



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

# Witham News

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## Headteacher Comments

Welcome to the summer term!

Already, it has been an extremely busy term for the children but we are all so excited about being able to have a rich variety of face to face events once again.

We are looking forward to our Jubilee Day, our Sports Week, the Y5/6 production, as well as other year group activities.

This week has been the KS1 SATs week and the staff are so incredibly proud of the children who have been absolutely superb. They have approached them with such maturity and enthusiasm and thank you for your amazing support and encouragement. Next week, it is the turn of our Y6 children as the KS2 SATs begin on Monday 9th May.

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 Singing

Just to say well done to all of the children who have been taking part in our new singing group this term.

The children have been learning how to warm up their voices as well as singing two part harmony.

We are very fortunate that our singing teacher, Miss Sharp, is leading singing and later this term she will be looking for new aspiring singers to join the group!

We are also delighted that the children have been wearing their new singing badges with so much pride. Well done everyone!





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WITHAM ST HUGHS  
ACADEMY PTFA

## PTFA

Now that we are able to meet face to face and can plan events, we are resuming our PTFA activities.

A small group of parents and staff runs the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association from the Academy. Throughout the year, we get together for regular meetings to organise fun events in order to bring the school community together and raise funds to purchase additional equipment and activities that will benefit the children.

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to join our friendly committee, it's a great way to meet other people and get involved with the school community. Equally, if you don't necessarily want to join the committee, but are happy to help out at specific events then we would really appreciate an extra pair of hands! If you are interested in helping out or joining the committee then please speak to Elaine Marshall or Lorraine Hensman or contact us by e-mail at [wshptfa@gmail.com](mailto:wshptfa@gmail.com).

Please look out for our termly newsletters giving details of future events and where the money raised is being spent.

## Staffing

As we move through the summer term, may we take the opportunity to update you with some staffing changes.

**Mrs Thwaites** will be leaving at the end of the summer term for her next adventure in teaching. Her commitment and dedication to our children over the years cannot be faulted and she will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all of the very best with her next chapter.

In other news, we are delighted to inform you all that **Mrs Alder** is expecting her first child in the autumn term. As you can imagine, she is so excited and I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best when she takes her maternity leave.

We are currently in the process of recruiting some new members to our team and we are very excited that we have appointed two new class teachers. **Miss Miller** will be joining our KS1 team and **Miss Pike** will be joining our KS2 team. Both are very much looking forward to joining our team and cannot wait to get started.



## 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 more likely to be taking jumpers off during the summer months. Thank you!

## Jubilee Day

On Thursday 26th May, we are celebrating the Jubilee in school. Further information will follow very shortly so please read this carefully.



## Reminders about dates

Just to let you know that:

- **Y6 SATs** week will take place during the week beginning Monday 9th May 2022

As previously mentioned, it is vitally important that your child attends school during this time unless of course your child is ill. The children have all worked so incredibly hard already this year and we are all so proud of all of you.

If you have any further questions about SATs then please ask your class teacher.

## Parent Governor Ballot

Next week, we will be writing to all parents to allow you to vote for your new parent governor.

We have some excellent candidates with a range of skills so we cannot wait for one of them to join our Academy Governing Body.

Please look out for this and cast your vote!



## Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is all about developing our own understanding of the importance of positive mental well-being.

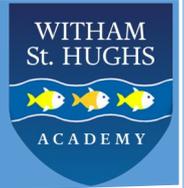
During the week, children will have the opportunity to develop their own understanding of mental well-being and try some new experiences.



Mental Health  
Awareness Week

9 - 15 May 2022





## Diary dates

### **May 2022**

Monday 9th May	<b>Y6 SATs week begins</b>
Thursday 19th May	<b>Y4 sleepover</b>
Friday 20th May	<b>Y6 photographs</b>
Thursday 26th May	<b>Jubilee Day Term five ends</b>

### **June 2022**

Monday 6th June	<b>Term six starts Y1 phonics screening</b>
Monday 4th July	<b>Sports Week TBC</b>
Monday 18th July	<b>Y5/6 Production</b>
Tuesday 19th July	<b>Y5/6 Production</b>
Friday 22nd July	<b>Term six ends at 2.00pm</b>



Welcome to the Witham Well-Being update. This month we are very fortunate to be able to welcome Healthy Minds into school. Many of you may have heard of the service and indeed had some materials shared with you from school. The children often work with Ms Ford with these resources in school and we would like to invite parents and carers to find out more.

## HEALTHY MINDS INFORMATION DROP IN SESSION



Healthy Minds Lincolnshire are running a drop-in session for parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th May from 2.15pm—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.

The session will provide strategies and tools that parents/carers can use within the home to support their child to develop positive emotional wellbeing and to answer any questions that you may have. 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 new nurture room at school and are led by Ms Ford on an individual or small group basis.

### **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

### **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)