduation – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 9am



# **Staff News**

Miss Mottram's class have had a separate letter but I think it is important that all our families receive this information as we are close knit school family who care about one another and support when and where we can with kindness and love.

As we broke up Miss Mottram was diagnosed with bowel cancer. The doctors have been amazing and she was immediately in on the Monday of our holidays to have it taken out. The doctors are extremely confident that they have taken it all away, that the operation was successful and Miss Mottram will make a full recovery. Miss Mottram will return to school within 4-6 weeks.

Her class will be very well look after in her absence by the year 3/4 team during the first week back and then we have secured a supply teacher until the Whit break who will work closely with the team. Her name is Mrs Sarah Ozturk, who comes highly recommended. She will come in on Monday to meet the class and team so she will have time to prepare and be ready for your wonderful children. I will explain to the children today where Miss Mottram is and why she isn't in school, the words I use will be sensitive to the age of your children.



# **PTA News**

Thank you to everyone for their recent support and for all the fundraising we have been doing for charities. We have been overwhelmed with our families support.

We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support at the Easter Bingo, it was such a delight to welcome everyone back in school again and be together as a community. We had a wonderful evening and can't wait to work together again to have our Summer Fayre. Thank you.

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/

Thank you for your understanding and if you would like us to drop any cards off or pass on any kind words please pop them in the office and I will ensure she receives them. I know that you will join my staff and I sending her love and letting her know we miss her and can't wait to have her back.

#### **Church Links**

We have thoroughly enjoyed our services this year each Wednesday at St Helens, our church. We would like to thank you all for joining us and sharing in these services with us. We will continue with these services in church each Wednesday with Vicar Andrew and Graham leading them. Please so come and join us for these services. You are most welcome.

# **EXCITING NEWS - Celebration worship on Fridays!**

I am extremely excited to let you know that we are bringing back Celebration Worship to a Friday morning at 9am. You are ALL welcome to join us again......I can't express how much we have all been waiting for this and trying to organise it.....we have finally done it.

So, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April will be the first Celebration worship at 9am this term and it will be the same day and time each week after that unless you receive a text to say otherwise. If your child has ben chosen for 'Star of the Week' then you will receive a text before 10am on Thursday morning to let you know. Please DO NOT tell your child as it will be a surprise. You are most welcome to join us to celebrate your child and share in their joy as they get up and receive their badge and sticker in front of the school. We also celebrate our first and last birthday during this worship so any child turning 5 or 11, reading certificates and certificates from activities they do at home. Anyone is welcome to join us for this worship, all we ask is that you come to the entrance, sign in, appreciate the music and quiet reflective time as the children enter worship and stay until the end so as not to disturb the service.....oh and sing but especially join in with the actions! We can't wait to welcome you to this worship.



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Please remember 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 as we did during lockdown. Paper copies will always be available from the school office if required but please look out for correspondence from school via School Spider. 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, Instagram, Facebook and School Spider, emails are also sent regularly and the website calendar is updated so that nothing is missed. You can always contact the school office via email – <a href="mailto:admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk</a> – if you need to.

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

# **REMAINING HOLIDAY DATES 2022/23**

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer Half-Term 2023 Whit holiday	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer 2023	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm	Monday 4th September – INSET DAY Tuesday 5th September Year 1 – Year 6 start school WB – 7th September will be a staggered start for our Reception children, information will be shared by Mrs Selby during Intake evening.

Coronation Bank Holiday - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – Thursday 21th July and Friday 21sy July 2023

#### HOLIDAY DATES 2023/24 HOLIDAY DATES 2023/2024

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Autumn Half-Term 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Break 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Weekend 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	

# **INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024



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**Reminder -** As you know our attendance officer has been putting our policy in to practice and following our very clear protocol for any attendance that dips below 97% 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 and fines will be issued.

# Dates for the Diary!

Date	What is happening?	Who for?	
17 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Lessons – Brio Northwich	Miss Clark's class	
18 <sup>th</sup> April	E-Safety workshop at Rudheath	Year 6	
	Senior Academy		
24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability	12 KS2 pupils – now closed	
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening	Year 1 – Year 6	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Celebration Assembly	Everyone welcome	
28 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Tuck Shop	After school	
1st May	SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY		
w/b 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Coronation Celebration activities all week	Whole School	
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	iSing PopWorkshop	Whole School	
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Dessert 'Bake Off'	Whole School	
5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Community Picnic	Whole school	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED – KINGS CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY		
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Spelling and Grammar test	Year 6	
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading test	Year 6	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths 1/2 and Arithmetic test	Year 6	
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths 3 test	Year 6	
w/b 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 1 SAT's	Year 2	
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Transition meeting – Leftwich High School	Year 6	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents evening	Nursery	
24th May	Chester City visit	Year 3 & Year 4	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Ethos Conference	Whole School	
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for summer half term break at 3.20pm PTA Tuck Shop after school		
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Knowsley Safari Park visit	Reception	
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 phonics tests to be administered first two weeks	Year 1 children	
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Intake Evening	New Reception 2023 families	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Virtual Author event	Year 5 & Year 6	



15 <sup>th</sup> June	AmaSing Drumming Workshop	Whole school
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Northwich Sings	Year 5
24 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre	
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Musical Performance – Rudheath Senior Academy	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day	AM & PM
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Reception, KS1 & KS2	Reception & KS1 – AM KS2 - PM
30 <sup>th</sup> June	All Change Day	Reception to Year 5
30 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Tuck Shop	After School
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Great British Pea Challenge	Whole School
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 High School Transition	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Rudheath Senior 6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Leftwich High School
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Key Stage 2 parents meeting	Year 2 parents
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Graduation followed by Year 1 transition meeting	Reception parents
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Tattenhall residential	Year 2
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Chester Cathedral – just school	Year 6
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Takeover Day	Year 6
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 disco/prom	Year 6 children and families
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports emailed home	Whole School
14 <sup>th</sup> July	All children's items to be taken home	Whole School
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Waterfight	Year 6 & teachers
14 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Tuck Shop	After School
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellbeing festival led by Year 6	Whole School
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service in church	1.30pm Whole School
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Day of term – school closes at 1.30pm	Whole School