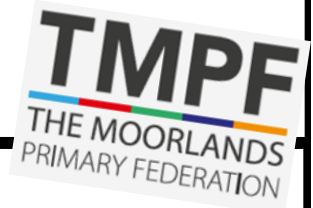




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Tuesday 9th October	Flu Immunisations (Rec—Yr 5)
Thursday 18th October	PTA Disco (FS/KS1 6.30-7.30pm; KS2 7.45-9.00pm)
Monday 22nd October	PTA Meeting—6.00pm
<i>Thursday 25th October</i>	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 5th November	School re-opens
Wednesday 7th November	Academy Photography (families, siblings & individuals)
Friday 21st December	School closes for Christmas
<i>Tuesday 8th January 2019!</i>	School re-opens for Spring Term
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
<i>Thursday 11th April</i>	School closes for Easter <i>***date different from Summer newsletter</i>
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term

HARVEST THANKS

On behalf of your school and church, may we say an enormous 'thank you' to all for supporting the Harvest Service (our first whole-school Service with Rev. Sue) and celebration this week. It was great to see the church so full and for so many of us to celebrate this special time of year together.

The food donations are so very gratefully received, and your generosity will make a difference to the lives of people within our community.

Thank you once again.

WORSHIP COUNCIL

We would like to thank people for coming to see us do our first service as Worship Council. We enjoyed ourselves lots and hope to do any more services in the future.

By Archie and Iyla O.

PRAISE FOR CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We are thrilled to have received a letter from the Church Warden at our lovely Church this week and wish to share some of the content with you in relation to the children's regular attendance at Thursday morning's Communion Services.

'The children...have taken the services themselves, reading the lessons and the prayers. Each week we have had a 'theme' for the service i.e. Hope, Love etc, where our clergy have asked the children what these things mean to them. The response and engagement from the children has been truly inspiring to the whole congregation.

All of our visiting clergy have spoken of their delight in the children's quiet and respectful way in which they behave in church and comment on how very well-mannered they all are.

This is thanks to the fantastic teachers and staff at St. Werburgh's school and they should all be extremely proud of themselves, as I too feel very proud.'

We are sure that you will join us in sharing this pride of all of the children for the reverence, respect and care which they show (within church and beyond) and how well they not only represent their school, but also their family, their Parish and their community.

This is a true reflection of our school motto of:

'Love to learn, love God, love one another.'

ATTENDANCE and LATENESS

Attendance at school is an essential part of a child's education.

We strive to work with you to provide the very best education possible and to do this we need children to attend school as often as possible and on time. We will share attendance figures with you on the newsletter (below), online and also on your child's report. We will also continue to offer support with any challenges you may face in terms of attendance or punctuality.

Of course, we appreciate that there are occasions when children have to be absent from school due to ill health, or medical appointments, and we thank you for your support in helping to keep all members of our school family healthy by following steps including the period of 48 hours between the last episode of vomiting and the return to school.

As a school, we will write to you if your child's attendance or lateness becomes a concern as we wish to avoid a situation where the Local Authority will issue you with a fine (please note that **school do not issue fines, nor receive any money from these**), or Education Welfare become involved. Just to remind all, that school opens at 8.45am and the doors close at 8.55am.

We want to be positive by celebrating and rewarding high attendance and therefore we are publishing whole-class attendance figures.

Below are each classes' attendance percentages for the week ending 5th October 2018. Please note these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence.

Reception	94.17%
Year 1	95.77%
Year 2	97.37%
Year 3/4	92.76%
Year 4/5	97.67%
Year 6	96.55%

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Please can we continue to remind children to cross the road with our fabulous crossing patrol (lollipop lady) in the mornings and after-school. It has been reported in the media that the council are reviewing this service and many schools have already had crossing patrols withdrawn. We are delighted to still have such a hugely valuable service...and fabulous member of our school family!

May we also take this opportunity to thank those who set such a good example by parking their cars around school with consideration for the safety of our exceptional children, parents, toddlers, grandparents, staff, siblings, aunties, uncles, neighbours and other road users. We urge all drivers to consider the safety of all members of the school family and wider community when parking (please remember to keep off double yellow lines) and driving near to school...I'm sure that you will all agree that walking a little bit further is better than putting anyone at risk.

Quick reminder that our car park is for **staff and visitors only**, please can we also avoid walking across the car park...this is not a pedestrian walkway.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PETITION

A nearby neighbour to the school is currently drawing-up a petition towards Staffordshire County Council for a review of parking availability and parking spaces around the junction of High Street and Holt Lane, with the possibility of some of the pavement outside houses on the High Street being converted to parking spaces. The neighbour has asked if we can make our parents aware of their petition.

If you wish to find out more in relation to the terms of their petition, please contact the school office for further information.

As you know, your school will solely support issues in relation to road safety initiatives which impact directly upon and benefit our children, their family members and our staff, and we are always grateful of the consideration of road users which is shown around our school site.

THE MOORLANDS PRIMARY FEDERATION (TMPF) MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

Below is a list of the Members and Trustees of The Moorlands Primary Federation, a little bit of information about the difference in their roles and the Trustees' contact details should you wish to communicate with them.

