



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

Witham News

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Headteacher Comments

Welcome to our May newsletter and I hope that you are all keeping well and looking forward to half term.

It has been such an action packed term and the children as always have been absolutely brilliant. Across the school, the quality of the work continues to be impressive and some of the writing I have read especially has been outstanding.

Our children have had some great experiences this term and some highlights include Y2 visiting Rand Farm, Y3 creating their very own pizza at Pizza Express and the Y4 sleepover this week! We have also celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III and are now looking forward to our Y5/6 production. Our range of sporting fixtures have also continued this term.

All of our curriculum activities are often shared on our Facebook page so if you have not done so already, please do take a look.

As always, thank you for your support this term and it has been great to have so many parents able to come into school and experience what we have to offer.

If you do have any questions then please come and speak to your class teacher or alternatively 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

Summer months

Just a reminder that as we approach the final term we are all hoping that the sun continues to shine.

Please ensure that your children are prepared for this, with sun cream and hats.

Thank you





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Staffing Changes

We are delighted to inform you of some staffing changes that will be taking place from September 2023.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Grimley from Y4, Miss James from Y5 and Miss Pike from Y3. They have all been amazing and so committed to our team—the children have always thrived in their classes. We wish them the very best in their exciting new adventures!

This means that we will have two new members of the teaching team. We are extremely excited that Miss Bownes and Miss Thomas will be joining us. They are both familiar with our school and very much looking forward to their new challenges ahead. Miss Crooks will also be training to be a teacher with us next year.

I am sure you will make them feel extremely welcome as always.

Next term, we will make you aware of the teaching team structure from September 2023 and further information will follow on this.



Netball Success

Just to say a massive well done to our Y5/6 netball team. They have been taking part in a netball league since Easter and have been playing so well and really developed as a team.



This week, they ended the league by winning 8-2!

This is an amazing achievement and thank you to everyone who has taken part, including the teaching team which included Miss Cassidy, Miss Whitman, Miss Naphine, Mrs Cavill and Mrs Kholwadia. Thank you to the parents as well for all showing such great support and encouragement.

Transition

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.



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School Values

Just a reminder of our school values. These form the heart of our school ethos and we promote them each day.

It has been brilliant this term to see so many children start to earn their silver and gold citizenship badges and I know they all wear their badges with pride.

We have also recently has a new display placed in our hall which shows our values very clearly.



PTFA news and events



For the King's coronation, the PTFA gifted all of the children in school a commemorative badge. They have also bought book bags and water bottles for the children starting Reception class in September and will be making a donation towards the Y6 leaver's gifts. They are currently trying to raise funds for a fire pit area to enhance the outdoor learning opportunities for the children and this will be in the wildlife area.

As part of the fundraising they have two events planned for term 6.

On Monday 19th June, they are holding discos. Details can be found on the PTA events site. This is also the site for booking places at the discos.
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/withamsthughspfta>

On Saturday 8th July they are holding a summer fair. The fair will be held on the school field between 10.00am and 12noon. If you would like to hold a stall at the fair or are able to donate a raffle prize please email at wshptfa@gmail.com

They are always happy to welcome new members, if you are interested in finding out more please email them!

School Uniform

Please ensure that despite the warm weather children continue to wear the appropriate uniform including the correct foot wear. Children should not be wearing trainers to school unless of course we are aware of reasons why.

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

Y6 and Y2 SATs week

Words cannot explain how proud we are of all of our Y6 and Y2 children following their SATs weeks.

You were all quite simply brilliant and approached your end of year assessments with so much positivity and resilience.

You are all amazing!



Diary dates

May 2023

Friday 26th May **Term five ends**

June 2023

Monday 5th June **Term six starts**

Monday 12th June **Bikeability begins for Y5**

Tuesday 13th June **FS trip to Pink Pig Farm**

Thursday 15th June **Mini-Olympics for Y3**

Tuesday 20th June **Y6 trip to Lincoln Castle**

Wednesday 21st June **World Music Day**

Tuesday 27th June **Hill Holt Wood trip for Y2**

July 2023

Monday 3rd July **Y5/6 Sports Day — AM**

Tuesday 4th July **EYFS/Y1/Y2 Sports Day — AM**

Wednesday 5th July **Y3/4 Sports Day — AM**

Saturday 8th July **PTFA Summer Fair**

Wednesday 12th July **Transition afternoon**

Monday 17th July **Y5/6 production at 6.30pm**

Tuesday 18th July **Y5/6 production at 2.00pm and 6.30pm**

Friday 21st July **Term six ends at 2.00pm**