



Witham St Hughs Academy  
A L.E.A.D. Academy

# Witham News

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## Headteacher Comments

Welcome to the final school term of the academic year!

First of all, a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Jubilee gathering on the final day of last term. It was amazing to see such amazing support for our children and finally be able to all be together.

The children had such a wonderful and memorable day and we hope that you enjoyed the Community Council speaking about the Jubilee, the children singing God Save the Queen and the incredible marching band! Thank you to all staff involved to ensure that the children will always have fond memories of such a fantastic event.

There is so much to look forward to this term, including our various Sports Days, the Y5/6 production and many different visits for our children. We are also really excited about welcoming our new Reception children into school and they will be having some Stay and Play sessions later this term to start to get used to school.

Thank you for your continued support and if you do have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Richard Stock

*Headteacher, Witham St Hughs Academy*

## Office Opening Hours

**Monday — Thursday**

8.15am—4.15pm

**Friday**

8.15am—4.00pm

## School Sport

This term, we are very excited about the development of sport in school as we are currently in the process of recruiting a full time Sports Leader who will start at Witham St Hughs Academy in September 2022.

Ensuring that children recognize the importance of being healthy and active is so important, as well as considering mental well-being. Sport can also be so powerful and is something we must all embrace.

We hope to be able to create even more sporting opportunities for our children and we will keep you up to date with this next year.





## Lost Property

At the end of last term, we had collected an enormous amount of lost property in school—ranging from school shoes to new coats.

Most of this has been organised but to avoid the end of the summer term being the same please can you ensure that any items of clothing are named, especially as children are taking jumpers and cardigans off now it is the summer months. Thank you!

## Jubilee Day



Just to say thank you to the **Parish Council** for donating our wonderful Jubilee mugs. The children and staff are so lucky to have been presented with these and should be treasured for many years to come!

In addition to this, we would like to say thank you to our **PTFA** for donating the Witham St Hughs Academy Jubilee badges. Again, they should be really well looked after for many years to come!

## School Uniform

Please ensure that despite the warm weather children continue to wear the appropriate uniform including the correct footwear.

Please could you also ensure that children have a separate pair of trainers in school for PE and ensure PE kits are in school from Monday to Friday.

## Parent Governor

We are delighted to inform you all that Thomas Miller has received the most votes following the ballot process and will be joining the Academy Governing Body.

All candidates received such amazing support and we had over 240 responses in total which is an absolutely incredible response from our community.

Thank you so much for supporting us with this and the Academy Governing Body look forward to welcoming Thomas Miller to the team.



## Transition in school

As we approach the end of this academic year, we recognise the importance of making sure that our transition arrangements support our children with the various changes.

Transition is such an important process and over the coming weeks there will be various pieces of information distributed explaining how we are supporting this across our Academy.

Already, members of our teaching team have visited our local nurseries to meet some of our new Reception starters and our Y6 children are being visited by our various secondary schools.



## Diary dates

### **June 2022**

<i>Friday 17th June</i>	<i>Halle Orchestra visit for some Gifted and Talented musicians</i>
<i>Monday 20th June</i>	<i>RAF STEM day for Y4/5/6</i>
<i>Thursday 30th June</i>	<i>Y2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park</i>

### **July 2022**

<i>Monday 4th July</i>	<i>Y5/6 Sports Day at 9.30am</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th July</i>	<i>R/Y1/2 Sports Day at 9.30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 6th July</i>	<i>Y3/4 Sports Day at 9.30am</i>
<i>Wednesday 13th July</i>	<i>Transition day—teacher meet</i>
<i>Friday 15th July</i>	<i>Y1 visit to Mablethorpe and the Seal Sanctuary</i>
<i>Monday 18th July</i>	<i>Y5/6 Production</i>
<i>Tuesday 19th July</i>	<i>Y5/6 Production</i>
<i>Friday 22nd July</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers event—TBC</i> <i>Term six ends at 2.00pm</i>



We are now approaching the final few weeks of our academic year and the children will be experiencing a busy time with transition arrangements. They will be getting ready to meet new staff and work in new environments with a new group of peers. To support children through this time the staff have detailed transition visit plans in place.

## HEALTHY MINDS INFORMATION DROP IN SESSION



After the success of our first workshop, Healthy Minds Lincolnshire are running another drop-in session for parents and carers on **Wednesday 6th July from 2.30pm—3.15pm** in the school hall. Members of the Healthy Minds team will be available to talk to, alongside Mrs Dexter and the school team, and will bring a range of resources and information to share.

This time, the session will focus on providing strategies and tools that parents/carers can use within the home to support their child as part of their upcoming transition. They will provide resources to manage the changes that the children may face in the coming weeks. It is also an opportunity to talk together as parents/carers.

Tea and biscuits will be available. We look forward to seeing you.

### Pastoral Support

Ms Ford and the pastoral team continue to work hard to support those children who may need additional support. Ms Ford has dedicated time at the start and end of each day to talk to children about how they are feeling.

These sessions will take place in the nurture room at school and are led by Ms Ford on an individual or small group basis. Please do let us know if your child needs support.

### Who to contact?

Remember that we are always here to support you and Michelle Dexter our distinct groups leader contacts many parents regularly to make sure everything is going well.

Her email address is [michelle.dexter@withamsthughs.org](mailto:michelle.dexter@withamsthughs.org)

If you think that you need further support then do not hesitate to contact school on: 01522 869590 or [enquiries@withamsthughs.org](mailto:enquiries@withamsthughs.org)

### Useful Numbers

Child Line: 0800 1111

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553 275

Samaritans: 01522 528 282

Family Services: 0800 195 1635

Women's Aid: 0808 2000 247