



Witham St Hughs Academy
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Witham News

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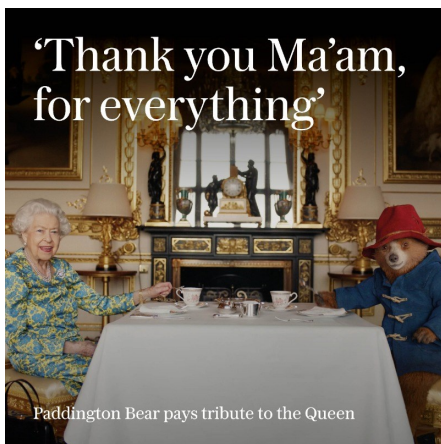
Headteacher Comments

Welcome to the Autumn term everyone and I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and managed to have some quality family time. Your children have made us all so proud this week because they have returned to school so well with a spring in their steps and such eagerness to learn. Thank you to everyone for supporting them at the start of term!

I was not expecting to write this on the first newsletter of the year but following the devastating news about the Queen last night, I would like to pay my respects to a truly remarkable lady. For all of us, she has been the shining light of our lives and the one real consistent person who regardless of the circumstances, shone positivity, hope and resilience.

She was such a selfless, humble and inspiring person but ultimately an incredible Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. The impact and significance she has had on our lives has been truly amazing and the sense of emptiness she leaves us all feeling is overwhelming and heartbreaking.

Please all take a moment to reflect and remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as we remember her for her outstanding values, dedication and devotion.



As always, 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.

Enjoy the next few weeks of term everyone.

Kind regards,

Richard Stock

Headteacher, Witham St Hughs Academy

Office Opening Hours

Monday — Thursday

8.15am—4.15pm

Friday

8.15am—4.00pm

Enrichment offer

Please be reminded that our enrichment offer is now live and you can book for clubs.

We have worked so hard on ensuring that we have a variety of clubs on offer and already many clubs are full—which is great!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this offer.





Welcome meetings

In order for teaching staff to share some key messages at the beginning of the year, we are inviting parents and carers to a short 'Welcome to Year ...' meeting.

This will outline the key expectations of your child's new year group, answer some frequently asked questions and share some key information about events taking place throughout the year .

Welcome to Reception: Monday 12th Sept at 3.00pm

Welcome to Year 1: Tuesday 13th Sept at 3.00pm

Welcome to Year 2: Wednesday 14th Sept at 3.00pm

Welcome to Year 3/4: Thursday 15th Sept at 5.00pm

Welcome to Year 5/6: Monday 19th Sept at 5.00pm

We look forward to seeing you all.

Care Plans

Keeping your child safe and well whilst in school is our utmost priority.

To ensure that your child is safe, and that we fully understand the nature of any medical needs they may have, we implement 'care plans' for some children. These may be in place for a range of reasons including medical diagnosis that impact on school life, allergies or where medication is required to be taken within the school day. This is not an exhaustive list, and care plans may be needed for many other circumstances.

If you feel your child may need a care plan, please contact the school office by either popping in, calling on 01522 869590 or emailing enquiries@withamsthughs.org

We will then ensure that the paperwork is provided to create a bespoke care plan for your child.

School Uniform

- Please make sure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled in case belongings are misplaced.
- Children should not be wearing nail varnish
- Children should not have their hair dyed
- Children should be wearing black school shoes
- Ideally, only Y5 and Y6 children should be bringing bags into school because all other year group use book bags. Bags must be able to fit into the school lockers.

We also have items of school uniform available if you require any, so please come and speak to us if this is required.

Young Carers

We are delighted that we are holding a Young Carers drop-in session for parents of pupils who care for family members who may have a medical or educational need.

This will be held on **Wednesday 14th September from 9.00am - 10.00am.**

This drop-in session will provide information about the support we offer as a school and a representative from the Lincolnshire Young Carers support group will also be here to answer any questions.

Refreshments are available and we really look forward to seeing you.

Beginning and end of the school day

The arrangements for the beginning and end of the day remain the same as were in place in the summer term.

The gates will open at 8.50am in the morning and at 3.25pm in the afternoon. The one-way system is still in place so where possible it would be appreciated if this could still be used.



MacMillan Coffee Event



Come and help us raise money for such an important charity after school on Friday 23rd September 2022.

More information to follow shortly.

School Values

Just a reminder of our school values. These form the heart of our school ethos and we promote them each day. Our KS1 children will be bringing stickers home if they show our values and our KS1 children earn citizenship points for showing them.



Class teacher conversations

We are very aware that having the opportunity to meet the new class teacher is not always easy.

If you would like to arrange to speak to the class teacher then please arrange an appointment via the school office.

You are welcome to have brief conversations on drop off or pick up but if you require a good length of time then please follow the process above.

Staff changes

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our Academy.

Miss Courtney Miller —Year 1 class teacher
Miss Hannah Bownes—Year 1 trainee teacher
Miss Megan Pike— Year 3 class teacher
Miss Charis James— Year 5 class teacher

Mrs Emily Milner — 1:1 teaching assistant
Miss Laura Fisher —1:1 teaching assistant
Miss Ruby Thomas—1:1 teaching assistant
Miss Lucy Naphine—Year 4 teaching assistant

They have all settled in so well already this week and the children have made everyone feel so welcome.

New library

We are so excited about our new school library and this week the children have all had the chance to visit this amazing new space and choose themselves a book!

As the term progresses, we hope to be able to use this space for parent events and continue to promote a real love of reading.

We also hope that the children will be able to visit the space during lunchtimes.

Please look at our Facebook page next week for some photographs.



Diary dates

September 2022

Monday 5th September	<i>Staff training</i>
Tuesday 6th September	<i>Term one commences</i>
Friday 16th September	<i>Y2 experience day</i>
Thursday 22nd September	<i>School photographs</i>
Friday 23rd September	<i>MacMillan coffee afternoon</i>
Wednesday 28th Sept	<i>Y6 Snipedales Visit</i>

October 2022

Thursday 13th October	<i>Y5 visit to The Collection</i>
Tuesday 18th October	<i>Parents' evening</i>
Thursday 20th October	<i>Parents' evening</i>
Friday 21st October	<i>Term one ends</i>

November 2021

Monday 31st October	<i>Term two starts</i>
Friday 11th November	<i>Remembrance day</i>
Friday 18th November	<i>Children in Need</i>

December 2021

Friday 16th December	<i>Term two ends at 2.00pm</i>
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