The Moorlands Primary Federation (TMPF) Members 2018/9

Members are the equivalent of the shareholders – they 'own' the Multi-Academy Trust. Our Members appoint the Trustees and meet at least annually.

Mr Peter Chell

Mr John Ratcliffe

Mrs Kay Hulse

Rev Linda Lucking

Vacancy

The Moorlands Primary Federation Trust Board 2018/9

Trust Board members are also known as Trustees. These are the people who fulfil the roles previously done by Governors. They promote the vision, ethos and strategic direction of our schools; they act as a critical friend to the leadership team and hold them to account for each school's performance; and oversee the use of resources to ensure money is well spent.

Mr Peter Chell - Chair of Trust Board and Link Trustee for The Valley Primary School – email: pchell@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Kay Hulse - Vice-Chair of Trust Board and Link Trustee for Dilhorne Endowed C. E. (A) Primary School – email: khulse@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Mr John Ratcliffe – Link Trustee for St. Werburgh's C. E. (A) Primary School – email: office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk

Mr Benjamin Fabi – Chair of Pupil Welfare, Learning and Achievement Committee and Link Trustee for Bishop Rawle C. E. (A) Primary School – email: bfabi@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

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Mr Fraser Martin (pending application approval)

Vacancy (pending application approval)

Mr Jared Eccles – jeccles@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have a significant negative effect:

- **98%** attendance means **four** school days missed in a year.
- **95%** attendance means **10** school days missed in a year.
- **90%** attendance means **19** school days missed in a year.
- **80%** attendance means **38** school days missed in a year.
- **Five minutes** late each day means **three** school days missed in a year.

Time absent from school means missed teaching and learning that will affect your child's knowledge, skills and understanding. Although we want the highest possible levels of attendance, it is important that we keep children off from school if they have had sickness or diarrhoea for a minimum of 48 hours since their last bout.

Please ensure your child has a high level of attendance throughout the academic year.

CADSSA B LEAGUE

On Tuesday 3rd October, the B league football team travelled to Cicely Haughton to play in the final matches of the B league season. We played against Great Wood and Valhorne – a mixture of Valley and Dilhorne! In the first match, we scored a cracking goal (our first of the season!), which was scored by Allan. Some players made their debut too! We had all had lots of fun!

Well done to those who played for the B League over the final two weeks of the season: Lukas Y., Liam C., Allan, Eva, Maddison, Ruby G., Olivia B., Molly G., Jasmine B., Katie M., Codi A-C., Josie, Isla E., Isabella L., Reuben and Reece T.

By Maddison and Ruby G.

YEAR 6 SHINE AT THE CHEADLE ACADEMY

It is wonderful to hear from others about how outstanding all of our children are and how they constantly reflect the values and ethos of St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary School and The Moorlands Primary Federation.

This week we received a lovely email from our good friends at The Cheadle Academy, following their recent events for our lovely Y6 pupils.

'...please can you say a huge thank you to all of the fabulous students and families who spent the Orientation Day and Open Evening with us. They were wonderfully engaged and engaging!'

You really have shown the school motto of: **'Love to learn, love God, love one another'** and we are very proud of the children and families alike.

RAISING MONEY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Last week's newsletter featured an article on the fabulous idea of Evie K. in Year 4 to raise funds for Mind and Younger Minds organisations which helps to support people who face challenges with their mental health.

Evie has made a number of bracelets (priced at between 50p and £1) which are now available to buy in school, with money going towards these two excellent causes. They look great too!

DODGEBALL

On 2nd October some boys and girls in Key Stage 2 went to The Cheadle Academy to play dodgeball against Great Wood, Dilhorne, The Valley and Cheadle Primary. We drew most of our games and even won one! We enjoyed ourselves lots and had lots of fun.

We hope we can have another chance at doing it again.

Our team was: Arwen, Alfred, Angel, Lillie H., Emily, Jake Y., Rory, Logan, Reece Y. and Jessiemae.

By Arwen and Alfred

CADSSA A LEAGUE KICKS OFF...EVENTUALLY!

On 20th September, the A League football team couldn't play due to horrendous weather conditions! So, our football season kicked off the next week, on 27th September, at home. Our first exciting match was against our friends at Cheadle Primary and we came second! Next we played our friends at our sister school, Great Wood and came second again...but it was really good fun to play in and watch!

On 4th October we played our second round of matches, again at home. We played our friends at Cicely Haughton and we won, with goals by Mav (with two) and Oliver. Our next match was against our friends at St. Giles, who are top of the league and although we held our own, one of their players scored a 'screamer' and we lost by the narrow margin of 0-1...it was an epic match! The boys and girls who played in the first two weeks were: Dylan, Riley, Cooper, Charlie, Mav, Zach C., Oliver B., Liam C., Codi A-C, Josie and Callum M.

By Dylan and Maverick

HOLIDAYS

The summer holidays may now seem to be a distant memory, but as we dream of cities, beaches, sunshine or snow, please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise leave (unless in **exceptional** circumstances) in term time and any period of unauthorised leave may result in a penalty notice being served by the Local Authority.