

DIARY DATES

New dates in italics

23rd December	Church Christmas Carol Concert - 4pm
<u>Tuesday</u> 8th January 2019!	School re-opens for Spring Term
Tuesday 15th January	Y4 Bikeability
Monday 21st January	PTA Meeting - 6pm
Friday 15th February	School closes for Half-Term
Monday 25th February	School re-opens
<u>Thursday</u> 11th April	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.



FUND-RAISING THANKS...WHAT A LOVELY CHRISTMAS GIFT!

As you know, Evie K. in Year 4 showed her caring nature to raise funds for Mental Health charities *Mind* and *Young Minds* this term, selling a selection of home-made items including bracelets and book-marks. Through her fund-raising, and that of her mum, Evie helped to raise a whopping £273.00 for these most worthwhile causes.

'Thank you to everyone who supported my fund-raising', Evie.

A lovely, caring and warm story for this most wonderful time of the year.

...love one another.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The entire St. Werburgh's C.E. (A) Primary School and The Moorlands Primary Federation team would like to wish each and every one of you a merry, joyous, safe and loving Christmas. We thank you for all for your support and kind words throughout the year, it really is appreciated by the whole team.

May we also wish you a very happy, safe, healthy, prosperous and enjoyable 2019.

Thank you once again, enjoy the Christmas holidays, and we will see you back in school on **Tuesday 8th January.**

Merry Christmas!



PTA THANKS

Many thanks to our fabulous PTA for their support and fund-raising throughout 2018. Through their hard work and dedication, and your kindness in supporting the events, we have been able to raise lots of money to provide many exciting opportunities and items for the children, including coach travel for the pantomime, contributions towards school trips, laptops, sports kit for KS2, books, play equipment and much more.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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 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 is low, or lateness is common, because 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, please ensure your child arrives during this period of time.

We want to celebrate high attendance, therefore, below are each classes' attendance for the week ending 21st December 2018 (these figures have deducted lateness as well as absence).

Reception	94.78%
Year 1	93.85%
Year 2	93.68%
Year 3/4	90%
Year 4/5	99.3%
Year 6	99.3%

ROAD CROSSING

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!

SAFETY ON SITE

Please can we remind you that children should **NOT** use the outdoor play area before or after school. Please can you ensure that this message is also passed to anyone who may also collect or drop-off your child at school.

Also, may we thank you in advance for ensuring that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds and remind you that smoking or vaping is not permitted either. Many thanks for following these steps to help the children to feel safe, healthy and reassured at their school.

HOLIDAYS

As we approach the Christmas 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.

MANAGEMENT OF ALLERGENS IN CHARTWELLS

It is extremely important that you inform us and our school meal providers Chartwells, of any allergies/intolerances that your child has should they currently eat a school meal, or wish to start eating a school meal.

If you believe your child has an allergy/food intolerance please contact Mrs. Burton in the school office as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

NATIVITY

Our Nativity was called 'The INN-spectors' and was about a group of inspectors who needed to check that all of the inns in Bethlehem were up to scratch. By the end of the story, they realised that the little inn where Jesus was born really was 'Fit for a King'. We loved playing our parts and singing lots of songs, but most of all we (along with Reception and Year 1) enjoyed telling the very important story of the birth of Jesus.

By Year 2

CRACKING CAROLS

On Monday 17th December, the whole school went to church for our carol service. What a wonderful way for us to continue our Christmas celebrations, and a brilliant start to our final week before Christmas!

By Maddison (Y6)

You are all warmly welcome to come along to the Church Christmas Carol Service on Sunday at 4pm in church.

WELCOME TO WERBURGH'S

A special welcome to Alfie and Joseph who joined our school family over the last few weeks. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to continuing to get to know.

ECO NEWS

We would like to thank all of the Eco Council members for their efforts during the Christmas Fayre. From the stall and the activities, we raised £85! We also have some good news! We have earned bronze, silver **AND** GOLD badges from the RSPB. This term, we have also created an Eco Code, which is displayed in each classroom to help us to be more Eco-Friendly and look after God's world.

Green tips for over the Christmas period

Remember to recycle:

Christmas cards;
cardboard and plastic from gifts and food boxes;
real Christmas trees.

Merry Christmas from the Eco Council!

GOODBYE MISS COATES...HELLO MRS BLOOR

After the Christmas holidays, we will no longer have a Miss Coates on our teaching team! But please do not worry, she isn't leaving us...she is getting married!

I am sure that you will join the whole St. Werburgh's and TMPF team in wishing Miss Coates (won't be able to say this for much longer!) the very, very, very best of luck and bundles of love for her wedding and for a long and wonderfully happy marriage.

Congratulations to the lovely couple.



THREAT FROM FIRST BUSES

As you know, we have been in discussions with the Parish Council and First Buses about their concerns of safe parking outside our school and how they say that this is preventing buses from passing safely. Please may we take this chance to thank those who are ensuring that parking is safe for pedestrians, road users and members of our school family. After the holidays, we will undertake a survey with the Parish Council to look at possible next steps. The threat is a real one from First Buses and affects buses travelling to and from Cheadle at peak school times - they are considering removing a number of bus services on the number 32 route from the villages of Kingsley and Kingsley Holt.

THANK YOU MISS FINNEY

On behalf of the whole school team we say a huge 'thank you' to Miss Finney who completes a voluntary placement with us this week. Miss Finney has been a wonderful member of the school team and has worked across several classes over the last few years. We wish her the very best of luck in her new and exciting role.

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONERS

Kingsley Kingfishers are co-ordinating a visit of an interactive Maths roadshow deigned for Early Years practitioners. Open to Early Years Practitioners, the course will cover: how maths is developed from birth; pre-number skills; using appropriate resources; developing rich mathematical language; deepening an understanding of number and the foundations of Shape Space and Measure and how to embed them; problem solving; and developing appropriate provision.

Delegates will have an opportunity to engage with resources as well as buy select resources from the event organiser. Organised by Kingsley Kingfishers, the event will be housed in school on Wednesday 9th January 2019, 6-8pm and is priced at £10 per delegate.

Book at: <https://bit.ly/2qYPrBe>
or email: james@nurserynook.co.uk to pay by invoice.

TV SHOW WANT STAR LEGO BUILDERS

We have been asked to share the following:

**Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks?
Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?**

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series **LEGO MASTERS** are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition. If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv

A colorful promotional poster for the TV show 'LEGO MASTERS'. The background is bright blue with yellow clouds. At the top, red text asks 'DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?'. The title 'LEGO MASTERS' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, yellow text describes the show: 'The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.' At the bottom, blue text provides the contact email: 'Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.' The poster features several LEGO-style illustrations: a hot air balloon, a house, a robot, and a plane. The 'TUESDAY'S CHILD' logo is in the bottom left corner. A small disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv'

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