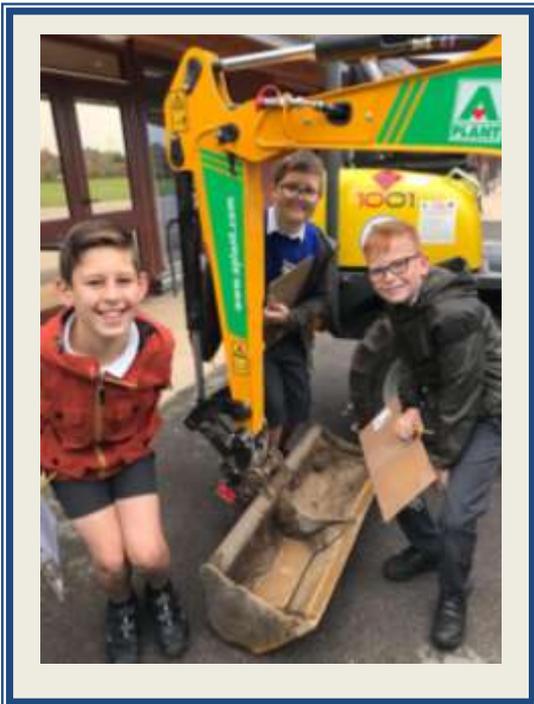


July 2018 Newsletter

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Summer Term- Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
July	
W/B 9th	<i>Learning Showcase- Times and Dates to follow for each class.</i>
W/B 9th	<i>Forest School Learning</i>
10th	<i>Receive the School Report (Rec-Y5)</i>
10th	<i>KS2 Production at 6.30 pm</i>
11th	<i>KS2 Production at 1.45pm</i>
16th	<i>Y6 School Reports out</i>
20th	<i>Pupils finish at 2pm</i>



Our Final Few Weeks!

It is incredible that another academic year is nearly over! It has been another very successful year for Witham St Hughs Academy, with our pupils achieving highly in school. Our Year 6 SATs results are due back on the 10th July and we expect these to reflect the excellent work which has taken place in school throughout the last few years.

We hope you feel as proud as we do of our academy, and we would like to thank parents for the help and support given to us again this year.

As is always the case in schools, the end of the year is a very busy time: reports are being produced, summer production rehearsals are well underway, and the staff and children are still working hard to

complete all of the necessary learning prior to the summer break.

We will also be holding our 'meet your new class' session, on **Thursday 5th July**. Parents are more than welcome to meet their child's new teacher after school on this date, before the whole process of a new academic year starts again!

Sports Days

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding our Key Stage One, Key Stage Two and Foundation Stage Sports Days. A number of you have come forward to share your views in such a positive way, this is much appreciated. It was really encouraging to see the way in which the pupils, staff and parents collectively took part!

The Summer Fayre

Thank you to the hardworking PTFA for the very successful Summer Fayre. It was a huge success in raising money and we really enjoyed seeing the pupils, parents and community enjoying the event together. The final total which was raised as a result of the event was over £500. The 'Enterprise sales' were equally as successful and the pupils are busy calculating their profit! Thank you again to those of you who contributed so generously.

Classes for September

Thank you for your patience with regards to the staff lists and staffing within the Academy. As you can appreciate, Witham St Hughs Academy is in a phase of growth as it moves to become a two form entry setting. A number of new appointments have therefore been made.

We can assure you that we are always committed to ensuring that the highest possible provision is in place for our pupils. Decisions regarding staffing and classes are therefore made with the greatest levels of scrutiny and thought.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting the Academy. Thank you.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports come home on **Tuesday 10th July**. Due to reports being sent home, there are no Parents Evenings in the summer term. However, should you feel the need to discuss any aspect of your child's report, please arrange a time to discuss this with your child's class teacher. Year Six Pupils will receive their reports a few days after the 10th to ensure that Sats results can be accurately included. Thank you.

End of Term Y5/6 Summer Production

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are exceptionally busy rehearsing for their performance of 'Rock Bottom'. They are excited to have a 'real audience' as this hits the stage on the 10th and 11th July. Please do contact the office with regards to tickets if you have not already done so.

Reading Book Amnesty

We have some very keen readers within the Academy which we are always pleased to see! As a result of this thirst for reading at home, we often find that some of our school reading books have become misplaced or lost throughout the course of the academic year. So that next year's pupils can also benefit from these resources, can we please ask you to search within your book boxes, on your book shelves or even down the side of the sofa to see if there are any books with the Witham stamp located on the inside page! Please can these be returned to the class teacher. Thank you for your support with this matter.

The Phonics Screen

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents of our Y1 pupils within the Academy. These pupils have achieved incredibly high outcomes within their phonics screen assessments. The number of pupils who have passed the phonics screen is significantly above the National average. We fully acknowledge the hard work and effort which has taken place both at home and at school to achieve this success.

Absence from School

We would like to thank all parents and carers this year who have tried hard to maintain the highest levels of attendance for their child. So far our attendance rate is 97.7% which is slightly higher than last year at 97.1% for Terms 1 to 5. Research demonstrates that pupils with low attendance at school often suffer with similarly low attendance at work within their adult life. It makes a difference, not only to the performance of the Academy, but

also to the future lifelong attitudes of your child. We look forward to your continued support in this area during the Autumn Term when we return.

Transition Arrangements

The transfer of information is crucial in helping children to move smoothly into the next year of their education. To ensure that all pupils' needs are met, teachers will hold a meeting in order to share key pieces of information about each child.

Transition letters will be sent home on or before 6th July so that you are made aware of key changes in relation to your child's new class. Again, as with all aspects of our work, if you can think of other information that it would have been useful to have received, then please let us know.

Bikes and Scooters -Thank you!

Following the recent letter to parents alongside an assembly regarding safety, there has been a reduction in the number of incidents relating to bikes and scooters on the playground and in the car park. We would like to thank you for your support with this matter.

The Building Work - We are almost there!

As you can see from our Facebook page, the building work is almost complete. The building will be finally ready at the beginning of the Summer holidays. We cannot wait to start the new term with our pupils and teachers in these amazing new spaces!

Uniform Change: Year Six Pupils in 2018

Following a parental forum, we have recently taken the decision to allow our Year Six pupils to wear a clip on tie in the next academic year. We have done so to raise their status and ensure that these role models can be noticed by all. We are looking forward to seeing them all in September with their new uniform and Academy tie! Thank you for supporting this positive change, the pupils are really excited by it.

Volunteers

A huge thank you to those of you who have come forward to take up a role in a voluntary capacity within the Academy. If you are still able to help,

we would welcome this. Additionally, we are specifically looking for a volunteer who can read with pupils on a daily basis e.g. the last half an hour of every school day. If this role interests you then please do not hesitate in coming forward.

End of Term Arrangements

Children break up at **2pm on Friday 20th July and return to school on Tuesday 4th September.**

And Finally...

We wish you all a fantastic summer break and we would like to thank you again for a successful and hardworking year!

Yours sincerely

Amanda Griffiths



