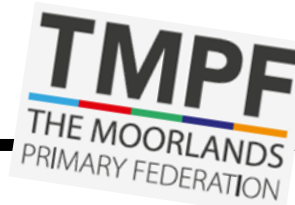




Words from St. Werburgh's

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DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

Monday 22nd October	PTA Meeting—6.00pm
<u>Thursday 25th October</u>	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 5th November	School re-opens
Tuesday 6th November	Royal British Legion Assembly
<i>Monday 19th November</i>	<i>Open Morning for prospective Sep 19 Reception Class</i>
Wednesday 7th November	Academy Photography (families, siblings & individuals)
21st December	School closes for Christmas
<u>Tuesday 8th January 2019!</u>	School re-opens for Spring Term
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
<u>Thursday 11th April</u>	School closes for Easter
Monday 29th April	School re-opens for Summer Term
Monday 6th May	School closed—May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens
Friday 19th July	School's out for summer.

KINGSLEY REMEMBERS

Next month marks a very special anniversary, not just in our country, but across the globe - it will be one hundred years since the end of World War I.

As a community and Parish, we will be marking this centenary here in Kingsley and remembering the 29 brave soldiers with links to the village who died during this war or as a result of their service, as well as those who fought alongside them in this conflict and others since. Thanks to funding from the Parish and District Councils, there are a series of events planned on 11th November.

- 6.00am - a piper will be playing at the war memorial on Dovedale Road.
- 10.50am - Act of Remembrance at the war memorial, followed by a Sunday Service in Church.
- 6.55pm - Playing of the 'Last Post' at the war memorial, followed by the lighting of a beacon and the ringing of the church bells for peace.

The Kingsley branch of the Royal British Legion have also planned for a 'Tommy' silent silhouette to be placed on the High Street alongside a display of poppies.



HARVEST THANKS

This week we received a lovely letter from Moorlands Home Link following our donation of fresh goods from the school Harvest Service.

'...thank you for the generous donations of produce from your recent Harvest Celebration. We are as always very grateful for the support of the local community to our elderly care Charity.'

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 19th October 2018. Please note these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence.

Reception	94.17%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3/4	98.62%
Year 4/5	97.33%
Year 6	98.93%

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.

HOLIDAYS

As we approach the half-term break, 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.

Persistent lateness can also result in the issue of a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

FUND RAISING FOR MACMILLAN



Last Friday, The School Council organised a wonderful 'Cake Afternoon' for the school with the aim of raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. All children baked in class and then enjoyed their wonderful culinary creations during a special snack time. **Prue** Leith and **Paul** Hollywood (AKA. Mr Brayford and Mr Eccles) were instructed by the Council to 'taste test' the cakes/bakes and choose a 'Star Baker' during a special Assembly.

Well done to Year 3/4 who achieved this well-deserved title with their delicious Rocky Road!

Each class also enjoyed 'Pin the Cherry on the Gateau' and the 'Cake Creation' competition where all the children decorated a cupcake template.

Ashton B. (Y2) reports "I liked baking our fairy cakes with white chocolate sprinkles."

Megan S. (Year 6) remembers "I enjoyed baking our delicious marble cakes...and eating them of course!"

Tia-Roze G. (Year 2) said "My favourite part was colouring and decorating the cakes for the competition."

Good fun was had by all and many thanks to all families and children who helped to raise an Outstanding £166 for this extremely worthwhile cause.

...love one another.

FOOTBALLERS SHINE IN CADSSA LEAGUE

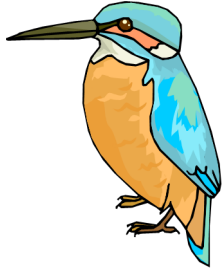
Last week, our St. Werburgh's A League team travelled all of the way to the school field for our next round of matches! We started against our friends at our sister school, Bishop Rawle C.E. (A) Primary – it was a very good game and in the end we came back from behind to win 2-1, with goals from Oliver and Cooper. In the second game, we played our new friends at Springcroft, but unfortunately, we came second! Finally, in our last game, we played our friends at St. Joseph's – it was an amazing game and it finished 2-2, with Oliver scoring both. It was a great performance by the team and we are ready for the final matches next week!

By Oliver B.

Thursday 18th October, was a special occasion - it was the final round of matches for the CADSSA A League. Our first match was against the reigning champions, St. Thomas', who, like us, had a new team. It was a good performance from all and ended in a 0-2 defeat, but we tried our best! Our second match was against St. John's, which was end-to-end football and finished in an exciting 0-0 draw! The last match was the final A League game for the Year 6 players and was against William Amory. It was a thrilling match which ended in a 2-3 defeat, with Cooper scoring and Mav scoring a screamer from the half-way line!

By Riley and Maverick

Congratulations to: Dylan, Riley, Charlie, Zach C., Maverick, Oliver B., Josie, Cooper and Callum M. A big thanks to Liam C. and Codi A-C who also played for the team throughout the season.



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Dear Parents,

We are asking if anyone would be interested in using our holiday club over the Christmas break. We are offering Wednesday 2nd January until Friday 4th January. This will be dependent on sufficient numbers to make this viable.

We will confirm if this is to go ahead as soon as possible so if you need us over this time please book in as soon as possible with a non-refundable deposit of £30. (if this is more than your total fees, you will be refunded the difference on attendance).

Also, we will be open on Friday 26th October but we will be closing at 3.00pm due to staff training. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you.

The Kingfishers team

KEY STAGE 2 CADSSA CROSS-COUNTRY

Year 3/4

On Tuesday 16th October, the Year 3/4 cross-country team attended a relay race at Oakamoor Cricket Ground against 10 other schools. We each ran a whole lap of the field and had to pass the baton to the next runner. For some of us, it was our first cross-country event. Overall, we came third as a team.

Well done: Jasmine B., Evie-Mae D., Alfie G., Izaak B., Erin C., Maggie B., Callum C. and Ewan H.
By Maggie B. and Callum C. (Year 4)

Year 5/6

Last Tuesday, eight children from Years 5 and 6 attended the CADSSA cross-country relay race at Oakamoor Cricket ground. We each ran a lap of the field. We got really muddy and it was an amazing afternoon! Our team also came 3rd overall, just like the Year 3/4 team.

Well done to: Isla E., Josie B., Liam C., Megan S., Maverick, Oliver B., Molly G. and Cooper.
By Isla E. (Year 5) and Maverick (Year 6)

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

You may have heard in the media that the funding for School Crossing Patrols (Lollipop men and ladies) is being reviewed.

We are so lucky and so proud to have Josie as our wonderful crossing patrol here at St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary and appreciate the excellent job which she does in keeping us all safe and greeting us with a big smile each morning and afternoon.

We have been contacted by a member of the community to ask if we can make villagers aware of a local petition to support the funding of this service being continued by the Council.

Should you wish to contribute to this, please visit:

<https://www.change.org/p/staffordshire-county-council-retain-our-county-council-funded-crossing-patrols>